



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 7th June

Welcome back to the final half term of the academic year. I hope you all had a wonderful half term break. We have certainly started the term off with a bang this week with our incredible iSingPOP workshops and exceptional concert at St. Peter's Church on Thursday. The children were all amazing and we are so proud of them! Our huge thanks to Emma Kenyon, the iSingPOP team and Coventry Diocese for their generosity and enabling us to have so much fun!



This week I have thoroughly enjoyed making spinach muffins with year 2 to look like dragons, they did a fantastic job!



Curriculum letters and knowledge organisers have been sent out to you today, to inform you of the learning for your child/ren for this half term. As always, please do come and talk to us if you have any questions.

I would be most grateful if you could spare a few moments to read the information below regarding sports day, and complete the forms link as well.

Very best wishes for a sunny weekend!

Mrs M.A. Baker

Sports Day



This year Sports Day will take place on Friday 28th June from 9am. Our FABs team will be serving teas and coffees. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit with a t-shirt in their house colour please.

At the end of the morning, you are invited to stay and have a picnic on the field with your child/ren. As we often have many requests from parents to take their children home after the picnic, you are welcome to do so should you so wish.

Please could we all everyone to complete the forms link below to let us know whether you will be staying the picnic, whether your child requires a school packed lunch if they are in KS1 or entitled to free school meals, and whether you wish to take them home after the picnic. Please complete one per child.

<https://forms.office.com/e/F8Y4MGhR6h>

This is always a really wonderful community event with a great atmosphere and we are looking forward to it immensely.

Family Service

The next family service will take place on **Sunday 16th June at 11am at St. Peter's church**. We would love as many families as possible to join us. There will be cake, teas and coffees served at the end of the service.



Athletics

A huge congratulations to our year 5&6 athletes who competed in the annual Warwick district athletics competition this week. We are awaiting confirmation of qualifications for the next round. Well done to all who took part of represented the school superbly, we are very proud of you!

What we've been learning

(written by our magnificent reporters!)

Reception

This week in Reception, we have been exploring the story 'The Rainbow fish'. We have talked about the importance of sharing and how this makes everyone feel. The children have enjoyed exploring our new submarine role play area and adding their own artwork such as fish, jelly fish and scuba divers. The children have taken on the role of the Rainbow fish and shared their scales with others. They then went on to write their own stories about the Rainbow fish. They used some wonderful adjectives.

In maths, we have been investigating how to make 10 in different ways using shells. As part of forest school, the children have loved tending to the sensory herb garden. We used our senses to explore the textures and scents. In art, the children used the technique of printing to make sea creature paintings.

The children have, of course, amazed us with their enthusiasm, dancing and singing of the iSingPOP songs. We were so proud of their performances.



Year 1

In Year 1 we had a super exciting week. We did our iSingPop workshops, we loved doing them. It has been so fun learning the songs and dances. We loved being able to show off our hard work at the concert.

In maths, we have been learning about left and right directions. We had to learn which way was which, this can be quite tricky to remember sometimes so we had to persevere.

In our science and topic lessons, we have also been exploring the 'Seaside' and features of seaside towns. We have also been exploring the season of 'Spring' and we found some similarities and differences between Spring and Winter.

In music, we have explored 'pitch'. Pitch is the change in how the sound actually sounds, for example, a high pitch can sometimes sound squeaky and often uses 'high' notes whereas a low pitch can sound loud and deep and uses 'low' notes.

Year 2

In Year 2 in English, we have been looking at diary entries, and thinking about the features of a diary including past tense, first person and trying really hard to use our time conjunctions. We wrote diary entries as Florence Nightingale.

In maths we have been learning about how to describe movements, for example left, right, forwards and backwards.

In music, we have been learning how to play 'once a man fell down a well' on the glockenspiel. This took lots of perseverance and we had to think really carefully about the notes that we were playing.

In art, we have been looking at William Morris and creating 'wallpapers' in the style of William Morris.

We have also been very busy preparing for our class assembly which is coming up really soon! We have been practising our song 'You can count on me' by Bruno Mars. Finally, we have also taken part in the iSingPop workshops and concerts. 3 words to describe them would be; fun, exciting and energetic!

Year 3

This week in Y3 it has been very busy! The highlight of our week has without a doubt been The iSingPop workshops. We have loved participating in them! We had to learn 7 songs in total, which can be quite tricky. Each song had a dance and obviously different words, melodies and beats, so we had to really persevere, concentrate and listen carefully to Emma. We loved performing to our parents and families at the concerts in the church, it was so much fun!

In PSHE, we had a really interesting debate. We thought about money and the different ways of paying for things in shops, we thought about how we can pay and the most popular ways of paying. We whittled these down to cash, card and phone. We debated and voted as a class and in the end it was card vs phone, we considered arguments against paying with your phone such as the battery dying and leaving you unable to pay, or going to a cash place and not having your physical card to make withdrawals but despite this, phone was voted the winning way of paying as it is convenient, quick and easy.

