

Newsletter

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School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"Praying together for one another and cooperating in charity with one another for the sake of this world which God loves so much: this is the most concrete route to full unity."

Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



Key Dates w/c: 17th January 2022

24th Jan: Yr4 Swimming

Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to the current number of covid cases in school we are unable to hold any face to face events or meetings. If you wish to talk to your class teacher please email the school office or put a note in your child's reading diary. We would like to thank you all for your understanding and for supporting the school by undertaking daily LFD tests where there is a confirmed case in your child's class.

This week year 5 wrote a prayer for Friday's assembly. It reminds us to care for our planet.

Dear God,

Please forgive our sins.

Sorry for any unkind things that we have said or done.



Please help us to be kind and helpful.

Sorry for damaging your creation.

Please help us not to take the world for granted and to be global citizens and co-creators.

Sorry for when we do not obey you.

Please help us to be obedient and to be sorry no matter what.

Thank you for forgiving our sins.

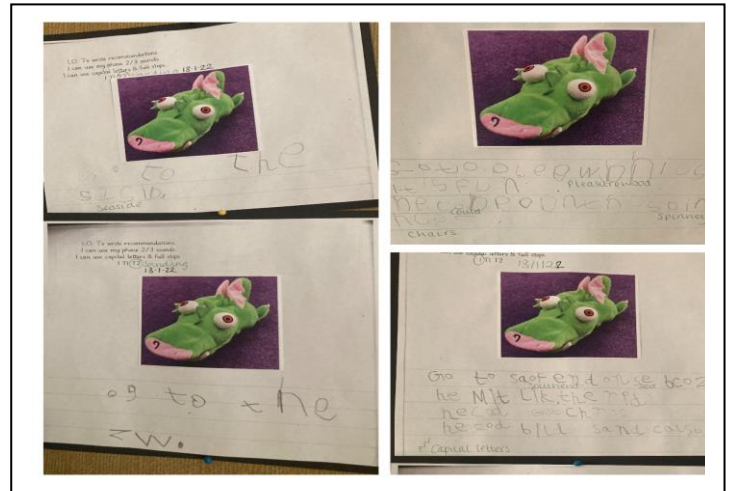
Amen

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

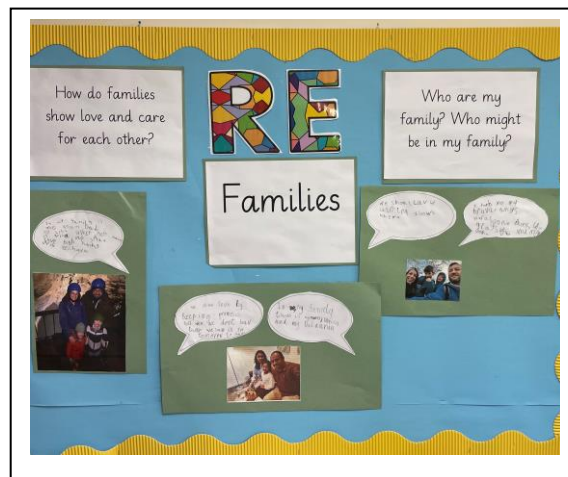
YEAR R:

Last week the children wrote some recommendations for Steve an alien from another planet who has never visited Earth before. We talked all about the wonderful things that you can do and see on our fabulous planet and then the children wrote down their own ideas! Well done everyone 😊



YEAR 1:

In RE Year1 have been thinking about families. The children each brought in a picture of their family and answered the questions: Who is in my family? Why is my family special? How does my family show love?



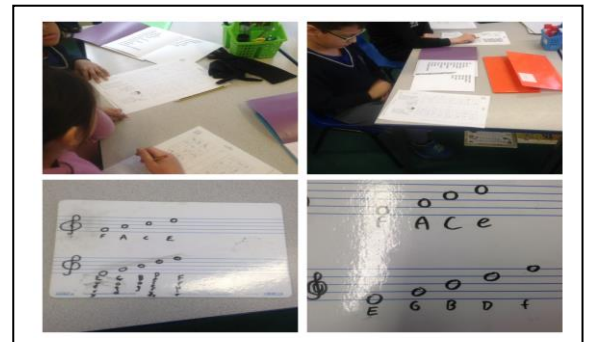
YEAR 2:

Year 2 have had a busy week! In Maths, we've been making arrays. In PE, we've been practising our rolls in gymnastics. In RE, we made prayers to thank God for always being there for us.



