



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

Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We are definitely beginning to see a change in the seasons. As today is the Autumn Equinox, we welcomed children into assembly to the music of Vivaldi's – Autumn, with accompanying images.

I am sure you have received information regarding the many events that are going on next week. You will have seen dates in last weeks newsletter regarding our Curriculum Evenings. I would like to extend an invitation to all parents, as this will be an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and to gain an overview of expectations within this new academic year.

Monday 26th EYFS 4 -5 pm

Tuesday 27th KS1 4 -5 pm

Tuesday 27th KS2 5.30 – 6.30 pm

Coffee Afternoon

We look forward to welcoming our 'New to Reception' parents next week for a coffee afternoon on **Friday 30th at 2 pm**. This will be an informal gathering to meet one another.

Volunteers

Last academic year we put a request out for volunteers to offer support within school. We are very grateful to those who have. Clubs will be commencing next week, ideally, we would like to offer a wider range of clubs. It might be that you just want to listen to children read or have a particular skill you would like to share, for example, gardening, language, chess. If you think you would be able to offer support in anyway, please contact the school office for further details.

FoSL

Our Friends of St. Luke have been working really hard and have now planned a range of events throughout this term. We are very grateful to them for all the time and effort and to you our parents for the way you support these events.

Way, truth and Life

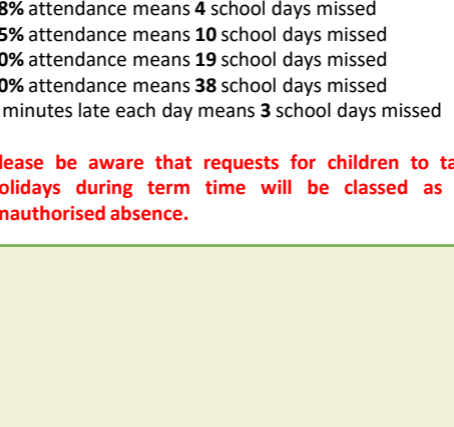
Please find attached the copy our half termly overview, it is also available on our school website.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

Attendance



Overall Attendance this week **95.1%**
Across the school, **20 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

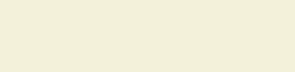
Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

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.

Head Teacher Awards & Sports Superstars

Congratulations to all this week's winners. You've made us all very proud.

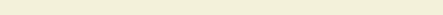


Reception

What a busy week it has been for our Reception class! We have been builders repairing our school building, taking orders and serving dinner to customers in the restaurant and transforming into wildlife experts looking after the owl in the small world area.

We have also been developing our fine motor skills with activities including constructing using the small parts construction, which we really enjoyed using!

We started reading our new class text this week and enjoyed discussing the different things we might see and hear at the seaside. We can't wait to read more and find out what adventures the boy and the penguin go on.



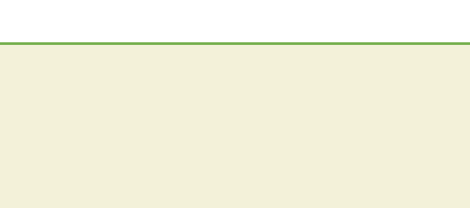
Class 1

What could our new book be about? At the start of the week, we enjoyed exploring the different clues about our new English book called Lost and Found. After discussing some ideas, we created our own story pathways to predict what we thought would happen - there were some great ideas!

In our Maths lesson, we have been recapping on counting and sorting objects into different groups and found that sometimes objects can be grouped into different categories.

A highlight for many this week was our computing lesson where we enjoyed learning about how to use a QR code and completed some coding challenges. It was great fun!

Our reading area has been filled with children sharing books this week and it has been lovely to see them enjoying stories together.

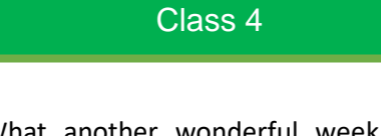


Class 2

What a fantastic week it has been in class 2. We have been getting stuck into difficult place value skills in maths. We can now partition a 2 digit number clearly using materials and numbers.

We have also been finding out about Tabatha Lumpit who is a character from our book Troll Swop. We have been writing expanded noun phrases all about her and some of the things she does.

We have also been learning about the life of Moses. We cannot believe that he was nearly killed as a baby. We found out that he grew up and led slaves from Egypt across the Red Sea.

