



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 22nd November

What fun it has been to see some snow this week! Children had a wonderful time playing on the field and built some brilliant snowmen, including a snowman version of Mr Swards! Thank you for sending children in with wellies.



We really do like children to be able to get outside and enjoy the snow, so please could we request that for any future snow days you send children in with waterproofs and spare socks/ tights, along with a hat, scarf and gloves? This will ensure they can wrap up warm and stay dry as well.

This week in collective worship we have been considering trust. We read the story of when Jesus calmed the storm and reflected on how he taught his disciples to place their trust in God. We thought about who we trust and why. In class, we reflected on 3 bible verses:

- 1) "Do not fear, for I am with you" Isaiah 31:41
- 2) "I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you" Isaiah 41:10
- 3) "Give all your worries to me because I care for you" 1 Peter 5:7

We thought about which of these we might find useful if we had something which was worrying us. We also reminded children that we have 2 worry boxes in school now where they can write down things which might be causing them to feel anxious. These are checked daily.

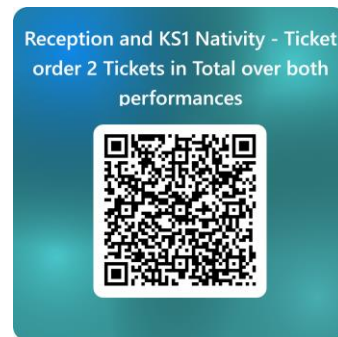
Finally, I would like to extend my huge thanks to the Year 2 families who were able to join us for 'Stir up Sunday' at St. Peter's church on Sunday. It was wonderful to have so many children and families there.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Mary Baker

Christmas Productions

You should have received this week a letter outlining the timings and how to book tickets for the children's Christmas nativities. If you would like to book tickets for Reception & KS1 'A Midwife Crisis' please use the link below:



If you would like to book tickets for Years 3, 4 & 5 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw' please use the link below:



Please note that each family can book a total of 2 tickets over both performances (NOT 2 per performance). Additional tickets may be available after all families have been allocated their 2 tickets.

Please make sure you book your tickets no later than **Friday 29th November**.

What we've been learning

Year 1

Reception

This half term Reception Class have really started to explore their joy of communicating through drawing and emergent writing. Each week we have a session called 'Drawing Club' where we talk about the stories we have been reading in class and we take ideas on a paper journey linked to our book theme. Sometimes we create secret story codes using the letter we know.

This week we have been reading the traditional tale, 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children loved exploring their own versions of the story through pictures and learning about speech bubbles to show when their characters were talking. Some children wrote 'zig-zag' letters to help the Gingerbread Man escape the fox! On the exciting snow-day we made our own gingerbread men as well as a big one for our class. We had to remember to play quietly so we did not wake them up, as we didn't want them to run away! They tasted delicious.

In maths we have been looking at the composition of small numbers. This week we explored what we understand about the words 'whole' and 'part'. We made fantastic gingerbread men picture jigsaws which had six parts to make a whole puzzle. We cut them up and reassembled them. We also explored all the other toys and games in class which had lots of parts to them.

In our PE we explored 'under' and 'over' playing team games where we travelled over and under equipment. We have also been practising our dance and the songs for our Nativity show.



This week in English we have been describing Guy Fawkes. We used pictures of him to help us. Then we wrote 'Wanted' posters for Guy Fawkes, explaining what his crime was!

In maths we have been working hard to learn how to subtract by using objects to help us as well as number lines. We realised that we can use some of our addition facts to help us with subtraction as well!

In art we have looked at the artist Piet Mondrian and used his work as inspiration to explore mark making with pastels. We used red, blue and yellow and practised using cross hatching.

In history we have been learning all about the Gunpowder Plot. We looked at the key events and put these in chronological order. We also looked at pictures as sources of information and thought about what these tell us about that period of time.

In PHSE we have been thinking about how all families are unique and special. We drew our own families and even included our pets! In PE we practised jumping skills and on Fridays we do our yoga.

Year 2

In English we have been learning about The Great Fire of London and we learned that a famous man called Samuel Pepys wrote a diary all about the fire. We read some examples and then wrote our own diaries, imagining that we were there at that time.

In maths we have been working hard to add and subtract 10 to two digit numbers and we even learned how to do this using the column method!

In science we have been learning all about different materials. We looked at fabric, metal, plastic and wood and thought about their properties. We labelled the materials and wrote sentences about them.

In P.E. we have been learning all about team work. We practised our throwing and catching skills, using a ball but only allowing it to bounce once before we caught it!

In history we have been thinking carefully about what London would have been like in 1666 when the Great Fire of London happened. We compared London today with London in 1666.

