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OPAL enjoyment at lunchtime

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

The children at St Mary's have had a busy first week to the half term. Although the weather hasn't been quite so favourable, there has still been plenty of opportunity for outdoor fun.

Y2 enjoyed a wet start to their school trip at the Butterfly House but were still able to fully immerse themselves in their learning which will support their science work this half term.

Y5 tickled their taste buds during DT, where they tasted a wide range of vegetables and toppings ready to implement for their cooking of a trench stew later in the term.

Y6 have been getting to grips with their drama skills and have allocated roles for their end of year performance ready for their rehearsals to take place.

During INSET day on Monday, staff at St Mary's put their best DIY skills to the test to make a wide range of new areas for our OPAL provision. This included a festival area, with musical instruments, house structures to enhance role play opportunities, and sofas to enjoy the warmer weather.

On Thursday, parents joined Miss Cave and Miss Wain for a workshop on Mental Health and how to support young people with their Mental Health. There was a good turnout and plenty of resources made available. If you were unable to attend, please see our website for relevant resources and supports.

Best Wishes

Mrs Pearson

Language Progression

Forgiveness

- R Mistake
- 1 Flaws
- 2 Forgive
- 3 Repent
- 4 Accountable
- 5 Expectations
- 6 Indiscretions

Faults, flaws, and mistakes are an unavoidable part of human life. Though Jesus preached the importance of repentance, even in moments of great personal torture, he prayed for forgiveness for his tormentors. Therefore, in our family, we seek to:

- hold ourselves and others accountable for our/their actions;
- have a robust approach to dealing with situations when things go wrong;
- repent when we fall short of our own and others' expectations; and
- forgive others for their indiscretions.

"If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him." (Luke 17:3)

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sports Day - 30.06.25
 Reserve Sports Day - 07.07.25

Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 23.07.25

Reception - Mrs Price

This week in English, we had a problem to solve. Miss Bower visited White Post Farm over the holidays and discovered that all the facts about farm animals had been stolen. She came to ask the children for help because she wanted to learn more about farm animals. We set off on our mission to create a fact file all about them. We started by writing down everything we already knew and then created a list of questions we wanted to answer. We began researching to find the answers to our questions using leaflets, non-fiction texts, and the internet (while, of course, remembering our online safety). In math, we explored doubles. The children have been fantastic and showed a great level of knowledge at the start of the week. To stretch and challenge them, we applied our knowledge to problem-solving and deeper thinking questions. During outdoor learning, we located habitats within our school grounds. We started by learning about habitats and the types of animals we might see. Next week, we will use our checklist to choose a new habitat we want to create and establish in our school grounds to help nature.

Y1 - Miss Bower

Year one have had a lovely first week back, we have been looking at instructions in English, we have been practising using our bossy verbs, we are very good at this. In maths we have continued with fractions, we have been finding a half of an amount and introduced quarters. We have been exploring internet safety in computing this week before we move on to coding next week. The year one children have been enjoying using the outdoor area this week and have found we have grown some strawberries because of this we have been learning about why the strawberries start off green before changing to red. Next week we will be continuing with instructions in English and fractions in Maths.

Y2 - Mrs Turvey

Y2 have ended the week with a fabulous trip to The Tropical Butterfly House to support with their science learning. We had a brilliant time seeing all the animals and playing on the park!

In English we've continued our unit of learning where we have been writing a leaflet all about Egypt. So far, we have written where Egypt is linking our geography knowledge about the equator and another paragraph about what they eat and drink. Next week we'll complete our leaflets and publish them. In Maths we're still persevering with being able to tell the time. Some of us are making great progress and can tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Next week we'll practise this again before moving on to a new unit.

In History we've looked at timelines incorporating the Stone Age, Egyptians and The Greeks.

