

St Mary's Newsletter

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School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"To be Christians under the sign of the cross spurs all believers in Christ to cultivate communion at every level, in the name of the God who embraces all with his mercy."

.Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



Week Commencing 30th January 2023:

Mon 30th: Yr 4 Swimming — leaving school at 9am

Wed Ist Feb: SCHOOL CLOSED

JEWELLERY IN SCHOOL:

Just a reminder that the wearing of jewellery is not permitted at all (apart from ear studs). Pupils may only wear a small analogue watch no Fitbits or smart watches please.

If ear studs are worn these will need to be removed before coming into school on PE days or covered using microtape please.

Thank you for your ongoing co-operation.

SOFT TOY SALE:

Year 2 are having a fundraising sale to raise money for CAFOD.

They would like to have a soft toy sale on Thursday 9th February which is just before half term. So, we need donations please! Can you have a look through your toy boxes and cupboards and send in donations of anything that is clean, undamaged but no longer wanted by your children.

The children have great fun buying and selling the toys and it will benefit a great charity CAFOD, who do so much to help and support those in need.

Thanks for your help – an early Spring clean!







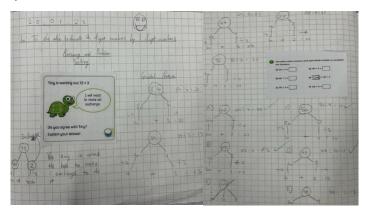
SPOTLIGHT ON

YEAR 4

Well, we cannot believe that it's already the Spring Term and soon the nights we be starting to draw out again. Yippee for lighter evenings! The children continue to show tremendous resilience and excellent learning behaviours.

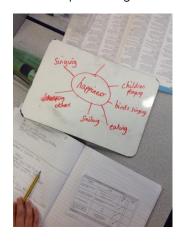
MATHS:

In maths, we continue to cover all four mathematical operations and recently we have explored factors and further methods for multiplication and division. We continue to work on our presentation and multiplications skills in all of our maths lessons and we are seeing some super improvements.



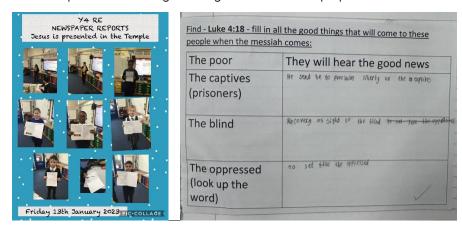
ENGLISH:

In English, we have explored poetry and its form. We have enjoyed reading and creating our own Haiku and Cinquain poems. Year 4 were especially proud to be able to show off their performance skills after learning about intonation and prosody by sharing their creations with Reception and Year 3. Below is an example of how we used words to map our ideas and some pictures of us performing!





Our learning in RE has been learning about 'Jesus the Teacher'. So far, we have learnt that Jesus was born a Jew, we have explored Jesus's presentation in the Temple, Jesus's travelling and teaching and How Jesus came to show us the way to live. We completed tables and spoke about how good things would come to people when the Messiah comes.



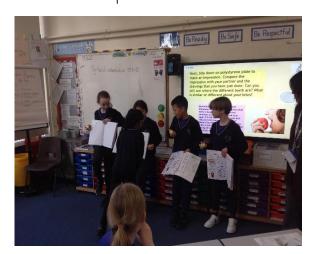
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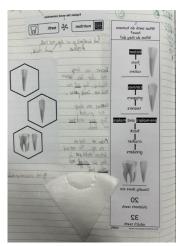
In Art we have responded to the Traditional Kente cloth by Gilbert (Bobbo) Ahiagble. The Year 4 children have created a range of surfaces, combining colour, texture and pattern and explored the symbolic significance of colour. We have an amazing mini gallery in our classroom to admire and inspire us. Below are some amazing examples of our work.



SCIENCE:

Our new topic in science is 'Animals including Humans and The Digestive System'. So far this term, we are enjoying learning about teeth, how we can tell what food animals eat by their teeth, making our own teeth indentations and trying to investigate who took the bite from the pear! (Ask the children about this...)





MUSIC:

Year 4 were very excited to share the amazing 'Travelling by Tuba' workshop with Year 3 last week and enjoyed their lively and entertaining assembly. All children from Lower Key Stage 2 were able to enjoy creating a piece of Samba music using various percussive instruments, followed by a 'Samba Earworm Song!' Thank you to Mrs Dyer for organising such a wonderfully engaging visit, to enhance even further our music curriculum.











SUFFOLK GAMES YEAR 6 BASKETBALL:

Some Year 6 children had a wonderful morning of Basketball at Inspire Ipswich, as part of Suffolk School Games. They had a great time and came third! It was splendid to see such team spirit and encouragement. Well done!



TT ROCKSTARS KS2 - YEAR3, 4, 5 AND 6:



SEND FAMILY FARM DAY:



BEHAVIOUR SAFE AT HOME:



PARKING AND CHILD SAFETY:

May we ask that you all think about child safety whilst driving around the school carparks. We are fortunate in that we have use of a school and church carpark. We would like to remind everyone to use the carparks safely.

PACKED LUNCHES:

Please remember that packed lunches should not contain anything with nut ingredients. Chocolate bars or sweets should not be included but a chocolate biscuit (Penguin or similar) is fine.

Please cut grapes in half lengthwise. If they are whole, they are a choking hazard! Thank you.



TEACHING VACCANCY:



For more information please use this link: https://www.shcprimary.co.uk/vacancies/

TERM DATES:

Term dates for 2022 - 2023 Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5^{th} September — Friday 16^{th} December

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4th **January** — Friday 31st March

Half term: $13^{th} - 17^{th}$ February Staff Training day: 3^{rd} January

Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18^{th} April — Thursday 20^{th} July

Bank holiday: I^{st} May & 8^{th} May Half term: 29^{th} May -2^{nd} June

Staff Training days: 17^{th} April, 21^{st} July