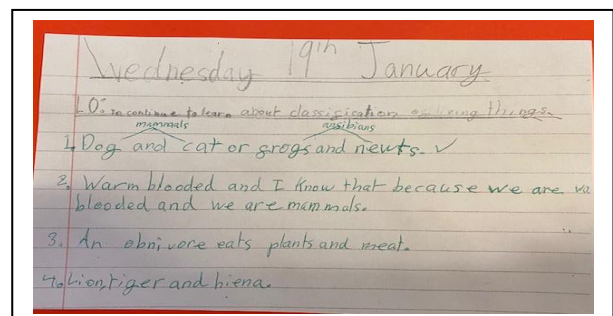
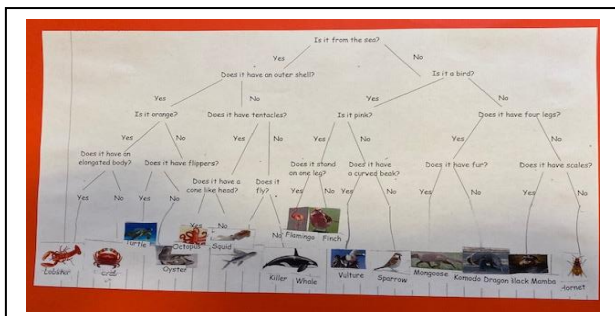
YEAR 3:

Year 3 have had a busy week, they enjoyed the disco themed dance class and dressing up and showing us all their best moves. We also played French bingo and tried writing notation music. Well done Year 3.



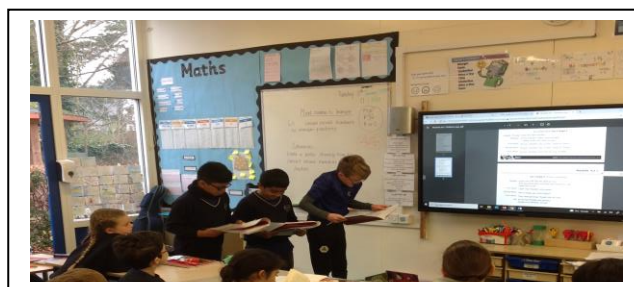
YEAR 4:

In Year 4 we have continued looking at how we classify Living Things and the ways in which we can record data. We have used Carroll Diagrams, Venn Diagrams and Branching Diagrams in our learning this week. Firstly, we practised by using a branching diagram to record about different types of biscuits before then using our knowledge of how this worked to then record information about animals. Year 4 were able to say why these diagrams are useful for drilling down data into more specific sections.



YEAR 5:

The children in Year 5 have been creating their own role plays for one of the scenes in Macbeth. They had great fun creating their follow on scene and acting these out in groups.



YEAR 6:

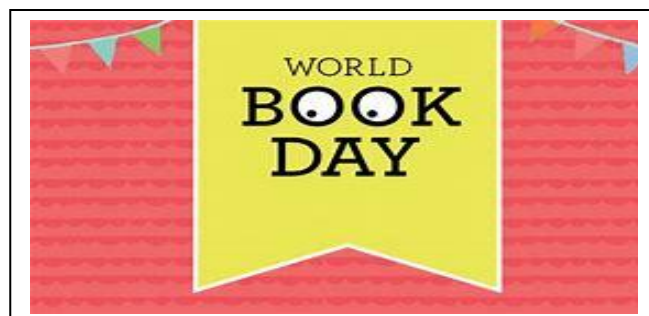
Year 6 have been carrying on with being a member of Ernest Shackleton's crew. Each child has been assigned a real character to journey through the expedition as the crew did. This week they have used role play to show what and how they would be feeling during the first leg of the journey which in itself took 3 months! From this they wrote some informal letters home to loved ones. Some great work getting into role Year 6 😊



WORLD BOOK DAY:

Key date: World Book Day - 3rd March

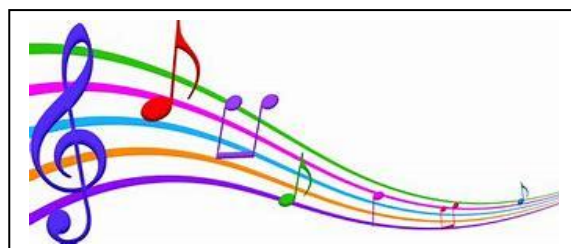
This year World Book Day will be on Thursday 3rd March. On this day, we would encourage children to come dressed up a character from a book they have read. We would also like them to bring in their favourite book, so we can share these in class.



MUSIC TUITION:

Instrument tuition has started. Spring term tuition fees are due for payment please 28th January 2022.

Polite reminder that when you sign your child up for music lessons that begin every September, that you are financially committed to this for the whole school year. Thank you



SPORTS CLUBS:

All clubs started this week. Payment is due by 28th January please (via parentmail). Thank you

PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL MEALS:

School Dinners should be paid for in advance. If your child's dinner account is in arrears, please clear within the school week. Thank you. If you have any issues with payment, please email the school office.

SCIENCE CHALLENGE:

Please find attached this week's science challenge. Mr Cook would love to hear how you got on making a non-Newtonian fluid. Please feel free to send in photos of your attempts

NON-NEWTONIAN FLUID

SCIENCE CHALLENGE 08
Designed by Rory,
Design engineer at Dyson

The brief
Create a liquid that turns into a solid when topped.


