

Highly Sprung in Year 1 – Poetry

During the Summer Term Year 1 had the opportunity to work with Highly Sprung. We used a book called 'A River' by Mark Martin to learn all about a rivers journey from a city to the ocean.

We created artwork to represent each stage of the rivers journey and thought of words to describe what it looked like, what we could hear or how it might feel.

"It was scary to dance in front of everybody but when we did it they all said we were really good and it made me feel so happy"

- Penny



Day 1 - Today AJ talked to us about the importance of water and we thought about everything in the world that uses water or needs water to survive. We used drama to learn about the water cycle. We started by pretending to be clouds floating in the sky, we joined hands with everyone around us until we became a cloud as large as the class. We used our bodies to move like the rain falling from the clouds and thought about the places it might collect. We began following each other moving around the classroom in different ways representing the water turning from a stream into a river.

Together we thought about where our river would travel, we used our bodies to represent the hills and city's we flowed past.

Day 2/3 - Today AJ helped us put actions and words to our dance piece about the water cycle. We used our mouths to create the sound of the thunder in the clouds, the rain falling and then the water flowing along the ground.

When we had practiced our piece we had the opportunity to perform in front of the Reception class, we took in our artwork and talked to them about what we had been learning. In the afternoon our parents came into the hall and watched our performance. It was very scary to perform in front of so many adults but everyone said we did a fantastic job!



"We practiced using a thesaurus to find interesting words we hadn't used before. I thought of using the word 'tranquil' to talk about the ocean" - Isla