



St. George's CEP Newsletter

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'Bringing faith and education together'

Our value this term is KINDNESS

Do not let kindness and truth leave you - Proverb 3:3

As usual the term seems to be flying by! We have reached the end of week 2 but our first full week but feels like we've been back for ages! The children have been working really hard but there have been some odd goings on!

I have been lucky enough to spend time either teaching classes this week or walking around to see what is happening. I have heard some strange responses! "Mrs Rye we've been to Antarctica!" "I've seen a penguin!" called out some excited year 2s. I was then to discover that Year 5 had been to space?! What on earth was going on?



Well, it turns out that some classes across the school have been learning through VR (Virtual Reality) which took them to places that would otherwise be very difficult and expensive to get to! A really fun way to engage children in their learning this term!

Last term we had a focus developing our Geography and Art skills across the school. As a result, we have some great displays based upon these subjects!



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This term our focus is on History and Design Technology! There has already been the sound of Invaders emanating from Year 5, explorers in Year 2 - what History focus do the other classes have? Make sure you ask your children and don't forget that museums are free to visit so would be a good activity on a cold, wet weekend! And don't forget the Science Museum - this would be great for Year 3 as they focus on pneumatics as their DT project this term!



It was very exciting for Year 1 early in the week as Miss Anderson (our newly qualified Forest Schools teacher!) took the children to 'Dragon Wood'. The busy little dragons were tidying, building dens and exploring their own outdoor learning area. Oak Class also went for a visit and investigated inside our reinvented defunct minibus which now provides a sheltered inside area in Dragon Wood.

The children's request for chickens to look after is the next project so watch this space!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It has been confirmed that primary assessments are back.

This means we will be reporting pupil data at the end of the year for Oak Class.

There are Year 4 timed multiplication tables recall tests Monday 6th June for 3 weeks. These will be completed in school online.

And Year 2 and Year 6 SATs return. These are held in May. Year 2 SATS span the month as they are not timed and need to be completed in smaller groups.

The Year 6 SATS week is the week of Monday 9th May.

IT IS VITAL THAT YOUR CHILD IS NOT ABSENT

Keep a look out for parent support meetings and/or materials to help support your child at these times.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Despite challenging times attendance remains a priority. It remains vital that any absence is reported directly to the school office so is recorded accurately. This will help us support families effectively.

There has been a rise in attendance this term already as children return to the classroom from isolation.

I have been impressed by the children who have had to isolate after the festive period. Those feeling well have been completing remote learning and we have been able to support by providing them with laptops. These have been organised through the office team who have done a sterling job as we have to report attendance daily by 11am.

Please help support by calling them regarding any absence between 8.00am and 9.30am on 01732 882401.

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