We have also been very busy preparing for our class assembly! This has involved practising our song, dance and creating our artwork and posters ready for the assembly. We can't wait to show our families all our learning about bees!



Year 4

We have had an exciting week in Year 4! The highlight of our week has most certainly been our ISingPop workshops. They have been so entertaining, all of the songs have been so catchy we have been singing them in our heads all week! Even when we weren't in the workshops. Our favourite song was most definitely 'hey, hey, hey' as this one was really upbeat and energetic. We loved performing our 'concert' in the church to our families.

In science, we did the most amazing but equally disgusting experiment to help us cement our learning of the digestive system and the way our clever bodies break down the yummy food that we eat, and processes it to enable us to have the energy, nutrients and vitamins we need. This was so much fun!

In English, we have started looking at non-chronological reports. We have been thinking about deforestation and the devastating impact it has upon our environment and the habitats of the beautiful creatures that inhabit the rainforests.

In maths, we have been looking at decimals, making a whole from tenths and hundredths and partitioning the decimals. Decimals can be quite tricky to understand to begin with, so we had to persevere and think carefully.

Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have been enjoying the ISingPop workshops, we have loved them so much! Our favourite song is without a doubt, 'River Deep', we have so much fun performing this one and have been singing it all week! Even in class, we have just randomly burst into it!

In maths, we have been learning about reflection and translation of shapes, this can sometimes be really tricky, especially the questions where there were 2 different directions for the translation, for example: 2 down, and 4 right, lots of us were forgetting to do the second movement! We had to take time to read the question and complete it fully. We then looked at reflection, this was tricky as we had to almost draw the shape in 'reverse'! We persevered with this and got there in the end.

In RE, we looked at different places of worship and what actually happens in each of these places, such as communion, prayer and singing.

In computing, we started our new unit on Microbits! It was so fun, we had a great time inputting code into the chromebooks and software, it was quite similar to scratch and so we found it easy to use, this sent clever messages to the microbit and then the microbit flashed up with our messages! It was so fun.

We have also been learning about The Mary Rose ahead of our trip to Portsmouth next week, we are SO excited! The Mary Rose was a flagship and was Henry VIII's favourite ship. We spoke about different reasons why people think The Mary Rose sank, and decided on which reason we felt was the best, the problem is no one will ever know for certain!

Year 6

This week we have really enjoyed our involvement with the ISingPop workshops, we loved learning all the different songs, our favourite one was 'Reach Out' and in this song, there were Spanish words, and we translated these Spanish words! There were phrases like 'La vida es bonita' which means 'life is beautiful' and 'fiesta y bielle' which means 'party and dance'.

In English, we continued with our survival guide and we focussed on writing 'how to survive a bear attack' and 'how to survive a forest fire', these tips we are hoping might help us with our PGL residential next week, at

least if we come in contact with a bear we know what to do!! Haha!

We have also explored the poem 'The Caged Bird' by Maya Angelou for our literacy work, considering themes and concepts that are included in the poem.

In PE, we practised one of our athletic skills, which was jumping, we practised long jumping, standing jumps and triple jumps.

On Wednesday we also had a relationship workshop, it focused on self-esteem and positive friendships, it was great fun. We did 'stars' and we had to write something positive about someone else on a star. It was a fabulous way to make everyone smile.

In RE, we learnt about 'Ahimsa', the rule of 'non-violence' within the religion of Hinduism, we created links between dharma, karma, reincarnation and ahimsa.

We also began our rehearsals for our end of year performance of Joseph!

Summer Term Dates 2024

Date & Time	Event
W/B Monday 10 th June	Year 6 – PGL Year 1 – Phonics Screening Week
Tuesday 11 th June	Year 2 Class Assembly
Wednesday 12th June 8.45am	Year 3 Class Assembly
Wednesday 12 th June & Thursday 13 th June	Year 5 overnight stay at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
Tuesday 18 th June	Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday 20 th June	Year 5 Class Assembly
Tuesday 25 th June	Reception Class Assembly
Friday 28 th June 9am to 1pm	Sports Morning & Family Picnic
Friday 5 th July	Reports sent out to parents
Saturday 6 th July	FABs Summer Fair
Tuesday 9 th July	Choir to the Royal Albert Hall
Wednesday 10 th July 3.30pm	Transition Day & Parents Presentation Meetings
Tuesday 16 th July 2pm	Year 6 show
Wednesday 17 th July 6pm	Year 6 show
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Church Leaver's Service
Friday 19 th July 9am	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

My School Fund

We have recently registered for a 'My School Fund' account, a new initiative that families can participate in to earn cashback from spend at participating retailers for both themselves and the school. It's simple and completely free to sign up, please see the poster issued with the Newsletter for more information. We would really encourage as many families as possible to register and start boosting the school's budget.

This Week's Prayer

"In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety."

Psalms 4:8

Eternal Father,

In times of trouble across our world, we thank you that we live in a country away from war and conflict where we know we can rest in the safety of our homes. We pray for everyone experiencing such hardship; may peace be brought to all nations of your world so all your children might dwell in safety.

Amen