

St Mary's NEWSLETTER

We choose courage over comfort because we know that 'the Lord our God is with us'.

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Y6 - Our Winning Handball Team 3.10.24



We are called to create an environment where both children and staff aspire to be, and give, their best. Everyone is emboldened to take risks, overcome challenges and be courageous in their efforts to achieve their potential. Leaders make bold curriculum choices that enable children to:

- gain knowledge, skills and experiences to navigate life in an evolving world; and
- develop characteristics such as self-belief, ambition, and resilience to overcome life's challenges.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you." (Joshua 1:9)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Communication Survey: Following our parent survey, we have opened a survey around communication. I urge you to contribute to this so that we can fully understand how school/parent communication is currently working, or not.

EYFS TA: I am pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Murfitt as our permanent Teaching Assistant for EYFS. She will commence her role after the half-term, with Miss Caress ensuring a smooth transition. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Miss Caress for her invaluable support during this interim period.

Outdoor Learning: Our commitment to holistic education continues to flourish, exemplified by our Reception class's engagement in outdoor learning activities, including the practical skill of fire-building. Such experiences foster resilience, problem-solving, and a connection with nature.

Sports: This week our Year 6 handball team demonstrated exceptional skill and determination, clinching victory in their tournament on goal difference. This achievement embodies our ethos of #courageovercomfort! Congratulations on your outstanding performance Y6!

A Plea: We have been made aware of unkind comments circulating on class WhatsApp groups regarding our staff. I urge our parent community to refrain from this. Our dedicated staff work tirelessly for the benefit of your children, and they deserve respect and support. If you have any worries or questions, please speak directly to the member of staff concerned to resolve these in the first instance.

Let us continue to work together to create a positive and nurturing environment for our pupils.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes

Miss Robinson

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Harvest Festival @ Church - 10.10.24

Colour Run #CourageOver Comfort - 15.10.24

Whole School Flu Nasal Spray - 18.10.24

Y6 Trip to Bletchley Park - 6.11.24

Y4 Trip to Trent Lock - 7.11.24

Individual Photographs - 8.11.24

Y3 Trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park - 13.11.24

KS1 Athletics Competition - 14.11.24

Y2 Trip to 'The Deep' - 20.11.24

Y3/4 Athletics - 21.11.24

EYFS Nativity - 10.12.24 2pm & 5pm

KS1 Nativity - 16.12.24 2pm & 5pm



YR - Building fires to cook popcorn in outdoor learning 3.10.24

Class Updates

Reception - Mrs Price

In English, we have been helping the Owl Babies find their mummy. We wrote and sent a letter to Mummy Owl asking her to return to Sarah, Percy, and Bill. The next day, we had a very special surprise when Mummy Owl visited Reception and left some clues! As a class, we investigated the clues using magnifying glasses. We found feathers, sticks, and bird food. In Maths, we started to explore height and length. The children used a range of objects to compare height and length. They worked extremely hard within their independent provision time to continue their learning. During outdoor learning this week, we went on a leaf hunt, identifying the types of leaves and then making prints to create our class tree. We then went on a walk looking for signs of autumn. At the end of the session, we were very excited to make a fire and cook our snack! The children enjoyed collecting sticks to make the fire, but most importantly, they enjoyed eating the popcorn!

Y1 - Miss Bower

Year one this week have started their narrative work in English, we have been reordering the story, thinking of an alternative character and starting to make a class plan for our story! Next week we will be making our own plans ready to start our writing. In Maths we have been comparing numbers using vocabulary such as 'more than', 'less than' and 'equal to' as a way of comparing these numbers. The class enjoyed using the dice and lolly sticks to practice this in pairs! Next week we will be starting look at addition and subtraction. In topic this week we finished our family trees using the photos of our own families, explored tempo in Music and started to learn about algorithms in Computing. We know that an algorithm is simple instructions for the computer to follow. Next week we will be completing an experiment in Science are we very excited!

Y2 - Mrs Turvey

Y2 have been busy this week! In English we've completed our instructions that we've written for Y1. We've included a title, numbers, time connectives and adjectives to help them make a picnic. In Maths we've been comparing numbers using the greater than, less than and equal to symbols. We're superstars at it and had to be given some tricky calculations! Within the provision we've had some super sewing, lots of art linked to dinosaurs, cave paintings that have been created using sticks linked to the Stone Age, Stone Age villages within small world, with fires, caves, rivers, and weapons to hunt with and zoos! In history we've looked more at the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic periods. Next week we'll look more into these and the Neolithic period. In PE we've been focusing on handball we've been throwing, catching, and learning how to find space within a game. In science we've been looking at the different food groups and sorting foods, we've looked at what makes a healthy meal.

