



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 10th January

Welcome back to the new school term! I hope that you have all had an enjoyable Christmas break, although I know that unfortunately many families have experienced various winter illnesses during the festive period.

It has been a joy to welcome children back to school this week and you can read all about what children have been learning from our reporters below. Curriculum letters for your child's year group have also been sent out today, along with knowledge organisers.

It would be really helpful if you could read through the knowledge organisers with your child and refer in particular to any subject specific vocabulary on them.

We have launched our new school value this week of 'respect'. During collective worship, children reflected on ways we can demonstrate respect to one another in school and how we should always respect each other despite of our differences. We reminded ourselves that God loves each of us for being unique!

Please do make a note of the dates for this term which are on the bottom of this newsletter. Class specific events will also be listed on the curriculum letters.

Very best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Mrs M.A. Baker
Head Teacher

Spring Term Clubs

A list of Spring term clubs was sent out earlier this week. If you would like to sign your child up for a club please do so using the forms link below. Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis. For oversubscribed clubs, we will place children on a waiting list for next term. Please note that outdoor clubs (girls football, boys football and netball) will not begin in after half term.



What we've been learning

Reception

The children have returned full of enthusiasm for our new topic, Amazing Animals. This week we read the story 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey' by Julia Donaldson. We have set up our learning wall so we can write down facts we know, facts we want to find out, and facts we have learned during our topic. Some of the children have amazing knowledge already. Lily explained that 'hibernate' means to sleep through the winter. Samuel knew that a baby cow is called a calf. We cannot wait to see where our new topic takes us!

Our writing this week followed some lovely discussions about what we have been doing during the festive holidays. We are starting to write in sentences segmenting words to write sounds we can hear. We all wrote some super news. In Maths we are looking at subitising (just knowing without counting) small numbers as well as playing track games that help us learn about counting on from a number. We have also been playing with our zoo, considering how many animals can go in each area, and which animals can live together or need to be kept apart in different sets.

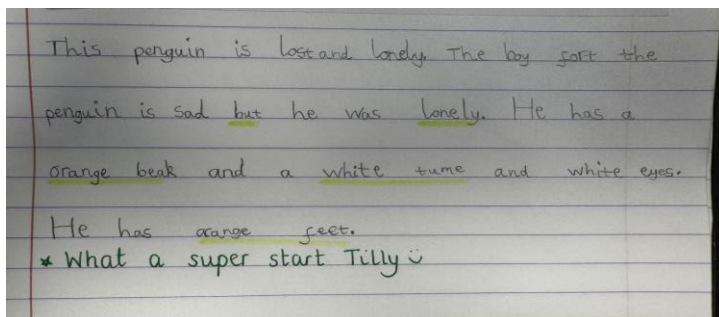


In PE we started gymnastics and this week. We found different ways to balance on points of our bodies and then we were being creative making different shapes with our bodies. Sometimes we worked on our own and for some shapes we needed to work in a group. We were awarded team marbles for great teamwork!



Year 1

In year one this week we have been reading the book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. This is a story about a penguin who the boy thinks is lost, however he is just lonely! We created a lost poster for the penguin and used adjectives to describe the penguin.



In maths we have been using part whole models and using tens frames to partition numbers up to 20 into tens and ones. We have also started to use our problem solving and reasoning skills!

In P.E. we have been practising our balancing skills. We had to try to make a picture of an animal such as a tiger using our bodies in groups which was quite challenging and required a lot of co-operation!

In P.H.S.E we have been reflecting on what makes us feel happy and what makes us feel sad.

Year 2

This week we have been delighted to welcome Mrs Feldman back to year 2! In English we have been reading the text 'Katie in London'. We have been writing a description about Katie using our adjectives and learning about London at the same time!

In maths we have been learning how to compare number sentences and revising our addition and subtraction strategies. We used bar models and also used the 'greater than' and 'less than' symbols.

In Art we looked at the work of famous artist L.S. Lowry and imagined ourselves in the scene of his painting. We thought about what we might be able to see, hear and smell.



In P.E. we have been learning yoga as well as using our bodies to make shapes through different balances.

In geography we have been learning about the different countries within the United Kingdom. We had large maps of the UK and used different coloured salt dough to show each area. For Wales we used yellow, for Northern Ireland we used red, for England we used white and for Scotland we used green!

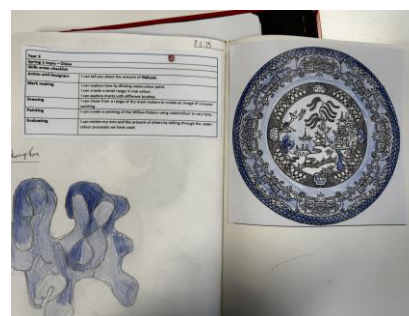
Year 3

In year 3 we have started our brand new learning theme all about China! In English we have been learning about the fable of the 'Two Doves'. We had great fun acting out the story with a partner.

