



Barford St. Peter's C.E. (V.A.) Primary School

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 8th November

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. I hope you had an enjoyable half term break. This week in collective worship we have been thinking about our Christian value this term 'Thankfulness'. Children were fabulous at offering their ideas of things and people they are thankful for. We read 'The Whale Who Wanted More' by Rachel Bright and reflected on how we can be thankful for what we have.

We are very much looking forward to our FABs bonfire on Saturday. There are still several slots to fill so please do sign up if you are able to help even for 30 minutes.

Our remembrance service will take place on Monday at St. Peter's church – please do come along and join us if you would like to. The service will begin at 10.45am. If children would like to wear their Beavers/ Cubs uniform they are welcome to do so.

Curriculum letters and knowledge organisers will be circulated today. As always, please do come and talk to us if you have any questions or concerns in relation to your child's learning.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Saturday.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Mary Baker
Head Teacher



Children in Need

Next Friday 15th November will be Children in Need. Children are always enthusiastic about raising money for this important cause. Children are welcome to come into school wearing something spotty – any donations can be made via parent pay.



FABs Meeting

The next FABs meeting will take place at school on Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm at school. Please do come along and join us for some cheese, wine and nibbles!

Family Service – Year 2 Help Required!



STIR UP SUNDAY

Our next Family Service on Sunday 17th November will be on the theme of 'Stir up Sunday'. We would love as many year 2 families to join us as possible. A separate letter will be coming home today – please do let us know if you are able to come.

Christmas Card Fundraising

Children's artwork designs for their Christmas cards will be coming home with them today. Please could all orders be placed by 12th November so that there is enough time for delivery. Apologies for the quick turn around!

What we've been learning

Reception

This week we have been reading the book 'Room on the Broom', by Julia Donaldson. In English we have been learning how to use a grapheme chart to help us when writing during our play. Our role play has been a witch's house, and we have enjoyed using our segmenting sounds skills to write potions for the witch.

In maths we have been carefully counting ingredients to put into spells as well as creating a number 5 museum

in our classroom. We also made cylinders out of paper to make our own witch's broomsticks.

On Tuesday, Road Safety Louise came to school and helped us to learn about how to safely cross the road. She gave us all reflectors for our book bags and a story about Warwick the Bear who was also learning to cross the road. We now have a big picture of Warwick the Bear on our wheeled vehicles shed to help us to think about road safety when we ride on our playground. In forest school there was an abundance of leaves that stimulated all sorts of play as well as some very mindful sorting activities.



Year 1

We have had a busy week of learning in Year 1! In English we have been reading the story 'Sparks in the Sky' and we even wrote our own versions, remembering to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.

In maths we have been learning pairs of numbers which make 10 and using this knowledge to solve number problems and puzzles. We have also learned addition fact families.

In science we have been learning all about the weather and discussing the changes which happen in Autumn. We used thermometers to measure the temperature outside.

In P.E. we have been practising our jumping and running skills. In history we looked at a picture of Guy Fawkes and used this source of information to think about who he was. We then learned all about Guy Fawkes which was really interesting!

Year 2

In year 2 we have been learning all about the Great Fire of London in 1666. We have been using images of London in this period of time to describe the setting. We have also been writing our own version of this historic event. We are working hard to remember to use our best handwriting!

In maths this week we have been revising number bonds to 10 and applying this knowledge to calculate missing number sums up to 100.

In art we have been looking at the artist J.M.W. Turner and thinking about how the art makes us feel.

In science we have started to think about materials and their properties. We sorted different materials according to their properties.

Year 3

In English we have been writing non-chronological reports about volcanoes, thinking carefully about the features which we need to include in our reports. We have also been trying really hard to remember all our punctuation!

In maths we have been learning all about the column method for subtraction and applying our learning to solving problems.

In science we have started our unit of learning all about the human body which is really interesting. We had a fantastic afternoon developing our art skills by using various techniques with charcoal. We enjoyed experimenting and the results were incredible!

Year 4

This week in year 4 we have been planning our reports all about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. In maths we have been learning all about negative numbers. We completed number sequences with missing numbers and had to think carefully about moving across 0 with negative and positive numbers.

In science we have been thinking about the properties of solids, liquids and gases and how they are different. In art we have been making canopic jars and they look amazing! We carefully used different types of brushes, for example using thinner brushes for more delicate and smaller areas of the jars.

This Week's Prayer



Year 5

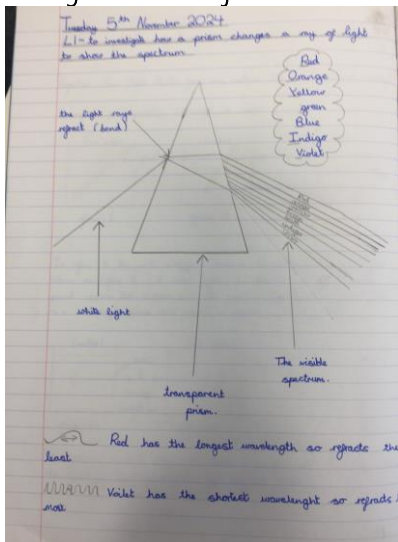
In Year 5 in English we have been writing myths based on ancient Mayan myths. We thought carefully about our vocabulary choices and have been using more complex sentence structures. In maths we have been focusing on our arithmetic and using all 4 calculations. We have been applying our knowledge to solve problems.

In computing we have been learning about web crawlers and all about how search engines work! This week we also started our swimming sessions which was great fun. We did lengths and practised different strokes.

Year 6

In Year 6 we have continued to study Macbeth and have been using interesting and ambitious vocabulary to create character descriptions for the 3 sisters. They are quite chilling! In maths we have been revising our strategies for long division. It is a little tricky but Miss Taylor taught us a rhyme to help us remember how to do it correctly!

In science we have been learning all about light refraction. We learned how, if you shine a light into a prism, the light will split into the visible spectrum of colour. We also learned that red has the longest wave length and so refracts the least, and violet has the shortest wavelength and so refracts the most.



We have also started a new text in Year 6 called 'Treason'. We have really enjoyed it!

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

Loving God,

At this time of remembrance, we thank you for the sacrifices made by so many who fought for their country during some of the darkest times in our history. We pray that they will forever be remembered, and that you bring wisdom to leaders across the world to bring an end to the many conflicts and wars which exist in our world today.

Amen

Autumn Term Dates 2024

Date & Time	Event
Saturday 9 th November	Barford Bonfire
Monday 11 th November 10.45am	Remembrance Service @ St. Peter's
Friday 15 th November	Wear Spots for Children in Need
Sunday 17 th November	Year 2 Family Service @ St. Peter's Church
Friday 22 nd November	Year 5 cake sale
Friday 29 th November 2pm	Advent service @ St. Peter's church
Wednesday 4 th December 2pm	Christingle Service @ St. Peter's church
Tuesday 10 th December	KS1 Theatre trip to Smeds & Smoos @ Warwick Arts Centre
Wednesday 11 th December	KS2 to Dick Whittington Panto @ Belgrade theatre
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Monday 16 th December 2pm	KS1 Christmas Show (Rec, Yrs 1 & 2)
Tuesday 17 th December 5pm	KS1 Christmas Show (Rec, Yrs 1 & 2)
Wednesday 18 th December 5pm	KS2 Christmas Show (years 3, 4 & 5)
Thursday 19 th December 2pm	KS2 Christmas Show (years 3, 4 & 5)
Friday 20 th December 1pm	Christmas service @ St. Peter's church followed by Christmas Fair at school.