



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Volume 3- Friday 22nd September 2023

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

We have had a wonderful week in school this week with the children producing some brilliant pieces of work. Several year groups have been focusing on Geography and mapping skills being worked on this week. We have also seen several children completing their first lengthy piece of writing. I know that all the teachers have been blown away with the quality of the work the children have produced. Finally, next week sees our Welcome Ceremony taking place. I look forward to seeing lots of our families come together for this school celebration.

“If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family.” St Theresa of Calcutta

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

Well done to Year 4 for having 100% attendance this week – excellent job! Our overall school attendance this week was a pleasing 96.9% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Parent's Meetings

Today you will have received an email regarding book your child's appointment for our upcoming Parents Meeting Evening on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October 2023. Please ensure you have booked your appointment to allow us to allocate you a time slot as close to your request as possible.

Harvest

On Thursday 5th October 2023, we will be celebrating Harvest. Due to the increase in the number of children now attending St John Henry Newman, we will be having two Harvest Celebrations. The timings for these are as follows; 10.00am - Reception and Key Stage 1, 10.45am – Key Stage 2. These short services are an opportunity to give thanks for the food we eat, to thank those people who help produce our food and to think of others, in the UK and around the world, who still go hungry. We will be using this celebration to support the “Trussell Trust – Stop UK Hunger” and we ask if your child could bring in one of the following items that will then be taken to our local Peterborough Food Bank.

Tea	Hot chocolate	Long life fruit Juice	UHT Milk
Tinned Meat	Instant Mash	Pasta Sauces	Tinned Fruit
Tinned Fish	Rice Pudding	Tinned Tomatoes	Tinned Soup

Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

Our teachers continue to be proud of us this week- and you will be too once you have heard about all the busy learning we have been doing! This week in Reception we have continued our learning about Elmer. We each had a go at sequencing pictures of the story in order and even drawing our own story maps to retell the story in our own words. Our teachers were impressed to hear we used vocabulary from the story such as "herd", "jungle" and "patchwork" when describing what happens. We have also been singing and dancing to the 'Down in the Jungle' song each morning whilst talking about the other animals that might live in Elmer's jungle too. In Phonics, we learnt to read and write our newest sounds 'd', 't' and 'i' and blended our first words to read.

Year 1 Learning (Armstrong)

This week in Armstrong Class we have finished our literacy unit of Martha Maps it Out. We drew maps of our bedrooms and wrote some sentences to describe our bedrooms and our homes. In maths we have continued looking at place value. The children have taken part in a variety of activities surrounding counting forwards and backwards from any number and saying one more and one less than a given number. We have also had lots of fun creating different kinds of maps in geography as well as getting outside to explore our playground.

Year 1 and 2 Learning (Chanel)

Chanel class had an exciting week of learning. In English, we began forming our first writing 'hot task' - report describing our own houses. We loved creating maps of our bedrooms and enjoyed discussing our favourite parts of each other's work. When writing the reports, Y1 focused on forming coherent sentences making phonetically plausible spelling attempts. Y2 focused on adding exciting adjectives and embedding conjunctions to make their writing more interesting to read. In Maths, Y1 used unifix cubes to find one more, one less and learnt new songs to support counting backwards from 10. Y2 delved deeper with their understanding of Place Value and used base 10 to flexibly partition 2-digit numbers.

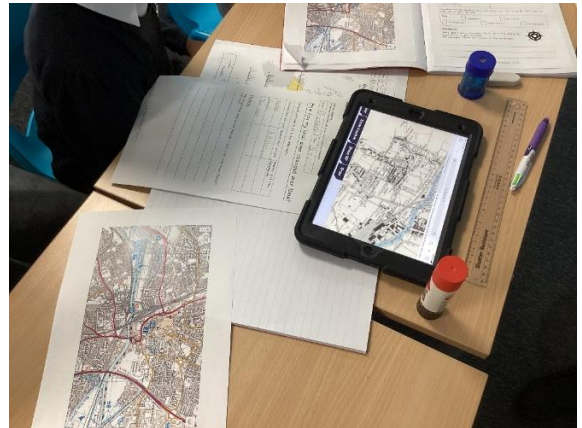
Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

This week year 3 have continued their learning of place value in maths. We played a game to help us with our understanding of finding 1, 10 or 100 more or less than any 3-digit number. We have started to write our own narrative based on the story Flat Stanley. We have started our geography learning, we learnt that the Earth is made of 4 layers and have enjoyed using an atlas to find out where mountains are in the world



Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

Over the last few weeks Year 4, have been learning about 'Are all settlements the same?' in Geography. We have now started to look at physical and human features in our local area - Peterborough. Last lesson, we used the iPads to compare present day OS maps of our local area, with those from the past.



Year 5 Learning (Frank)

Within the topic of WW2, we have shifted our focus to the UK 1941 and have begun reading 'When the Sky Falls' by Phil Earle. It is a great text about an unlikely friendship between a young boy and a silverback gorilla set in war-torn London. We predicted what we think might happen and we will be using this for our guided reading and writing.

Science led us to an investigation on 'Friction' as we discovered that this is a force that can affect movement – either slowing down or stopping things. We predicted what we thought would be a surface that would produce the most or least friction and then experimented with toy cars and ramps in the main hall. We worked scientifically as groups and set up, measured accurately and recorded results.



Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

In Maths, we have started looking at addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. The children have recapped on their learning from previous years and have used that to help new learning. In English, the children completed their first hot task and showed excellent peer editing skills, when helping each other uplevel their work. In history, we have finished our unit on the census and have completed a variety of activities, such as hot seating and writing a diary entry. It has been a busy week!

Parent WhatsApp Groups - A message from our Parent Governors

A few classes have set up parent/carer WhatsApp chat groups as an online space to seek support, ask questions, clarify, or give information. For those interested to join, the currently existing groups are:

Reception Attenborough and Luther King

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EsYGRLjf3ry3fdBPdC0O7U>

Year 1/2 Chanel

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BqNcyl3mcjjG4zw9fZMI2O>

Year 3 Yousafzai

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ExOh0mSMXbi8haZszKdd6t>

Year 4 Gandhi

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hm7ypIjTYp8B0LmNoYaRQf>

Autumn Term 2023 Dates

26-9-2023	4.30pm Welcome Ceremony – Reception Parents
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29-9-2023	Schools Mass in Norwich
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2-10-2023	Black History Month
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5-10-2023	10.00am Harvest Celebration – Reception and KS1 (Key Stage 1) 10.45am Harvest Celebration – KS2 (Key Stage 2)
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9-10-2023	Feast of St John Henry Newman
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9-10-2023	No After School Clubs due to Parent Meetings Week
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10-10-2023	Parent Meetings
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11-10-2023	Parent Meetings
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Half Term (23-10-2023 – 27-10-2023)

7-11-2023	9.30am School Photos
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13-11-2023	Anti-Bullying Week
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27-11-2023	Reverse Advent Calendar Starts
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29-11-2023	4.30pm Advent Service
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5-12-2023	6.00pm Peterborough Schools Carol Service
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12-12-2023	2.00pm Nativity Reception
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14-12-2023	2.00pm Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity
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15-12-2023	2.00pm Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity
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18-12-2023	Christmas Jumper Day
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18-12-2023	Christmas Lunch
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19-12-2023	1.30pm Last Day
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