Year 2 – Mother Goose Pantomime

December 2023

This December we went to Derby Arena to watch the Mother Goose Pantomime.

We traveled by double decker bus to the Arena and arrived in good time to take our seats.

The Arena was busy with lots of other schools from the Derby area also attending.

The stage was very colourful and brightly lit as you would expect for a live theatre show.

As the characters came on stage and introduced themselves, their costumes were vibrant and imaginative. There was lots of audience participation, and as Mother Goose's son Benny quite rightly pointed out – this is the one occasion that school children can make as much noise as they like!

There were plenty of songs to join in with, jokes that often had a connection to Derby and of course, many traditional characters to cheer and boo at.

The play was fast paced and soon it was the interval. Children were able to take a comfort break and some refreshments.

The second half was equally good, again with lots of songs to clap along to. A child was chosen from each school to go onto the stage and join in a song. Clara S. represented Wren Park, she did a great job of speaking clearly on stage and joining in with lots of enthusiasm. There was a real team spirit amongst the children as they cheered their class mate along.

The children have studied Traditional Tales this term including The Paper Bag Princess. This was a great opportunity to experience a traditional tale in a live setting and see all the features of traditional tale in a 'real' context.

The next day, the children wrote a recount of their trip (TAF – Write about real events), including what they enjoyed the most.

Lots of children commented that they really enjoyed the show because it was very funny and very silly! They also liked Mother Goose with all her different, colourful costumes. Did they have a good time? Oh yes they did!