



# St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

### Volume 7- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

We have reached the end of our first half-term, and so much has happened in the last 7-weeks. We welcomed over 100 children into our school on our first back in September and every child has settled in so well. We have held several school events; Welcome Ceremony, Harvest Celebration, Parents Meeting, Curriculum Meetings, Sporting Competitions, After School Clubs. I wish you all a great break and rest ready another exciting half-term including Advent, Christmas Plays many more events.

**Christ Jesus, help us to see what we can do to make a change to our world, so that it becomes a fairer place for all people to live.**

Mr Cooper  
Headteacher

#### **Attendance**

Well done to Year 4 for having 100% attendance this week – that is three weeks in a row!!! 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.

#### **Flu Vaccines**

I have had several enquiries regarding the Flu Vaccination system for children. I can confirm that these will be taking place at St John Henry Newman on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023. More information on this including consent forms will be issued closer to the time.

#### **School Library Development**

At our recent parents meetings you will have received some information about our school library development. If you are able to help with this, please use the QR code below for more information. Also, if you know any local business who you think could help, please share this information with them.



#### **Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)**

This week we have been learning all about the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We have been matching different objects such as Numicon to their numerals, depending on the number they are representing. We even started subitising (it is a big word!) which means looking at a quantity and knowing the number without counting, like knowing the pattern of dots on some dice. In Literacy, we practised giving bossy instructions to match the photos we sequenced of us making Biscuit Bears from last week.



### **Year 1 Learning (Armstrong)**

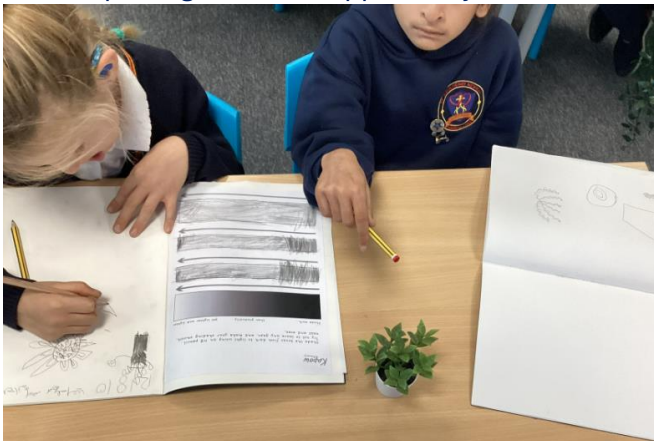
In Armstrong class this week, our maths learning has been all about fact families. We looked at how we can use parts of numbers to make four sentences about a number e.g.,  $5+2=7$ ,  $2+5=7$ ,  $7=5+2$ ,  $7=2+5$ . We then went on to recap our number bonds both to and within ten. In English we finished our work on *When the Rains Come* by writing a retell of the story. Our writing was amazing, and the children also produced some fantastic illustrations to go with it. We started our history unit which is all about our personal histories and we look forward to continuing with this after half term.

### **Year 1 and 2 Learning (Chanel)**

In Maths this week, Year 1 worked extremely hard when practicing their number bonds to and within 10. They then went on to form fact families remembering to include all the correct symbols for a number sentence. Year 2 are also continuing their work with addition and have been using their number bonds to add 3 1-digit numbers and to add to the next ten. Both year groups completed their final writing task of the half term - their own version of the story 'When the Rains come'. Year 1 made an extra effort to form their letters correctly and use capital letters and full stops. Year 2 attempted to include adventurous adjectives and vary their sentence types.

### **Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)**

This week in Yousafzai class we have written our biography about Malala Yousafzai using our notes that we made last week from given information sheets. We have continued our maths learning on addition and subtraction and have enjoyed using the column method for addition and subtraction. We have enjoyed our football skills in PE with Miss Kay and this week we had the chance to practise being in goal. We have finished our art topic on drawing, we practised our shading skills and had a go at drawing like scientists by creating botanical drawings. Our final piece gave us the opportunity to draw abstract flowers and we brought these to life by including colour.



### **Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)**

This term Year 4 have been reading the book, 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman. To end the unit, we held a class debate to discuss 2 statements: 1) Should Lila (the stories main character) become a firework maker and 2) should Lalchand (her father) remain in prison? The students were split into four groups and had to collectively argue for or against their given statement. The other 2 groups acted as a jury, carefully listening to the points made, before making a decision and then swapping roles. It was great to see some excellent co-operation between students within the groups, producing strong arguments, supported by evidence such as chapter/page numbers and quotes.



### **Year 5 Learning (Frank)**

This week we have been looking closely at sentences in English. We have recognised and used fronted adverbials to make our sentences more engaging to read. Then we went on to look at possessive apostrophes and learning how to use these properly both with singular and plural nouns. Creating an exciting paragraph on Wednesday, we combined fronted adverbials and our possessive apostrophes to demonstrate what we learned.

In PE we played some hockey games in groups and showed off all the skills we have been working on over the last 5 weeks. There were some close matches and competition was very keen!

### **Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)**

This week Year 6 completed our PE unit of hockey. The children, after an intense warm up, put together all their learnt skills from the last half term, along with some excellent teamwork, to complete 4 mini-games. I was impressed with the great levels of communication and support every child was giving one another throughout.



### **Autumn Term 2023 Dates**

#### **Half Term (23-10-2023 – 27-10-2023)**

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