

# St Mary's NEWSLETTER

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

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Y5 - experiencing miracles in Collective Worship 16.9.24



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/Carers

We've had another fabulous week with Outdoor Learning in Y3/4, and exciting preparations for our Colour Run next week!

## Colour Run

Don't forget that you are invited to our Colour Run on Monday! The timings are as follows:

	Parents should arrive:	Run starts at:
Foundation, Y1 & Y2	1.45pm	2.00pm
Y3 & Y4	2.15pm	2.30pm
Y5 & Y6	2.45pm	3.00pm

Please don't come earlier than your time as organising this has become a military operation! Bring plenty of change to buy extra paint, ice cream, or donate to our change buckets!

Children whose parents have ordered packs will bring their t-shirts and sunglasses home on Friday. Please send them to school in them on Monday! We're so excited for this event - keep everything crossed for good weather!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

**Best Wishes,  
Miss Robinson**

## Upcoming Diary Dates:

- Colour Run **#CourageOver Comfort** - 23.9.24
- Parent Participation Meeting - 23.9.24 9.30am
- Y3/4 Cross Country Event - 24.9.24
- Y2 Trip to Creswell Crags - 25.9.24
- Y1/2 Outdoor Learning Day - 26.9.24
- Y5 Trip to Southwell Workhouse - 1.10.24
- YR Outdoor Learning Day - 3.10.24
- Y5/6 Handball Competition - 3.10.24
- Harvest Festival @ Church - 10.10.24



Y4 - Making SNAP with Spanish and English translations

# Class Updates

## Reception - Mrs Price

This week in Foundation has been amazing. The children have started to settle in and become familiar with their routine. We enjoyed our first Welly Wednesday and explored our outdoor space. We used our senses of sight, touch, and hearing to explore the woodland area. In maths, we have been exploring the concepts of "same" and "different," and identifying the odd one out. We have also been subitising and recognising numbers on the number fans. During topic time this week, we continued to practice the painting sequence to allow us to use it more independently during child led learning time.

## Y1 - Miss Bower

Year one have had a lovely week. We have started to make a plan for our recounts in English, we made a check list of all the things we need to include. We decided we needed to have a title, time words, first person and adjectives in our writing. In maths we have been finding one more and one less than a number and we have been completing number tracks with missing numbers! In topic this week we have been continuing to explore our family trees in history. We were starting to look at different types of lines in art and we have been looking different animals in science! We have also been learning about different types of pitch in music, we know how to use a high pitch and a low pitch. In PE we have been practising our throwing and catching skills and exploring different dance steps. Next week in English we will be using our plans from this week to write our recount and in Maths we will continue to develop our understanding of numbers.

## Y2 - Mrs Turvey

Y2 have had another busy week! We've completed our character descriptions about Little Red using a range of adjectives and exclamation sentences. We've then read these to practise our reading, speaking and listening. We did a super job and we're looking forward to showing you our descriptive writing! We've now started to write instructions for creating our picnic. In Maths we've continued to look at place value, building number using base 10 and finding missing numbers and the whole using part part whole models to help us. In music we've been recapping our Y1 knowledge, and we've listened to different music to look at the pitch, duration, and texture. We used actions to help us remember these. Next week we are looking forward to beginning our history unit on the Stone Age, going on our trip and having our outdoor learning day.

## Y3 - Miss Wain

This week the children have continued looking at place value and adding 1, 10 and 100 to a number. In English, we have finished our 'Wanted' leaflet and are going to be recording it! We have had our first outdoor learning session this week and the children had lots of fun! They learnt N, E, S and W on a compass and how to use 4-figure co-ordinated to navigate their way on a map. In Geography we learnt about OS symbols and did a scavenger hunt to find them around school. In Music, we looked at different pitch and how we can see this on a staff. In Science, we looked at magnets and how the North and South poles attract and repel. Next week we will begin to write a character description and explore air resistance.

## Y4 - Miss Cave

Year 4 have had another busy week this week. They have been thinking about months of the year in Spanish and tested their knowledge by challenging their partners to a game of snap! They had to match the English months of the year to the Spanish months of the year. The children really loved this! In History, they have been learning about King John and his reign leading up to the Magna Carta. The children created timelines of the events leading up to the signing. Next week, they will analyse some historical sources to determine what kind of king that King John was. In English, the children have been writing a newspaper report about a very rare whale sighting. They have been using lots of journalistic language and trying their best to be super reporters!

