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January Newsletter

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2020! We are already looking forward to the promise of spring and the hours of daylight growing longer. It's been a busy and exciting start to the year with lots more planned, so look out for dates and events in the weekly bulletin



"Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them."

Matt 18:20

With God by our side, we celebrate our achievements.

With love and support, we encourage each other.

With faith, we make the world a better place.

This is our school, God is here.

Around the classes

Reception

We have been very busy in Reception class this month with lots of exciting visitors and learning opportunities.

We all had a fantastic time when Pete the Poet came to visit. We got to dress up and go on a magic carpet ride, it was amazing!



We have been investigating floating and sinking in our class topic of pirates. We all made pirate ships and then tested whether they would float.

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We were all very tired after our multi-sports session with the IG coaches. We played many games and got to practise our teamwork skills.



As part of our focus on winter, we became photographers. We all had the opportunity to use the new iPads **(courtesy of the PSA – thank you)** to take a photo of a winter scene. We then printed our photos and added some extra features like 'frost'. Our photographs are now part of our Winter Scenes Photography Exhibition.





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We loved our visit from Pete the Poet.
We had so much fun dressing up and
being creative with poetry. **YEAR 1**



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In Year 1 we have enjoyed using our weather station to record the weather daily. We have been measuring the temperature using a thermometer, measuring the direction of the wind using our weather vane and we have also been measuring rainfall using our rain gauge.



In History, we had lots of fun exploring and learning about different toys from the past.



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Year 2



On Tuesday January 21st we had a great afternoon with Pete the Poet. We used costumes and props to create our own poem about toys who come to life when a toy shop closes. We all had a brilliant time and were very proud of our finished poem



In history we are learning about Florence Nightingale and about how she changed nursing during the Crimean War. In class, we were very lucky to be joined by three nurses who told us all about their jobs in our modern-day hospitals. We all had our pulse monitored, had our arms put in slings and even saw a plaster cast being put on and taken off.



Last week we had a great multi-sports session with the IG sports coaches. Our favourite tag game of Fishy, Fishy, Sharky, Sharky really tested our running and dodging skills



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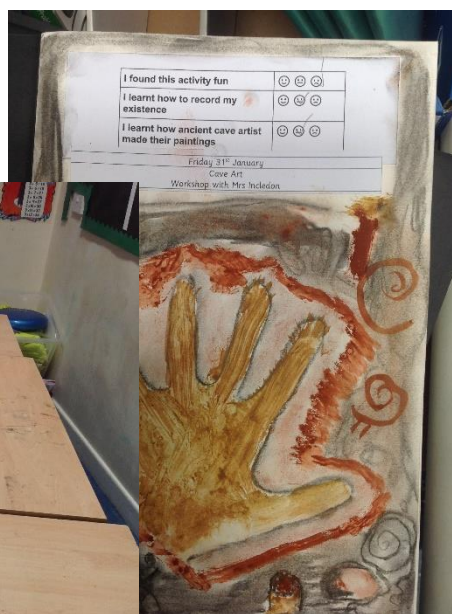
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Year 3

Mrs Incledon came to Year 3 to help us make our very own cave art, just like people from the Stone Age. She told us all about how people recorded their existence long before they had pens and pencils like us.

We used the same natural minerals that people would have used to make paint thousands of years ago, including chalk from Cley Hill, charcoal, and yellow ochre that Mrs Incledon collected and dried herself!

We had a go at drawing around our own hands and experimenting with the materials, then came together to create our own class mural.



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We have been looking at a new book called 'Leon and the Place Between', about a boy who goes to the circus and is transported to a magical world. We listened to music from the circus, watched a video clip of a circus performance, and then created our own circus tents with the performers inside to help us with our setting descriptions.



In History, we have been looking at photos of artefacts from Ancient Egypt to find out about their lifestyle and how they lived. We presented our research to the rest of the class.

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Year 4



In family groups with Mrs Gardiner the children have been planning and making their own marble mazes. The children have created their own point scoring system and then created obstacles to go on their mazes e.g. ramps and tunnels.



