

12th February 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians,

It's unbelievable to think we have come to the end of this half term. It has been such a busy and productive time for all. We say this every week but it has to be said once again as we reflect on all that has been achieved in school and at home during remote learning that we are very proud of all of our children. The work in school and the work produced online is testament to everyone's commitment to learning. A huge thank you to the children who come into school each day and those online who attend every session with enthusiasm and a big smile on their faces! We extend our thanks to you as parents and to your extended families who are working in partnership with us to ensure the very best for all of our children.

This week we celebrated Safer Internet Day. All the children thought about ways to stay safe online, a really important message we all must remember in these times where technology is so useful to keep us connected to our loved ones.

Just a reminder, that should you need to report a positive Covid test result for any pupil who has attended school this week please report using the following email address - covidpositive@stbedes.npcat.org.uk

As we approach half term, we ask you to take care, look after yourselves and stay safe.

We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers and wish you all a relaxing break.

Best wishes, Mrs Brown, Mrs Bennett and Miss Ellis.



Our Faith Space.

On Thursday, we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, some of our children joined in virtual mass and some created their own rosary beads. On this day, we recall the apparitions of Mother Mary made to St. Bernadette in a small town in France.

Next week, Lent begins. This solemn and sacred season of 40 days mirrors the time Jesus spent in the desert before beginning his ministry. The season of Lent is a time for us to refocus on Jesus and grow closer to him and our global community through prayer, fasting and giving. What will you do this Lent to fulfil God's hopes for you?

To journey with Jesus in his mission, our school is supporting CAFOD's Walk for Water campaign throughout Lent. More information about this can be found on the letter sent today and at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water>.

We pray that you and your loved ones have a safe and restful half term and we look forward to being reunited again soon.

Upcoming feasts: Ash Wednesday - 17th; 1st Sunday of Lent - 21st; St. Peter's Chair - 22nd

Message from Canon Derek

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

On Thursday we welcomed Children in Years 5 and 6 and their families as they shared our parish Mass for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes on YouTube. Children in their classrooms shared in the Mass on their whiteboards and children home schooling shared in the Mass on their televisions, tablets, computers, or mobile phones with their parents and carers. Thank you to everyone who joined in and I look forward to sharing Mass this way with other classes soon.

To remind us of the Feast Day you might like to pray this prayer:

*Holy Mary, mother fair,
Filled with love for God,
Pray for us in all our needs.
Pray for us today. Amen*



You can join in our Parish Mass on Sundays at 9.30 am via our YouTube channel: 'Blessed Nicholas Postgate, Redcar and Marske' and you might like to know that we broadcast Mass every weekday at the same time except on Wednesdays when we have Mass at 7.00 pm in the evening.

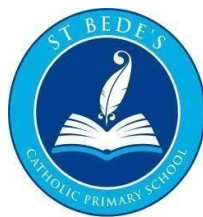
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Nursery

We have enjoyed sharing the story *Geronimo* written by David Walliams. Children then discussed their own hopes and dreams. It was lovely to discover what they are hoping and dreaming for!

Whilst continuing our learning about the Polar Regions, we have explored the life cycle of a penguin through poetry. We wonder which was your favourite poem?

As part of our geography learning, we have focused on China and Chinese New Year. We discussed how Chinese New Year celebrations are similar and different to New Year celebrations in the UK.

Children have been curious and asked many questions about patterns made by our footprints and the effect on snow of colour mixing with powder paints. Children have observed what happens to ice and icicles at different times of the day.

Thank you for your continued support and efforts. Have a wonderful half term.



Stay safe,
Mrs Gribbon and the
Early Years Team.



Reception

Reception have had another great week and have enjoyed our story '*Geronimo*' by David Walliams. In the story, Geronimo dreams of being able to fly. We compared our hopes and dreams to those of Geronimo. Some examples were to be a police officer; perform as a musician and to dance on Britain's Got Talent!

In maths, we have focused on time and measure this week. The children have compared different lengths, measured objects using cubes and paper clips and ordered the days of the week.

As part of geography, we have celebrated Chinese New Year as a class. We have compared similarities and differences between these celebrations and our own experiences. The children have written numbers to 10 in Mandarin - using paint and other mark making materials.

We have explored ice and snow as part of our learning about the Polar Regions!

I hope you all have a well-deserved break over half term. Thank you, children and parents, for all your hard work and continued support. Take care.



Miss Brown and the
Early Years Team.



Year One

Wow, what a wonderful week we have had in Year 1! This week in maths, we have found related facts using a set of three numbers. The children have challenged themselves to compare numbers and calculations using the greater than and less than symbols. In English, we have focused on Nick Buttworth's story *After the Storm* with Percy the Parkkeeper. We sequenced the story and thought of fantastic adjectives to describe the setting. We also identified speech in the story and wrote our own speech for the characters. As artists, we learned how to draw Percy the Parkkeeper. You can see how well we did! We also learned about how colours can show how we feel.