The method

1. Add the corn starch to the bowl.
2. Add water slowly to the mixture, stirring in one tablespoon at a time, until all of the powder is wet.
3. Continue to add water until the corn starch acts like a liquid when you stir it slowly – but when you top it with your finger it becomes hard.
4. Scoop the mixture into your hand and slowly work it into a ball.
5. As long as you keep pressure on it by rubbing it between your hands, it stays solid. Stop rubbing, and it melts into a puddle in your palm.

Materials


- 60g corn starch
- 60ml water
- A spoon
- A bowl for mixing

Design icons



Sir Isaac Newton described how 'normal' liquids or fluids behave. He observed that their viscosity only changes with variations in temperature or pressure. In non-Newtonian fluids their viscosity also depends on the force applied to the liquid.

How does it work?
When you mix cornflour with water, the large cornflour particles remain suspended in the liquid. When you stir the mixture slowly it acts like a liquid because the suspended particles have time to move past each other. When you put sudden stress on the mixture, the water quickly flows out of the way but the particles do not have enough time to move out of the way – making the mixture act like a solid.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS:

Universal Free School meals are available for every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

However, you may be eligible for what is known as 'Free School Meals', this is available for all families to apply who are on a low income from Reception to Year 6. If your application is successful the school will be provided additional financial support which will then enable us to help you. To ascertain if you are eligible please apply using the link below.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

COOL MILK:

If any of our Free School Meal pupils would like morning milk, the school would pay but please email the school to request this. If any other parent would like to pay for morning milk they can register and pay cool milk.



FREE and subsidised school milk

Register your child today!

Is your child entitled to FREE milk?

- Child under 5? Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk. Register your child online for FREE school milk today.
- Child over 5? Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £14 per term. Register online now and you can pay straight away!

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VACANCY:

Deputy Headteacher required at St Alban's Catholic Primary School Cambridge.

Are you an inspiring Deputy Headteacher who would like to work in a very successful school in the heart of Cambridge city? We are looking for someone new to fill this position due to the promotion of our current Deputy.

For more details contact Joanne Koehler, School administrator, on 01223 71214-8, office@stalbans.cambs.sch.uk or visit website: www.stalbans.cambs.sch.uk

Ideally, this post is from the start of the summer term 2022 but we accept it may have to be in the autumn

Closing date: noon Friday 4th February

Shortlisting: Monday 7th February

Interviews: Thursday 10th February



CARTAS EAST ANGLIA:



Caritas is holding two online events – 3rd Feb at 1pm & 10th Feb at

7.30pm – to listen to those on the margins of the Church. Be part of the Synod – we want to hear your voice! More

information: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/synod-zoom-meetings-to-reach-those-on-the-margins/> Any questions and to register, email Jacinta Welch: caritas@rcdea.org.uk

HOME GROWN:

Online family growing course - £20 worth of free growing materials and support materials

The charity Groundwork East are offering families the chance to learn how to grow their own fruits and vegetables at home!

To get involved families sign up using the link below and in doing so they will receive a Grow Pack worth £20 to get them started. The 'Home Grown' course is fully funded by the Tesco Community Grant scheme, so it will be free for all families to participate.

Families signed up will receive emailed newsletters every other week for 3 months starting February 22nd packed full of how to videos, activities and useful information to help them gain the confidence and knowledge to grow their own healthy food at home.

An advertisement for the 'Home Grown' online family growing course. The top part features a photograph of a woman and a child working in a raised garden bed. Below the photo, the text 'HOME GROWN' is written in large, bold letters. Underneath, there is a yellow box with text: 'Join our free online Family Growing course! Learn how to grow your own fruits and vegetables at home using a variety of how to videos, activities, learning resources and useful tips.' Below this, there is a list of details about the course, including the dates (22 February 2022 - 2 August 2022), the inclusion of a free Grow Pack worth £20, and the fact that it is for families with children under 11. At the bottom, there is a green box with contact information: 'Sign up: <https://info.groundwork.org.uk/online-growing-2022> Contact: Sarah Holloway T: 07796132825 E: sarah.holloway@groundwork.org.uk'. The bottom right corner features the Tesco logo and the text 'TESCO COMMUNITY GRANTS'.

Term Dates:

Term dates for 2021 - 2022

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January – Friday 08th April

Half term: 21st – 25th February

Staff Training day: 4th January

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 26th April – Tuesday 19th July

Bank holiday: 02nd May & 6th June

Half term: 30th May – 03rd June

Staff Training days: 25th April, 20th & 21st July

Term dates for 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5th September – Friday 16th December

Half term: 24th – 28th October

Staff Training day: 1st & 2nd September

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 31st March

Half term: 13th – 17th February

Staff Training day: 3rd January

Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18th April – Thursday 20th July

Bank holiday: 1st May

Half term: 29th May – 2nd June

Staff Training days: 17th April, 21st July