



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

We have had an incredibly busy week this week; it feels like we have never been away! The children have settled so quickly to being back in school and they have worked so hard across many curriculum areas. We have had several visitors in school this week and they have all commented on how calm and purposeful all the classes are; which is lovely to hear. Finally gathered this week to celebrate All Saints Day and I was so impressed with the children's knowledge and understanding of what a Saint is and how they can behave like a Saint today. Have a great weekend everyone!

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. Amen.

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

Well done to Year 5 for having 99.4% attendance this week – that is three weeks in a row!!! Our overall school attendance this week was 95.1% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

School Photos

On Tuesday 7th November 2023, we will be having our individual school photographs. If you have any questions about these, please see the school office.

Flu Vaccines

On Friday 10th November 2023, the NHS will be in school delivering Flu Vaccines. You will have received a consent email this week to sign your child up. I know there have been issues with finding our school on their system, however these should now have been rectified. If you have any questions about registering for this, please see the school office.

Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

We have been busy artists again in Reception although this time, we explored applying paint to paper using our fingers. We lead our own exploration whilst thinking about vocabulary to describe what we were doing with the help of the teachers. We thought the paint felt "soft" and "squishy!" and some of us even discovered what would happen if we mixed two different colours together on the paper. Everybody decided to paint something different, some of our work was figurative whilst others work was abstract. We were so proud of our artwork; it has made the display board in the Creative Area of our classroom!



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong)

In Armstrong class this week we have continued our work on addition and subtraction. At the beginning of the week, we focused on addition word problems and later in the week moved on to using the part-part whole model to solve subtractions. In English we started learning about Neil Armstrong. We learned how to put simple, regular verbs in the past tense, and we will use this when we write a biography of Neil Armstrong next week. In history we compared special events such as birthdays with birthdays in the past and looked for similarities and differences.

Year 1 and 2 Learning (Chanel)

In Maths this week, Y2 used a variety of concrete resources to add and subtract across and to ten numbers. Year 1 practiced adding by counting on and applied this skill when answering worded problems. Year 2 began their new specialism - Computing! They practiced logging on and used 'Paint' to create images of their own computers. They then went on a 'Technology Safari' around school, identifying all the electronic items which have a computer in them. Year 1 continued their Historical enquiry - 'How am I making History?' They shared how their own Birthdays are celebrated and made comparisons to Birthday parties in the 1960s.

Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

Year 3 started the week with a design and technology day where we made cushions. During the day, we designed our cushions, practised our stitching of running stitch, cross stitch, and applique. We then decorated and assembled our cushion; we were excited to take our finished cushions home and show our family. We have continued reading Malala's magic pencil in guided reading. In maths we have continued to add and subtract 3-digit numbers using the column method. We started learning about the features of a diary as we will be writing our own diary based on the story voices in the park.



Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

Since returning from half term, Year 4 have been continuing with their art unit – Drawing: Power Prints. On Wednesday they were learning about proportion and improving the use of tone in their artwork, using charcoal pencils and rubbers to recreate a live setup of objects in the classroom. To warm up, they conducted a 'take a pencil for a walk' activity, whereby the teacher read a short piece of writing and the students let their imaginations run wild, allowing their pencils to flow freely on the page, creating all sorts of wonderful drawings. Later in the week they prepared the base for their current artwork, using a variety of crayons to create all sorts of patterns and colour combinations. They then painted over the entire piece of card in black paint, ready for the wax resists lesson next week.

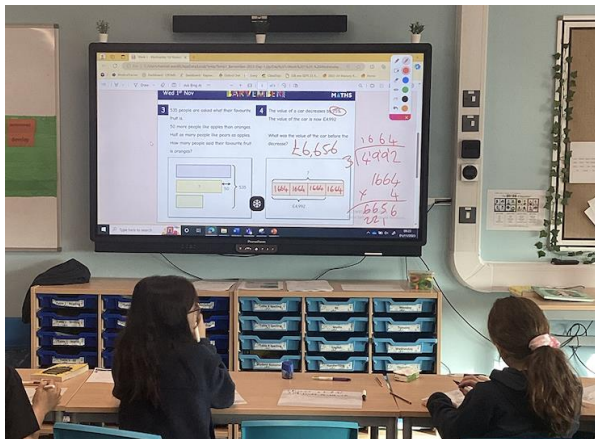


Year 5 Learning (Frank)

As the new half term arrived, we began a new reading book for our guided reading. It is called The Adventures of Odysseus, and it is based on the Homer's classic The Odyssey. A rich adventure set in Ancient Greece with lots of interesting and gruesome events along the way. We have started reading it and using it to extend our comprehension skills! Art has been the focus this week where we looked at 'Retrofuturism' as an art form. Using pictures, paintings, drawings etc. we experimented with different mediums (such as: charcoal, crayons, paper mâché, sketching etc) to recreate parts of these retro futuristic images. Staying with the space theme, in science we have started our unit on SPACE with a study of the Solar System. We explored how planets are formed, their size and their relative distance from the sun. Using card and paper we created a solar system mobile and planet trump card.

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

A new half term, new seats in class and lots of new learning - it has been a busy week for Year 6! In English we have introduced our new writing topic - persuasive writing - and have begun looking at key features used in persuasion. We had some lovely conversations about where we may have been exposed to persuasive writing in our lives and how the form could be different depending on the purpose. Alongside our normal maths lessons, we have started Barvember this week, a WhiteRose ran challenge that encouraged the children to use bar models to solve different problems.



Autumn Term 2023 Dates

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