

St Mary's NEWSLETTER

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

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Y4 - creating storyboards 24.9.24

Dear Parents and Carers,

Colour Run: I am pleased to announce that we have rescheduled the Colour Run for 15th October 2024. We look forward to your participation on the new date.

Safety Measures - Traveller's Path: On a positive note, I am delighted to report that the council has agreed to install a safety barrier along the Traveller's Path. This measure will significantly enhance the safety of our pupils by preventing them from inadvertently running onto the road. We have also raised that a school crossing patrol is really needed. Councillor Hollis has been assisting us and has said that if we have anyone willing to fulfil the role, then we may have a stronger case. If anyone would be interested, please do get in touch via the school office.

Sporting Achievement: It gives me great pleasure to celebrate our school's recent triumph in the cross-country competition. Our Y3/4 pupils demonstrated remarkable determination and skill, achieving 1st Place! #CourageOverComfort

Outdoor Learning: Additionally this week, our Year 1 and 2 pupils have been engaging in enriching outdoor learning experiences, fostering a connection with nature and enhancing their educational journey.

Parent Survey: Please do share your thoughts via our parent survey which will be open until 11.59pm on Sunday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes

Miss Robinson



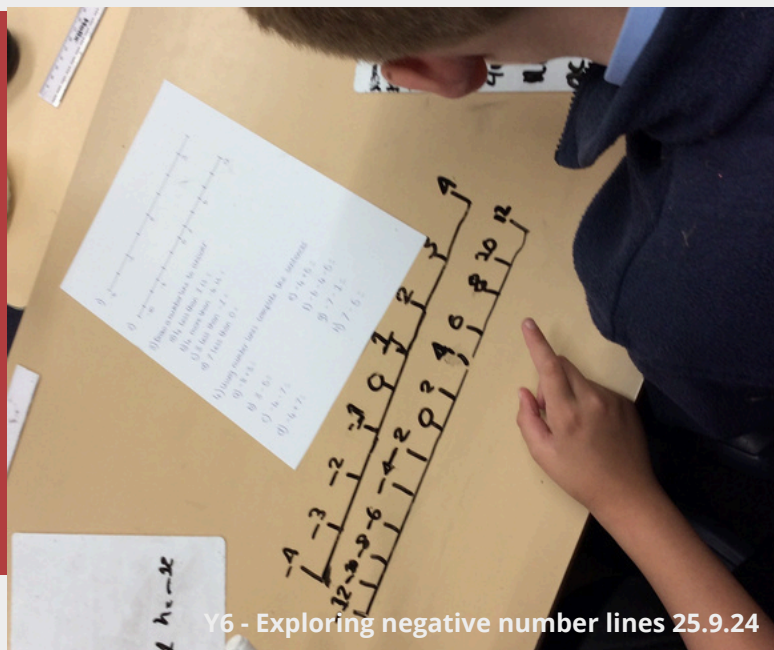
We are called to create an environment where both children and staff aspire to be, and give, their best. Everyone is emboldened to take risks, overcome challenges and be courageous in their efforts to achieve their potential. Leaders make bold curriculum choices that enable children to:

- 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)

Upcoming Diary Dates:

- YR Outdoor Learning Day - 3.10.24
- Y5/6 Handball Competition - 3.10.24
- 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



Y6 - Exploring negative number lines 25.9.24

Class Updates

Reception - Mrs Price

In English, we started reading the story of "Owl Babies." We explored the first couple of pages and used freeze-frames to examine how Sarah, Percy, and Bill might be feeling. We worked in groups to predict what we think might happen next in the story. In Maths, we have been learning some new vocabulary such as matching, sorting, and pairing. We also read the stories "Simon's Socks" and "The Button Box." During topic this week, we continued to explore primary colours and looked at how we can mix colours together to create a new. In outdoor learning, we read the book "Woodland Dream" to help us find out about the different types of animals that live in the woodland. We then went on a hunt looking for natural materials to make leaf animals.