Y3 - Miss Wain

This week in Year 3 the children have continued their Fractions unit, looking at adding, subtracting and making a whole. In English we did a hook session for our new unit, an informative article about the Battle of Hastings. We created our own frieze frame of the Bayeux Tapestry and then explored a WAGOLL. We discussed the impact of the features used and thought about their importance within the piece. In RE the children designed their own church based on their learning of Christian worship spaces. In Science, we drew the life cycle of a non-flowering plant and thought about how this differed from a flowering plant. In P4C we explored the difference between relational conflict and bullying. In History, we looked at the Battle of Hastings and a range of primary and secondary sources. Year 3 are very excited about our topic and can't wait to find out more!



Y1 - Enjoying their outdoor area



Y2 - Enjoying their outdoor area



Y1 - Enjoying their outdoor area

Y4 - Miss Cave

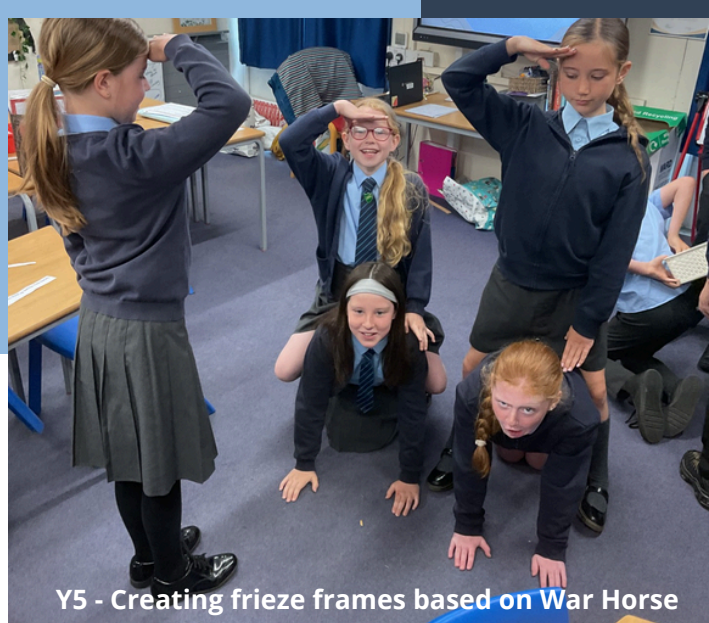
It's been a busy first week back for Y4. The children have committed themselves to revising their times tables in preparation for their multiplication check next week. In English, they have started their unit based on writing their own adventure story in a Tudor style. The children have looked at the features of an adventure narrative and have analysed an example of a story. They were able to pick out examples of fronted adverbials, dialogue and expanded noun phrases to describe the character and setting. In Science, the children have been exploring tooth decay and how this happens. We have started an experiment using egg shells where we have placed them into a range of different liquids – fizzy pop, toothpaste, vinegar and tea. We will monitor these egg shells to help us understand how certain liquids can cause tooth decay. In Music, we are going to learning more notes on our recorders to be able to perform our own compositions later in the term.



Y3 - Creating frieze frames from the Bayeux Tapestry

Year 5 - Mrs Pearson/Mrs Marshall

In Year 5 this week, they have started their new unit in English looking at the questions 'Should animals be used in war?' and creating a balanced argument looking at both for and against. The children explored this through a hook session, where they created a conscience ally to share their initial reasons for or against. In Maths, they have started their statistics unit and have looked at line graphs, tables and two-way tables. In Science, they have started their unit on Animals, including Humans, where they have looked at the human growth cycle. In Computing, Y5 are preparing for their new unit - game creator - in their skills practise session. In Geography, they have recapped their knowledge on longitude and latitude using balloons to further their knowledge. In DT, the class have taste tested items to prepare them for making 'trench stew'.



Y5 - Creating frieze frames based on War Horse

Y6 - Miss Smith

Year 6 have had a lovely week completing lots of writing. As part of their final outcome, they have planned their own mysterious story with a focus on dialogue. They have worked extremely hard on this and will finish it next week. In Computing, they have finished their blogs and evaluated their partner's work. In PE, they have completed their final bleep tests. All of the children are so excited to begin practising their end of year play!



Y2 - Enjoying their visit to the Butterfly House