



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 15th January 2021

Dear Parents

Thank you for your continuing hard work at home supporting our young pupils with their lessons. The results have been spectacular. The children are producing some splendid pieces of work and the careful and colourful way they are completing their tasks is most impressive.

The children are all enjoying their Spring Term Topics. Reception's imaginatively titled focus this term is 'Into the Woods'. There are so many engaging children's books about the woods where some of our best fairy-tale adventures are set. These provide the perfect platform for the delightful themed lessons that the children are enjoying. In Year 1 it is all about Space with their topic Rocket Man. The children have already watched a clip of the moon landing and have made a mini fact file based on this historic event. In Year 2 Roald Dahl's book James and the Giant Peach has really caught the children's imagination and forms the basis of their topic. I have watched some excellent news reports on Seesaw in Literacy this week, complete with musical soundtrack. Roving reporters captured the event of the rolling peach rushing towards the sea including brilliant eyewitness accounts from some very amusing characters. Well done children.

This week we sent out a Parent Questionnaire about Seesaw and we were very grateful to you for your detailed responses. We are going to act immediately and respond to the large amount of school work provided which in turn generates a significant amount of screen time. In our rush to set up our timetables we have packed the days with challenge and although you are enjoying the diversity, we also need to quickly respond to the mental health and well-being not just of the children but of the whole family.

Accordingly we are introducing Well-Being Wednesday afternoons. A grid of activities has been carefully compiled with a rich source of activities, none of which involve a screen! Some of the activities focus on the significant challenge of getting your child outside in winter! The children are outside every day at least twice on a normal school day and in order to be mentally fit and focussed they do need fresh air!

The other new addition next week is the introduction of Mrs Degg's Art Masterclasses. I have been deeply impressed by our resident artist's commitment and ability to provide an online tutorial. Mrs Degg has taken into account current class topics too so the work is even themed! You will be given advance notice of any equipment required and I do hope you enjoy watching these illuminating sessions. New timetables will be up on Sunday night ready for the exciting new additional lessons next week.

School has also been busy and Nursery are fully engaged. Do see page 3 for Nursery News. We are also very proud of the resilience shown by our Key Worker children who share the attention of our excellent team of Teaching Assistants in school. Everyone in the community is showing a compassionate and resilient approach which is the hallmark of St Christopher's. Thank you all.

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Barnaby B Fazan C, Phoebe B, Logan D-W, Emily S, Florence Q, Joseph O, Anabel N, Amelie M, Nancy H-P, Zachery R and Rosie T

Philosopher of the Week

Harrison G

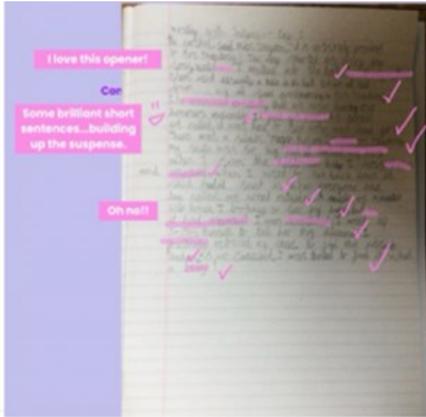
Thought for the Week

How important is it to be kind?

THIS WEEK ON SEESAW



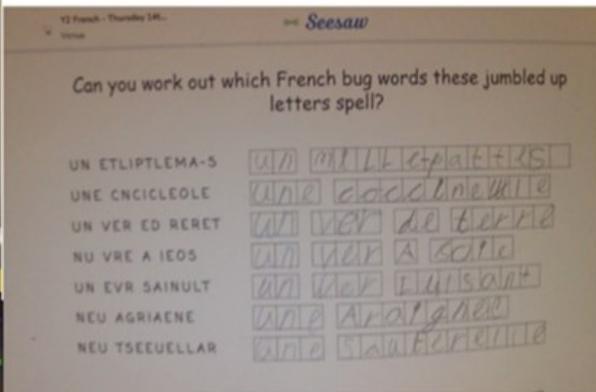
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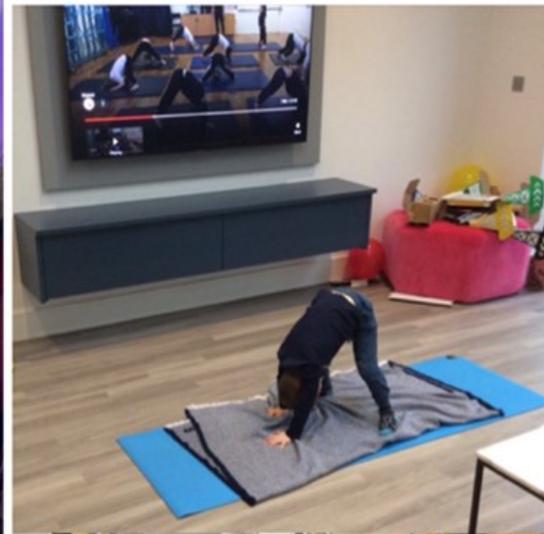
Bailey



Megan, I love this story and how personal it is to you! What a fantastic and original idea with some super vocabulary choices too!



Zachary



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

This week we introduced our topic of Nursery Rhymes and started with an animal theme. We made clocks for Hickory Dickory Dock, counted 8 legs onto Incy Wincy Spider, sorted the animals on old McDonalds farm (and had fun getting the pigs out of the sticky mud) practised our Horse Pose for Horsie Horsie and designed our own sheep! Next week we will be exploring number rhymes.



**Our wonderful school Golf umbrellas are now available to buy for only £25 each and will be available from next week at the school office.
Please bring in cash only.**



Mathletics:

Congratulations to Thea L and Jemima H for their silver award

Congratulations to Felice F and Ella D for their Gold award

Spotty Box Awards for success outside school

Congratulations to :

Jemima H has been awarded a gold medal in her end of term gymnastics competition for her beam routine



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