



Weekly News

Friday 28th April 2023

Dear Parents,

Year One News



This week in Year 1 we looked at 'The Tiny Seed' story by Eric Carle. The children sequenced the story and planted their own tiny seeds and then worked in groups using drama skills to act out the story to the rest of the class. There were some wonderful seeds emerging from the ground and travelling in the wind.



In maths we have been counting in twos, fives and tens and then applying these skills to perform problem solving activities.

The Gingerbread Man story inspired us to make a sliding mechanism picture in our DT lesson. The children loved this activity and now want to make a whole book!

Year Two News

This week in Year 2, they have been exploring the incredibly talented artist Stephen Wiltshire, and have started to enjoy the fabulous world of James and the Giant Peach. They have enjoyed learning new words such as luminous, ramshackle, and ghastly that can be found in the first few chapters of James and the Giant Peach. Year 2 have had great fun in composing their own riddles for their friends to decipher where they considered the quality of clues, playing with words and the order of clues. We have also started to rehearse for the end of year production of Wind in the Willows! What an exciting week.

Art for the Summer Term

This term, the children will be looking at the work of exceptional differently abled artists. They will be exploring their own limits and adaptability by using new and familiar resources and tools to create art using their own at-a-glance memories, feet, working with their eyes closed using only touch or silently in their own imaginative world. For example, Nursery will be using feely bags to guess objects and then try finger painting with their eyes closed to Year 2 who will try and recreate complex scenes from at-a-glance exposure, see this weeks work of the week. They will also try using textured paints to create work with their eyes closed.

Reunion Tea

On Thursday we were delighted to be able to welcome back last year's Year 2 for our annual Reunion Tea. It was lovely to see how excited the pupils were to see their friends and we also had a special guest with Mrs Thackray returning to see all the children as well. The children relived some very happy memories! Thank you, Year 2 2022, – it was lovely to see you!

Thank you!



A big thank you to Mrs Ahmed and Mrs Oozeerally who came into to school to share with the children how they celebrate Eid with their families. The children were fascinated to see the beautiful clothes that are worn for Eid, to hear about what happens during Ramadan and to see photos of the delicious food that is eaten at this time.

Coronation Celebrations

On Friday 5th May we will be holding our celebrations in honour of the King's coronation. It will be a mufti day where uniform is not required and all children are invited to wear red, white, and blue clothes on this day. We will be having day filled with exciting activities and games.

International Week

During the week beginning 15th May, the school will be having an International Week. We have planned an array of wonderful activities that celebrates our diversity. On the Thursday of that week, we will be holding our International Food event. Parents are invited to bring food that represents their heritage to the hall from 2.30pm which will be set out in the hall. Parents will then be able to collect their children and take them to the hall to pick up a plate to fill with wonderful and delicious food from around the world. Further details will follow with guidance on allergies and labelling to ensure everyone's safety.

Safety after school

A reminder to all parents, grandparents and carers who bring children to and from school. We have noticed that some children have been climbing on some of our equipment without any adult supervision and have been at risk of falling. Please could we ask that children are carefully supervised at the beginning and end of the day. Children are not allowed on any of the play areas at the end of the school day. We thank you for your understanding and support.

Bronze and Silver Timestable Rockstar Awards

Congratulations to Bella I, Sukie R, Elena W, Peter G, Zachary V, and Blake Y for achieving their Bronze Star in Timestable Rockstars this week. Also a huge well done to Hugo T, Lia ML, Margot P, and Conor L for achieving their Silver Timestable Rockstars award. You are all superstars!

This weeks lunch time superstar is Laura L for showing more confidence while asking for seconds. Well done !

Top of the leader board this week is **Dahl** House with a superb total of **279** House points. Congratulations to **Dahl** house.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Merit Awards:

Ryan P, Beatrix S, Fazan C, Peter G, Parva A, Sukie R, Florence P, Alisa S, Joshua M, Leon B,
Micah R-K and Michaela S

Work of the Week

Inspired by our art topic, We Can, Year 2 learnt about the incredible Stephen Wiltshire who would create highly detailed cityscapes after just a brief glance. Mercury were challenged with looking at our St Christopher's School building and then recreating it from memory. Here is Laura's wonderful sketch. We love the detail in her roof, particularly the tiles!