We created self-portraits and thought carefully about what colours we would use to show how we feel. In science, we continued to learn about animals who hibernate in the winter; we agreed that many would rather be asleep than out in the cold weather at the moment! On a personal note, can I just thank you all for your warm welcome and support this half term, I certainly feel part of the family of St Bede's.

Have a lovely break.
Stay safe.
Miss Ellis
and the Year 1 team.



Year Two

We are at the end of a very different, but very busy half term. Throughout this week, we have been reading the novel written by Roald Dahl – '*The Magic Finger*.' We have identified words and phrases that build suspense and have an impact on the engagement of the reader. As part of our PE learning, we have developed even more fitness challenges. We have even had our very own fitness video created and shared by one of the children. Together we have developed quiz questions to re-visit our knowledge and understanding of learning that has taken place across the curriculum this half-term. In RE, we have learnt about the Jewish celebration of Shabbat and have made our own spice boxes.

As today is Chinese New Year, we have learnt about this special festival and have created our own Chinese Dragons in art.

Thank you for all of your hard work and have a good rest.
Mr Gunn and the Year 2 team.



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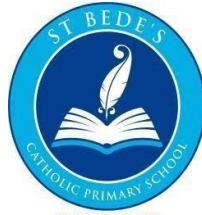
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Year Three

In English, we have come to the end of our learning through our class novel, *'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.'* The children have reflected on their favourite parts of the story to design their own book covers, giving explanations for their choices. We have also retrieved facts about the author of our class novel, C.S. Lewis. In maths, we have explored what a unit fraction is and applied this knowledge to solve questions regarding simple and equivalent fractions.

Within RE, we have continued our topic of 'Listening and Sharing.' The children have written their own thoughtful versions of The Gloria and described the Liturgy of the Word in Mass.

In geography this week, we investigated the advantages and disadvantages of living near a volcano. The children have used this knowledge to create an informative leaflet to explain the benefits and problems of living in or near a volcanic landscape.

Thank you for all your hard work and resilience this half term
Year 3!

Have a lovely half term everyone.
Miss Stainthorpe and the Year 3 Team



Year 4

What another hard-working week in Year 4.

In English, children have been applying key reading skills, including retrieving information; inferring meaning and providing explanations to a variety of texts across the curriculum. We have continued reading *101 Dalmatians* and have written a playscript using Chapter 13 of our book. We have thought carefully about the features of a playscript and how it should be presented to the reader.

Learning activities in maths have focused on exploring the role of the numerator and denominator in fractions. We also deepened our learning of 'area' and have answered problem-solving questions.

In RE, we have learnt about the Penitential Act. We have also explored the Our Father prayer and how we can live this out in our lives. As part of our science this week we have been identifying different groups of vertebrates - mammals, fish, reptiles, amphibians and birds.

Have a lovely half term.

We wish you all the best.

Year 4 team.



Year Five

Well done Year 5 on all your hard work this week.

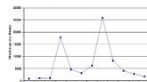
In our maths lessons, we have moved on to looking at statistics. We have interpreted several different ways of presenting data and have solved problems from NRICH and Picture Maths.

For our English, the children made predictions as to what might happen at the end of *'Favela Street Kid'* and then wrote their own alternative ending, using a combination of action, description and dialogue.

This week in RE, as part of our Memorial Sacrifice topic, we have analysed paintings of the Last Supper by El Greco and Leonardo da Vinci, linking them to Luke's Gospel, and discussed why the consecration of the Host is such an important part of Mass.

In geography this week, we compared rich and poor areas in Brazil. We examined the factors that make people want to move away from rural areas to the urban towns and cities. Our science lesson this week saw the children acting as CSI investigators, deciding whether the evidence supported or refuted a criminal's guilt!

Stay safe everyone
Year 5 Team



Year Six

It has been a fantastic week in Year 6. We have loved seeing all of you either in class or in the online classroom.

This week we have had the opportunity to attend Mass with Father Derek. Although this was slightly different to usual and through an online stream, it was lovely to see children participating and showing such reverence.

In Maths, we have been working with percentages; understanding what percentage means; finding equivalent fractions and decimals; and solving problems by finding fractions of amounts.' We have linked geography and English through our class novel *'A Long Walk to Water'* to apply inference skills by exploring characters' emotions and using this to plan a diary entry from a character's point of view. Also, in geography, we have researched the key features of a river before applying our knowledge to the River Tees. The Great Plague has been our subject of exploration in History focusing on the events to stop the spread of the outbreak in a small Derbyshire village – Eyam.

Children have been astounded at how the vaccine for smallpox was discovered and we discussed the ethics of testing on a child!

Take care and stay safe!

Mrs Bennett, Miss Walker, Mrs Winn



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