



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that this week's wintry weather hasn't caused you too much disruption.

Earlier in the week, we welcomed Mrs Turner from Sustrans. She visited school to meet with our Junior Safety Officers and to deliver an assembly.

A story was shared about a family who were choosing to use their car less and to find other ways of travelling in their locality.

Our children could quite easily see that finding different ways of travelling can have a positive impact on our health and the environment.

Spare change

During the week beginning 30th January 2023, each class will be asked to bring to school as many coins as possible. The idea is to create their own coin snake. FoSL, will present the class with the longest snake with a prize. The money raised through this event will be used to purchase Maths equipment.

Zumbathon

Next week we are hosting the Zumbathon, all details can be found on the poster. Your support will be very much appreciated.

SAT's

Thank you to those parents who attended the year six SAT's meeting on Thursday. We hope you found this beneficial. A similar session will be held next week for parents of pupils in year two. The meeting will take place on Tuesday at 3.30 pm in year two classroom.

Recycle Unwanted Toys

We would like to replenish our rainy day activity boxes. If you have any games and activities that you would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate it. Please ensure they are in good condition with all pieces included.

Hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

Attendance

Lower than 90% Attendance Reception	90-95% Attendance Class 1 Class 2 Class 3 Class 4	96-100% Attendance Class 5 Class 6
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Overall Attendance this week **94.8%**
Across the school, **3 hours and 20 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

- 98% attendance means 4 school days missed
- 95% attendance means 10 school days missed
- 90% attendance means 19 school days missed
- 80% attendance means 38 school days missed
- 5 minutes late each day means 3 school days missed

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

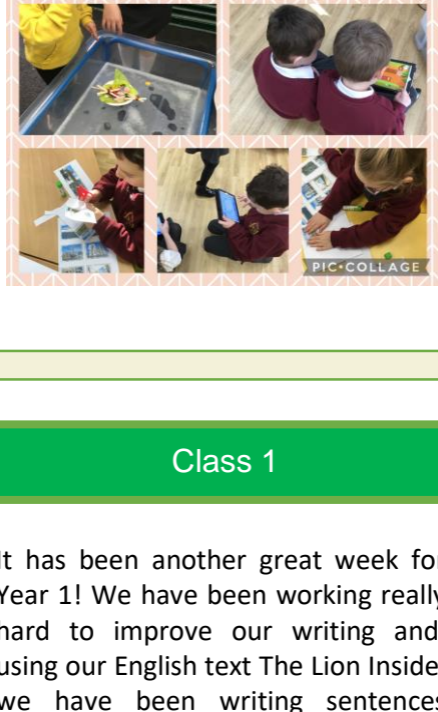


Reception

Constructing boats, working in the tourist information centre and learning how to code - it has been a very busy week!

We have been reading more of our English text, Naughty Bus, and found out that he often drives through the busy streets of London. We explored the different landmarks he might drive past and really enjoyed making our own leaflets for our own tourist information centre.

In maths, we have been working on counting out a set number of objects and really enjoyed playing the game together. Some of our class even continued doing this in our own learning time.



Class 1

It has been another great week for Year 1! We have been working really hard to improve our writing and, using our English text The Lion Inside, we have been writing sentences about the different characters and enjoyed learning how to use question marks when writing the questions that we would like to ask them.

In our science lesson, we have started exploring the senses and, this week, our focus was sight. We really enjoyed observing how our pupils changed when it was light and dark.

In Maths, we are becoming more confident with subtracting from single digit numbers and have found the different concrete resources really helpful throughout this week's lessons.



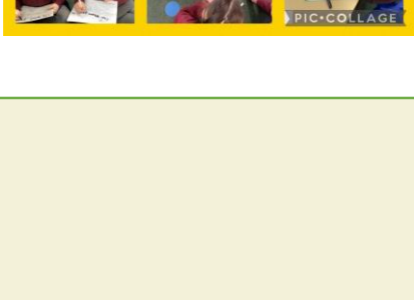
Class 2

We have had a busy week! The snow was a welcome surprise but all of class made it to school safely. The weather outside may be cold but the children are keeping everyone warm with their ideas and excitement for learning. Thank you to the boys who decided that we needed to change our prayer area, this looks amazing.