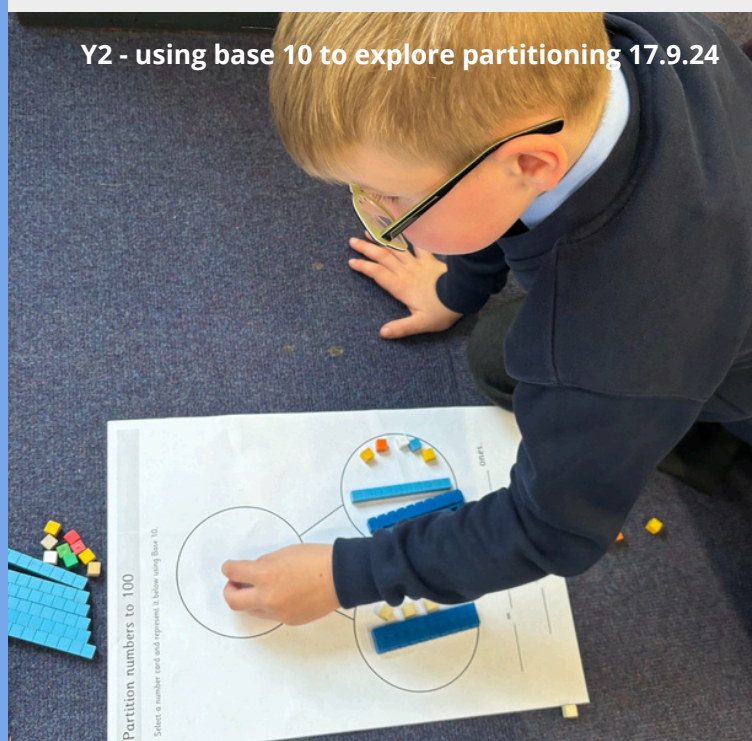
## Y5 - Mr Terry

It's been another busy week in Year 5 with lots happening in the classroom. We have continued our unit in the 'Breakfast Cafe' in Spanish, learning not only key vocabulary of breakfast items, but how to ask for what we would like too - be sure to test your children! Maths has continued with Place Value with a particular focus on the value of each digit in numbers with up to 6 digits, in both numeric and written form. We have started planning our setting description in English based around our current text, The Viewer, which the children have had beautifully poetic ideas. I for one am very excited to see what they create in our following lessons! The class have also had a very successful week in PE, where they are currently learning the skills required for handball. They remembered all of our Coach's teaching from last week brilliantly and are honing their skills well as the weeks progress. Mr Gibbons was very impressed! On a final note, the class thoroughly enjoyed our Collective Worship this week where we discussed miracles. We focused closely on our feelings as we walked around the site barefoot, exploring how this made us feel. We even tried walking on water - but we just got soggy feet!

## Y6 - Miss Smith

Year 6 have had yet another wonderful week of learning. In English, they have almost completed their diary extract inspired by being in the underground during an air raid. In Maths, they have been working hard to compare and order numbers in ascending and descending order. In RE, they have considered what our key vocabulary could mean and how it could be represented through pictures. In science, they have learnt about the different classified groups of vertebrates and have sorted a selection of animals into a spider-web. In Computing, they have begun to create their own coding game which needed to include an 'If/else' statement, 'when clicked' command and a timer. In Geography, they have started to plan their orienteering activity for year 5 and need to write their directions next week. Next week, they are going to begin their hook activities and analysis lessons to write a persuasive piece of writing about the 'Dig for Victory' campaign.

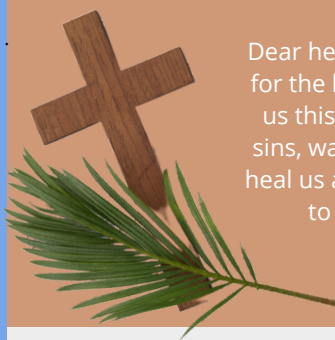
Y2 - using base 10 to explore partitioning 17.9.24



YR - Enjoying outdoor learning 18.9.24



Please help us to pray...



Dear heavenly father, praise you for the blessings you have given us this day. Please forgive our sins, watch over and protect us, heal us and keep us safe, help us to grow closer to you.

Amen