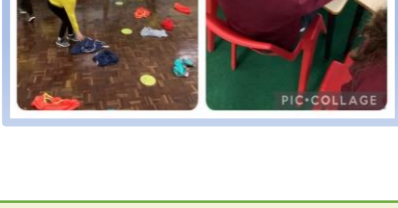


Class 3

It's been another fantastic week in Class 3. We have been continuing to read our English writing novel Seal Surfer by Michael Foreman, which we are really enjoying!

In Maths this week we have been exploring 4-digit numbers and the different ways to represent 1,000.

We have also been continuing with our fantastic sketches in Art and our ball control skills in PE. Well done Class 3!



Class 4

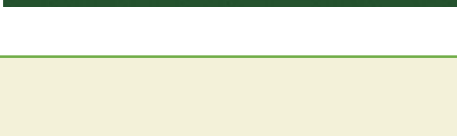
What another wonderful week in Year 4! This week in English we began our new text, Gorilla. The children have been using their inference skills to understand how a character is feeling and using expanded noun phrases to describe. Some fantastic writing this week in Year 4, well done!

In science we have continued learning about the human digestive system and this week we learnt about the function of each part - ask the children what they found the most interesting!

In maths we have been doing lots of teamwork, discussing how to answer reasoning questions and lots of problem solving!

Our prayer and liturgy this week was led by Millie and Camila. We focused on gratitude and the girls did a beautiful delivery; they chose a lovely Psalm and asked thoughtful questions.

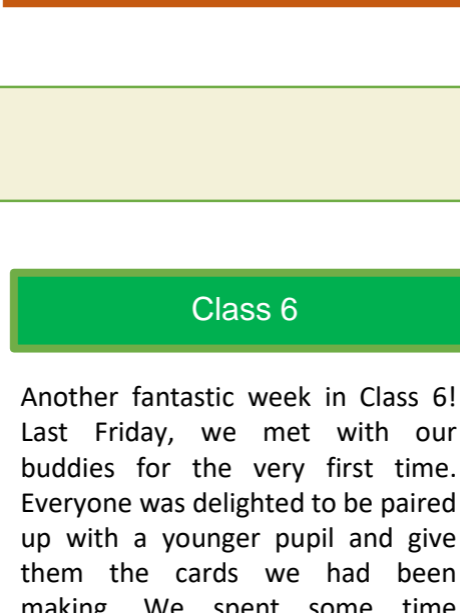
We look forward to what next week brings!



Class 5

We've had a blast this week in Class 5! We have been getting further into our class English text, Queen of the Falls, and have been producing lots of great pieces of writing linked to it. We're also two thirds of the way through the much loved class reading book Holes which the children have enjoyed listening to for fifteen minutes a day.

The children have really enjoyed creating their beautifully drawn and annotated animal life cycles which are now on display in class.



Class 6

Another fantastic week in Class 6! Last Friday, we met with our buddies for the very first time. Everyone was delighted to be paired up with a younger pupil and give them the cards we had been making. We spent some time getting to know them outside and are already excited for our next meeting!

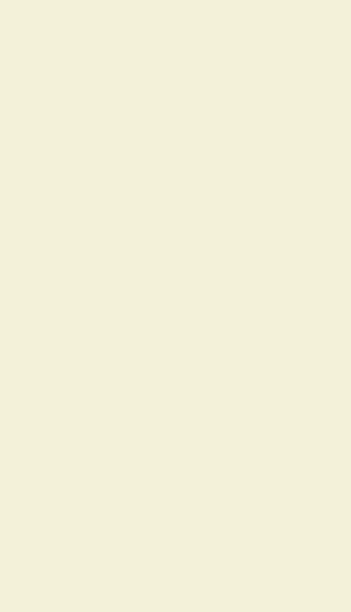
We have worked incredibly hard this week with our writing and have produced some incredible recounts based on our story- Star of Fear, Star of Hope. On Tuesday, we learned all about how we see things and even created human models to demonstrate the process of reflection!

Our PE lesson was the perfect opportunity to practise our shooting, passing and dribbling skills before competing in a match!



Dodgeball

Congratulations to our new dodgeball leaders from class 5. This week they have received training and are looking to set up a dodgeball club in the future. They really enjoyed the training and we received positive comments about their behaviour and attitude.



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