In Maths, we have been identifying differences between 2 digit numbers using base 10 materials. It has been very interesting hearing the children explain their answers and how they did each question.

In English, we have moved onto narrower lines and are now able to show off our amazing handwriting. We have been writing letters and descriptions using the Dragon Machine as a stimulus. We have found out that dragons are all around us but they are very good at hiding.

In PE the children are really enjoying gymnastics and are focusing on jumping with control and style.



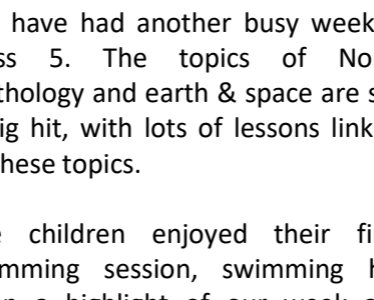
Class 3

It's been a fantastic week in Class 3. In Maths we have progressed further into our multiplications with the 4 times table practice. We have enjoyed representing our problems using manipulatives like the number blocks and counters!

In English we have written a report to our tribe leader about all of our Stone Age activities – we particularly enjoyed acting out the hunt scene.

In Geography this week we have been exploring Antarctica and its climate. We have used our new knowledge to write a postcard about our adventures in the polar climate.

In PE we have been developing our gymnastic skills and in Art we have been developing our wildlife drawings by adding layers with charcoal. Great work Class 3!



Class 4

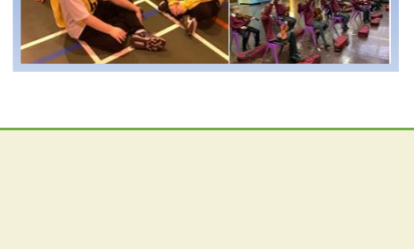
Well, what another wonderful week we have had in Class 4.

In geography, we looked at food packaging, we were investigating where our food comes from. It turns out that our food comes from many countries around the world!

In English, we have honed in on our dialogue skills and are enjoying hearing more about the famous eruption in Pompeii.

We experimented with fizzy drinks this week in science. We were investigating whether gas has any mass or not - you will have to ask the children what their results showed!

Lots of learning and fun taking place, we look forward to another great week.



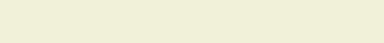
Class 5

We have had another busy week in Class 5. The topics of Norse mythology and earth & space are still a big hit, with lots of lessons linking to these topics.

The children enjoyed their final swimming session, swimming has been a highlight of our week and something the children have found really fun and educational.

The children had a real challenge in violin as they are now using the fingerboard to change the pitch of the notes.

We were also very fortunate to take part in a basketball tournament, the children played incredibly well and showed their determination.



Class 6

Class 6 have worked incredibly hard this week and have shown true perseverance across all subjects!

On Friday afternoon, we enjoyed time with our buddies. After reading a story altogether, it was great for us to see what they get up to in their classroom and join in with some of their activities.

In our English lessons this week, we have been writing from the point of view of The Selfish Giant, praying for Spring to finally arrive!

We also started our new Science topic - Classification and had a go at creating our own classification keys. After all of our hard work, we have definitely earned a rest this weekend!



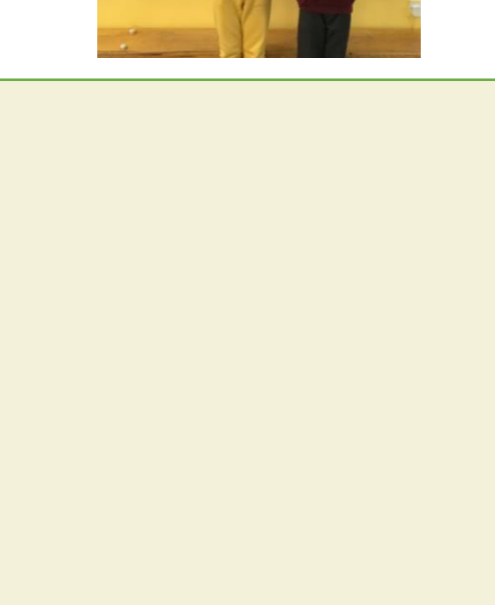
Award winners

Well done to everyone that won awards this week, we are very proud...

Head Teacher Awards



Subject Awards



Pride Awards