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

All Aboard!

This week we have launched our new topic which is 'I wonder how it moves'. Each week we will look at different ways of moving and modes of transport. This week has seen us all climb aboard for a train focus.

In Yellow room, we have been using train templates and rolling the dice to decide how many passengers are getting on and off. In Blue room, the children have made cardboard steam trains with junk modelling and even used a glue gun on our workbench to join pieces together! The model trains even have chimneys and a lolly-stick track to drive on. In Green room, the children have been looking at photos of different types of train and drawing, then labelling their own. We have had lots of discussions about stations, wheels, doors, windows and lights. In our role-play corner, we have been enjoying our very own St Christopher's tube stop! The children have been booking trains on the computer, talking about train times and issuing tickets. Our cookery project has been making cheese straw train tracks; these were delicious. As well as all of this, we have been outside designing trains on clipboards and then making them with large-scale construction.

We are already looking forward to next week and finding out how the King moves around town!



Reception News



It's been very fishy in Reception this week! We have started our new topic 'Under the Sea' and have completely immersed ourselves in all things related to the ocean and sea life.

We started our topic by reading the story of 'Tiddler' by Julia Donaldson. We discovered that Tiddler told a lot of 'stories' because he was always late for school. We then used our imaginations to invent stories of our own for being late. The range of ideas were amazing and full of fun from a mermaid distracting us to being caught by a crocodile! We wrote down our ideas and were careful to remember full stops, finger spaces and capital letters



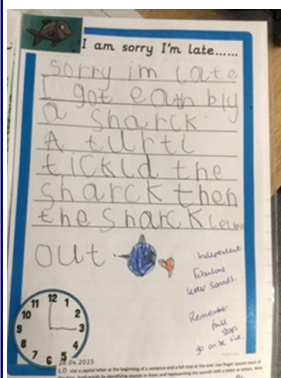
too.

In maths, we have been learning about time. We investigated a minute and what we could do in that time from star jumps to counting. We have also learnt the days of the week and the order of the days. We used a song to help us and have made paper chains with the days in the correct order independently.

The classrooms were filled with song as the children recited their days of the week whilst creating the chain. A joy to hear!

Linked to our days of the week learning we also read the story of 'The Hungry Caterpillar' who ate different things on each day of the week. We looked at the life cycle of a butterfly and drew our own posters to describe the event.

Our highly skilled art director talked to the children about different artists who are ably challenged but how they overcome these difficulties with a 'can do' attitude. We watched short clips of these artists creating art using their mouths and feet. The children then tried it out for themselves holding their pencils in their toes. It was very difficult and we had a new respect for the talents these artists have.



Monday 1st May - Bank holiday

Tuesday 2nd May - Clubs start

Wednesday 3rd May - Music Festival at St Teresa's



5th May Coronation celebration day
Children to wear red, white & blue clothes



Mathletics: Congratulations to Tate T and Benjamin W for your Gold Certificate.



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Jason E– for passing, with merit, his Piano Grade 3 Performance exam

Leila K– for receiving Honours for her Juvenile Modern dance exam

Kitty T– for receiving a bravery certificate

Phoebe and Chloe B– for completing a 2k colour run

Daisy D – for receiving a certificate in completing the Spring Term at Theatre box and for her wonderful participation and a Rosette for demonstrating proficiency in Theatrecraft

Arya K– for receiving a certificate in gymnastics for amazing work on the beams

Rebecca G – for receiving her Bronze 3 certificate for gymnastics

Ivan C– for being the star of the week at swimming

Joshua M – for receiving a Little Legends Medal, Platform Player of the Day medal and Platform Tournament Winner Team medal at football camp

Holly S– for receiving her Level 3 Ski Award

Daisy G-D – for receiving a certificate and rosette for demonstrating proficiency in Theatrecraft

