

Primary 2

What a busy first month of P2 we have had!

We have been very busy growing our minds and learning lots of new and exciting things. Growth Mindset has been a big focus for us. We have looked at the differences between a 'fixed' and 'growth' mindset and discussed language and actions surrounding these. We use lots of positive language in the classroom and have been practicing using this language on ourselves. Our favourite phrases so far are 'I will try my best', 'I don't give up' and 'I can do it!'.

In art, we have been looking at paintings by Mondrian, Rothko and Klee. Each of these artists have used different styles and colours to create interesting abstract paintings. We have put our critiquing hats on and enjoyed identifying elements of paintings that we like and dislike, discussing how a piece of art makes us feel and what we think of when we look at it. We have been inspired by these artists to create our own abstract work. Through this, we have learned about primary colours, secondary colours, tints and shades.

In science and technologies, we have been focussing on materials. We have explored what materials are, looked at whether they are natural or manufactured, thought up great words to describe their properties and imagined worlds where materials are different (e.g. what if all wood was stretchy? What if we had no glass?). We have also tested different materials to see if they are waterproof or absorbent.

Our focus in Social Studies has been on our local environment. Together we identified important places to us in Colinton and made maps to show our surroundings.

This led on to looking at Edinburgh, Scotland, the UK, Europe then the world! We love maps and globes just now and always ask Miss Skea to show us different places around the world.

Our favourite part of the classroom just now is the 'Wonder Wall'. Throughout the day we can add questions to the wall about anything we want. At the end of the week we look through them together and have a go at answering them. If there's a lot of questions about the same theme, we learn about it together as a topic or focus lesson. We have so many brilliant questions – the wall fills up very quickly!