Y1 - Miss Bower

Another great week for year one this week, in English we have been writing our recounts of our school trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park, we have been practicing using first person and past tense to help us. In Maths we have been starting to explore more than, less than and equal to, to compare numbers and amounts. The children enjoyed having a teddy bears picnic and comparing the amounts each teddy had. We had our outdoor learning this week where we learnt about the different seasons, different types of leaves and the green man. We then made our own green man out of clay and leaves and stuck this on to the different trees. Next week in English we will be starting to retell the story of "Gorilla" we will be doing this over a period of three weeks but we are very excited to get started! In Maths we will be continuing to look at place value and counting to 100. We are looking forward to another exciting week

Y2 - Mrs Turvey

What an exciting week Y2 have had! We started the week by recapping our history knowledge from Y1 and looking at the vocabulary of past, present and future. We'd remembered this well and had examples of going to nursery being in the past and going on holiday and thinking that in the future some of us would get married or move to live in America! We then started our new topic by introducing the Stone Age, briefly looking at the three periods and locating on a timeline. We then went to Cresswell Crags where we enjoyed listening to stories in a cave, having a go at Stone Age art, making dens and hunting animals! At the end of the week, we enjoyed outdoor learning where we created our own fires! It was exciting! We also made arrowheads for spears and pots from clay to collect water from the river to drink! We're looking forward to learning more about this period next week. In Maths we've been looking at placing numbers on a number line and finding missing numbers. In RE we've been looking at the story of the Lost Son and creating pieces of art to show how it makes us feel.

Y3 - Miss Wain

This week the children have completed their Wanted Leaflets and an independent write. Next week we will be moving on to planning and writing a character description with the help from a special visitor! In Maths, we have continued working on place value and have been estimating numbers on a number line, comparing numbers and ordering numbers to 1000. In Computing, the children began their coding unit and designed their own flowchart to begin to create their own programme. In Geography, we looked at 4-figure grid references and how we can locate these on a map. The children found this a little tricky but persevered! In RE, we read the gospel of the Good Samaritan and in DT we finished planning our catapults to make next week. In Music, we thought about the timbre of the percussion family, building on our learning from last week and mind mapped adjectives to describe this.

Y4 - Miss Cave

Year 4 have been superstars this week. In English, we have started to think about writing a narrative flashback based on our class novel The Whale. We created our own story boards based on what we thought the rest of the book was about. Then, we analysed an example of a flashback to find all the different features. One such feature was to use both present and past tense in one piece of writing. So we have been practising how to use both tenses consistently. In DT, we are a step closer to making our pulleys. We have finished the design stage and have been thinking about our safety options and how we plan to keep safe throughout the implementation stage. In PE, we have been working on our passing and shooting skills in mini team games. This has also tested our abilities to work effectively as a team and communicate positively!

Y5 - Mr Terry

We're really getting into the swing of things now in Year 5, such a busy week! Our first English unit of writing has been published this week and I've been blown away by the creativity and imagination of the class. They used our text beautifully to write their own setting descriptions, the vocabulary in which has been nothing less than fantastic. In other areas of the curriculum, Computing has proven a challenge for us all, as we continue our unit on Coding. This week the class were writing their own code to simulate physical systems, meaning they were recreating a traffic light simulation. The stages to the algorithm were very complex and the perseverance in class was commendable. Within our Music lessons we have been focussing on specific vocabulary, particularly around tempo and duration. This week we have started to compose our own music & the children are using their terminology studied to alter the piece how they wish. Finally, and possibly most important in Y5 at the moment, is the arrival of Perry, our class turtle! The children are beyond smitten & he is very much enjoying the attention too! All our families are welcome to pop in and say hi to him!

Y6 - Miss Smith

Year 6 have had another wonderful week full of learning! In English, they have published their diary entries and produced an independent piece of writing which was beautiful. In maths, they have moved onto a topic of addition and subtraction. They have found this quite tricky and have been using concrete resources to support their learning. Additionally, they have done about negative number lines practically which they did fantastically at! In RE, they have considered how being loving could impact the world today. In geography they have continued to create their orienteering maps for Y5 to use next week. In DT, they have designed their own two course meal which they will start to make over the next couple of weeks. In PE, they have been learning about special awareness to promote effective moment. Next week, they will begin a new piece of writing which is all going to be about persuading people to evacuate during the war.



Y1 - enjoying outdoor learning 26.9.24



Y2 - Enjoying making fires in outdoor learning 26.9.24

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