Year 4 were visited by an opera singer who taught them about opera. She also introduced them to the opera they will be a part of. Year 4 will be joining with other local schools and Jackdaws to perform 'The Stylist of Somerset', which has been created based on Rossini's opera 'The Barber of Seville'.

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Year 4 have been creating timelines of British history to gain an understanding of the different invaders and settlers of Britain.

Year 5

In Science, Year 5 have been looking at forces. We have been learning how the different forces act around us and what impact they have on our world. We have carried out many investigations such as testing bouancy using tin foil boats and seeing if levers can allow us to lift a mass using less force.

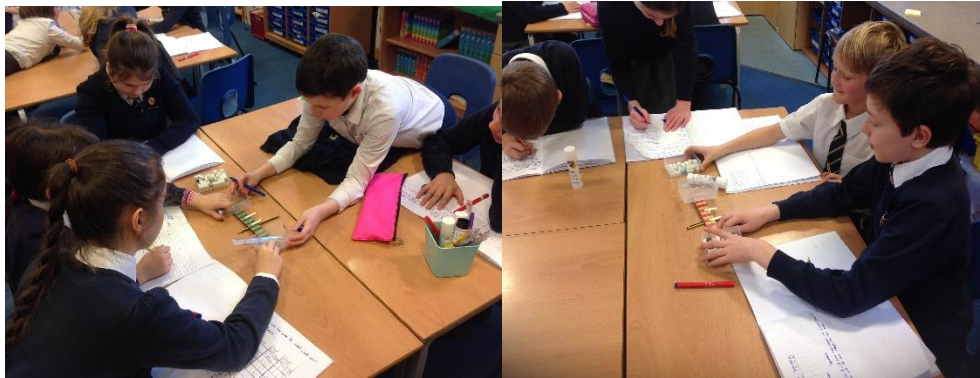


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In RE year 5 have been looking at the structure of our local Church. We were lucky enough to have Father Richard come into school to talk to the children about the structure of the church and how it effects our local church.



Mrs Briggs came into Year 5 to teach the children how to use computing software called 'crumble'. The children loved learning how to create the code and watch as the code on the computer lit up the small sparkle in a variety of colours.

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For the start of our living things and their habitats topic the children took a look around the school grounds to see what living things they could find. We then used our scientific knowledge to classify them.

Year 6

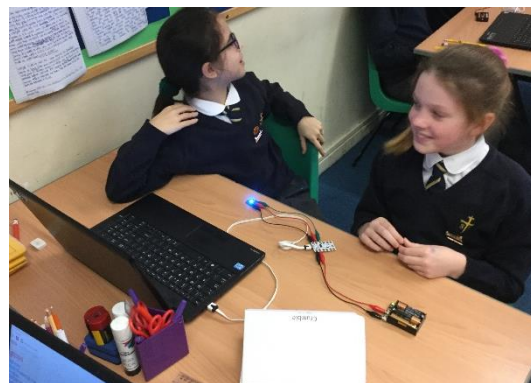
On Wednesday 29th January Year 6 were taught their computing session by Mrs Briggs, who is a computing specialist. Working in pairs, she gave them instructions on how to



set up a computing resource we have at St Louis called Crumble.

They then made predictions of and explored different programs to make an LED light (a sparkle) turn different colours. They then thought of their own algorithm and program for the sparkle to imitate traffic

lights.





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Year 6 have really been enjoying their Crime and Punishment topic this half term, particularly finding out about the punishments for crimes during the Roman period. These were particularly harsh to try to deter people from committing a crime in the first place. They learnt that the Anglo-Saxons had a system called 'weregild', which meant that if you injured someone, you had to pay for the damage! Here they

are finding out how much money had to be paid for different injured body parts.

To start their new writing unit, which involves the book 'The Last Wild' by Piers Torday, Year 6 were shown a school lunch from the future. They were extremely inquisitive, bursting with questions about the unfamiliar sight and predictions about what that future might look like. They are really looking forward to reading more of the book to hopefully find out the answers to their questions and inspire their own stories set in the future.