Y3 - Miss Wain

This week the children have begun to study addition and subtraction. In English, the children have begun their new piece of writing, a character description. In RE, we looked at the meaning of the Good Samaritan story and how this influences the lives of Christians. In DT we began to build our catapult model and will continue this next week. In Geography, we started creating our maps to Lammas. In Music, we have been looking at the timbre of instruments and have started to compose our own piece based on our focus piece of music which uses steel pan drums. In Computing, the children had another go at creating their flow chart with great success! Next week we will be adding in a timer to their flowcharts and looking at Australia in Geography. We will be completing our DT and moving on to evaluate this

Y4 - Miss Cave

Year 4 have had a super week this week! They have been writing their narrative flashbacks and have been experimenting using both present and past tense alongside a range of expanded noun phrases! In Maths, they have been learning how to round to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 using place value grids and number lines for support. They also have been thinking about Roman Numerals! In DT, they have started to put our designs into action and have borrowed Year 1's woodworking bench to start making their pulley devices. They have used a range of tools to create tricky joins and even had a go using an electric drill! Their work on safety has really paid off! In Science, we have created our own water cycles and clouds using a bowl, hot water, ice and cling film.

Y5 - Mr Terry

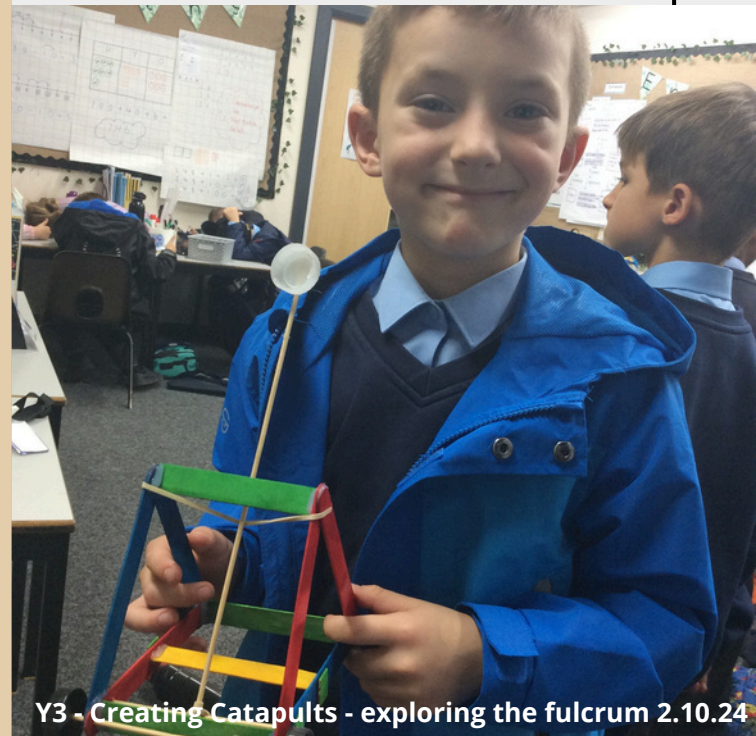
Year 5 have published some beautiful writing this week, having written a stunning setting description from our text, The Viewer. As a hook into the next text genre, we took part in an immersive experience. Sat in the dark with eerie music and storytelling at its finest, the children fully immersed themselves in the shoes of our main character who is sucked into a mystery contraption.... Maths has seen the end to our unit on Place Value, where rounding to various powers of 10 has been our latest focus. Next week we dip our toes into addition and subtraction and formal written methods of calculation. We continue to have very exciting Science lessons too, creating some fantastic investigation data around the movement of the sun, which we represented graphically. The class continue to work very hard and as we come to the end of another week, they should be very proud of their efforts.

Y6 - Miss Smith

Year 6 have done so many wonderful things this week. In English, they have started their persuasive leaflets by analysing an exemplification piece before practicing their persuasive features. As a hook to this unit of writing, they started by planting cress and designing their own dig for victory leaflets. In maths, they have been learning about common factors and multiples. In RE, they have learnt about a section of proverbs and have considered how and why forgiveness can be difficult but also right. In computing, they have learnt how to create functions using variables to create their own turtle game. In Geography, they have used their orienteering maps with the Y5s to find OS symbols around the school grounds. Some of the Y6s have been to a handball competition this week and have won! Next week, everyone will be writing their own persuasive leaflets and making their own two course meals in DT.



Y2's Stone Age Village - 3.10.24



Y3 - Creating Catapults - exploring the fulcrum 2.10.24

Please help us to pray...

Dear Lord,

Help us to demonstrate kindness everywhere we go. Remind us to share smiles, share friendship, and spread kindness today and always.

Amen