Year 5

Year 3

In English in Year 3 we have been learning about what a subordinating conjunction is and how we can use them in our writing. We have also written a non-fiction report about volcanoes and used paragraphs and sub-headings.

In maths we have been learning all about fractions and thinking about what makes a whole. We have also looked at quarters, fifths and halves.

In science we have been learning about the human body as well as animals. With Mrs Baker we had a lesson all about nutrition and learned about the different food groups. We talked about the important nutrients which different foods give us and how these are important for our bodies to grow and be healthy.

In P.E. we have been learning how to hold a hockey stick correctly and how to push the ball in passing. In R.E. we have learned about some of the celebrations which Jewish people have. In music we have been practising playing the notes C and D and focused on a song called 'My Dog is a Good Dog'. In Spanish we have been learning all about animals.

Year 4

In English we have been writing about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. We used all our knowledge to write a newspaper report about the discovery of the tomb, practising writing in columns like a real newspaper.

In maths, after we finished our learning on Roman Numerals, we have been practising our column addition and subtraction. We learned how to carry over the ones and applied our learning to some problem solving questions.

In science we have been learning about the 3 states of matter – solids, liquids and gases. We drew diagrams of how the molecules behave in each one and then went outside to investigate different states further.

In P.E. we have been using our orienteering course by splitting into groups of 8 and seeing who would win by finding the markers first! In Spanish we have been learning how to say the names of different fruits.

In Year 5 in English we have been writing our own myths based in the times of the Maya. We have worked hard to make our writing more interesting by using parenthesis, relative clauses and a wider range of punctuation.

In maths we have been learning all about factors, as well as prime numbers (which can only be divided by 1 and have no other factors). In science we have been looking at life cycles, including describing the development of a baby before birth.

In P.E. we have enjoyed developing our hockey skills, as well as learning how to attack and defend during a game. In Spanish we have just moved on to a new topic all about our families.

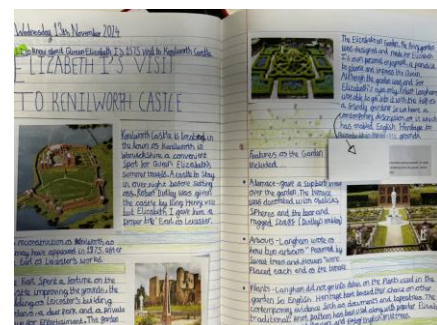
In guided reading we have been developing our comprehension skills by reading a text all about the Bermuda Triangle and the mysterious actions within it.

Last week we had an amazing trip to Cadbury World! There was a 4D cinema, brilliant play area and of course lots of delicious chocolate!

Year 6

This week Years 5 and 6 have been taking part in 'Bikeability' which has been fun (if a little cold!). We have been learning how to ride safely and how to manage roundabouts.

Back in the classroom in English we have been learning about the features of balanced arguments, where you have to consider both sides of an argument and you don't show your own opinion until the end. We also wrote our own information texts all about Kenilworth Castle with a focus on the gardens which Lord Dudley created for Queen Elizabeth I. We then started to think about whether Henry VIII is a good king or a bad king and why.



In maths we have been solving calculation problems using strategies which we know.

Last Week for Outdoor Clubs!

Due to the diminishing light, this week was the last week of outdoor clubs including netball and girls and boys football. We look forward to beginning these again in the Spring term.

FABs Bonfire

Thanks again to all those of you were able to support the FABs Bonfire and Fireworks. A huge £5700 was raised which is just incredible! We are so grateful to our FABs committee and everyone who came along to support. This money is essential for us to be able to continue to support the children's learning in music and many other curriculum areas.

This Week's Prayer



"My command is this: love each other as I have loved you."

- John 15:12

Almighty Father,

During these troubled times in our world, we pray that peace will reign across all countries. Help us all to treat one another with the kindness and love that we wish to receive ourselves so that, one day, we may live in a world free of all violence and war.

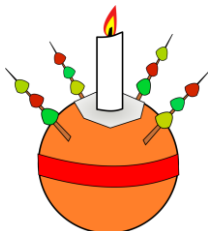
Amen

Advent Service

Please note that Advent Service will now be held in school at 9am which will be a school only service and will be led by our Year 5&6 collective worship committee.

Christingle Service

We hope you will be able to join us for our Christingle service on 4th December at 2pm at St. Peter's Church. Please could we request that you send your child in with an orange on the morning of the 4th? Thank you.



Parent Governor

We have a parent governor whose term has come to an end. Although they are happy to continue in this role, procedures require us to give any parent interested, the opportunity to apply. If we have more than one application the position would be put to a vote. Application forms are available in the school office. Applications will be open until Friday 6th December.

Autumn Term Dates 2024

Date & Time	Event
Friday 22 nd November	Year 5 cake sale
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.