In maths we have been focussing on our 3 times table. We have also been learning all about fractions. We have also practised our reasoning and problem solving skills.

In Spanish with Mrs Del Rio we have been learning how to say the names of animals as well as revising our previous learning as well. In P.E. we have been doing gymnastics and learning how to balance. In geography we have been looking at maps of the world and identifying the Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere.

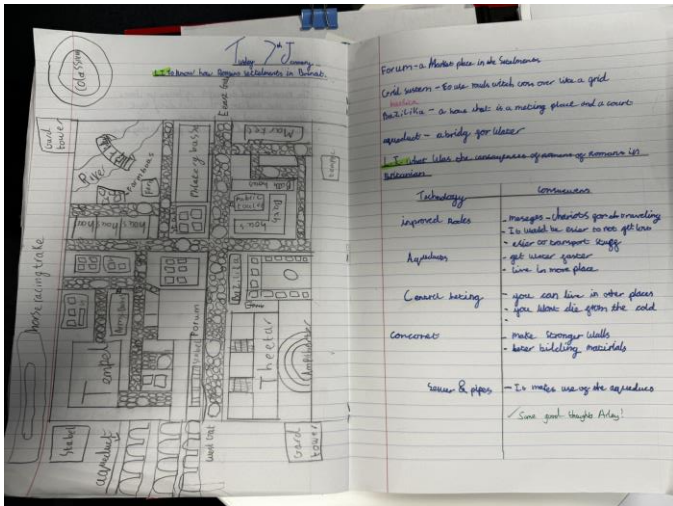
In P.H.S.E. we have been learning about stereotypes. In art, we have been studying the traditional Chinese art of the willow pattern. We created different tones in crayon in our books and then looked at willow patterns in detail.



Year 4

In year 4 we have started our learning theme all about the Romans. In English we have been learning a poem and then writing our own verses based on the poem. In maths, we have been practising our strategies for subtraction. We had to think carefully when completing some missing number calculations.

In history we studied how the Romans changed settlements in Britain. Following on from this, we designed our own Roman towns. We also considered the consequences of some of the most famous Roman technological advances, including roads and water systems. In P.E. we have been developing our skills in gymnastics using a range of balances. We also had our first swimming session this week which was very exciting!



Year 5

In English we have been looking at the use of standard English. We even tackled some more challenging questions which we may face during the SATs tests.

In maths we have been adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. We learned that sometimes this means that the fraction becomes an improper fraction. We then converted the improper fractions into mixed number fractions. For example, $13/8$ would be 1 and $5/8$.

In science we have been learning about the changes of the human body during growth from a child into adulthood. In R.E. we have been considering how Jesus is considered in religions other than Christianity. In computing, we have learned how to create soundtracks on scratch. Finally, in Spanish, we have been learning how to write letters to members of our family.

Year 6

In year 6 we have continued with our study of the class text 'Treason'. We have been writing our own section from the book, focusing on the use (and correct punctuation of) dialogue.

In maths we have been learning all about fractions. We have completing all 4 different calculations with fractions, including adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing.

In science we have been learning about the affects of drugs and alcohol on the body. In Spanish, we received a video from our penpals of them dancing and singing!

Year 4 Cake Sale



Next Friday 17th January we will be holding the Year 4 cake sale. We would be really grateful if Year 4 parents could donate cakes. Please make sure your child comes to school with £1 if they would like to purchase a cake.

Spring Term Dates 2025

Date & Time	Event
Monday 6 th January	INSET Day
Wednesday 15 th January 8.45am	Year 6 Poetry & Music Assembly
Friday 17 th January	Year 4 Cake Sale
Friday 24 th January	FABs Movie Night
Wednesday 5 th February 8.45am	Year 5 Poetry & Music Assembly
Friday 14 th February	FABs Valentines Disco
Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Monday 24 th February	Science Week
Thursday 27 th February	Young Voices
Wednesday 5 th March	Year 5 Poetry & Music Assembly
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 12 th March	Online Parents' Meetings (am)
Thursday 13 th March	Online Parents' Meetings (pm)
Friday 14 th March	Year 3 Cake Sale
Friday 21 st March	Ricky Dance Day – KS1
Wednesday 26 th March	Year 3 Poetry & Music Assembly
Friday 28 th March	Ricky Dance Day – KS2
Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 2 Class Assembly
Friday 4 th March	Break the Rules Day
Thursday 10 th April 2.30pm	Easter Service
Friday 11 th April	INSET Day