

ST BEDE'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents / Guardians,

22nd January 2021

I know we begin each week by saying how proud we are of the pupils but it has to be stated that time and time again we are completely amazed by the work that has been produced. Whether at home or in school, the pupils have continued to show their resilience, enthusiasm and love of learning. Pupils in school have engaged in quality lessons as have the pupils working remotely at home. Pupils have been challenged, questioned and shown motivation to complete all tasks. Again, whether at home or in school they have continued to be a delight – showing maturity as well as displaying impeccable manners at all times. The outcome and quality of work completed is something we should all be very proud of and showcases a continued wide, varied and engaging curriculum. All of this highlights what we really are – a family. The family of St Bede's who work together to strive to be the very best we can be – no matter what challenges we face. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you as parents for all your continued support, good wishes and messages of thanks. Our thanks go to you also for the crucial role you play in supporting your children. We know many of you have had to quickly upgrade your own IT skills in relation to remote learning and this hasn't been easy due to the many other challenges you face as a family.

Please do take time to read this newsletter in order to find out what happens each and every day in our wonderful school.

Best wishes,

Mrs Brown, Mrs Bennett & Miss Ellis



Faith Space

In our liturgy this week, we listened to the Gospel story of Jesus calling his disciples for a special reason, a mission. We have been thinking about how God calls each of us for a particular job that he has for us. We heard that Jesus called Simon and changed his name to Peter meaning rock. We reflected on the names given to us, how they are all special and how God calls each of us by name to join us in his mission to spread the Good News of His love and mercy for all. In what way have you been called to do this?

This weekend we celebrate The Sunday of The Word of God, a day to be devoted to the celebration, study and spreading of God's Word. On Monday we will share our virtual liturgy with children in school and at home. As part of this liturgy, there will be a blessing of Bibles. If you can, locate a Bible at home ready for the blessing during our liturgy.

Upcoming feasts: Sunday of the Word of God – 24th January; Presentation of Jesus in the Temple – 2nd February.

Nursery

Hello Nursery!

Well what a lovely week. It was so nice to see you all on our live meet, it was great to see your smiling faces. We hope you have enjoyed your home learning this week, especially the videos!

It has been lovely to see you investigating our big question... "Do

Polar Bears and Penguins live in the same place?" and to hear that you were surprised about your findings. What great engagement with our rhyming and maths activities also. We hope you enjoyed our beautiful story "A Dot in the Snow," - can you retell it to an adult?

Thank you for your continued support and efforts at home in such challenging times, you are all doing a fantastic job.

Stay safe, Lots of love
Mrs Gribbon and the Early Years Team.



Reception

Reception have had another fantastic week. We have introduced our big question 'Do Polar Bears and Penguins live in the same place?' The children have explored this question by using Google Earth to discover where polar bears live and what it is like to live there. We have also shared the story 'A Dot in the Snow' by Corrine Averiss to help us explore our big question.

The children have been working hard on their poetry writing to express their thoughts and feelings about the winter season. In maths, the learning focus has been weight and capacity. Many have enjoyed doing their own experiments using scales to discover which household items weigh the heaviest and the lightest.

It has been wonderful to be with so many of the children virtually this week through our live welcomes and drop in sessions. I look forward to seeing you again next week.



Stay safe and take care.
Miss Brown
and the Early Years Team.



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Year One

It has been another busy week in Year 1 with the children working hard both in school and at home. In maths this week, we have been counting in intervals of 2s, 5s and 10s using patterns and arrays. The children are becoming much more confident. In English, we have been working on our speaking and listening skills by presenting our writing to an audience. The children became weather reporters and tour guides to use their skills from science and geography. I was blown away by our recorded weather forecasts, we could have some television presenters in the future! We also used our imagination to describe the clouds we could see in the sky, some of them looked like animals! In our RE work this week, we have continued to learn about the special jobs people do at church. We have learned more about the role of the priest and altar servers. We listened to and retold the story of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. It has been great to see everyone joining in with our online PE and Music lessons. Stay safe everyone, Miss Ellis and the Year 1 team.



Year Two

We have worked very hard this week. In English, we have been reading poems and learning about rhyming words. The children have written their own poems, comparing the things they like and do. It has been lovely to read so many great poems. In maths, we have been learning about coins and pence. The children have completed lots of activities, involving counting money and have practised answering word problems involving addition and subtraction. In RE, we have been learning about the Bible and the Gospels. The children have retold the story of Noah's Ark. We have read different versions of the same Bible story and then talked about their similarities and differences. In science, we have been investigating the different properties of materials. We have also thought about which materials we would use to make different objects. Our focus for geography has been the United Kingdom, its countries and capital cities. We have also been looking at other important locations around the UK and have named the surrounding seas and oceans.

Take care from the
Year 2 team.



Year Three

In English, the children have continued to explore our class novel, *'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.'* We have applied inference and vocabulary skills to write detailed and vivid descriptions of the beaver characters in the story.

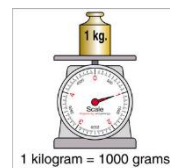
In maths, we have applied our knowledge of measurements by exploring word problems involving units of capacity. The children have learnt to convert between millilitres and litres by multiplying and dividing by 1000. The children have also applied their place value knowledge to compare units of capacity.

In RE, we have continued our topic of 'Journeys'. The children have retold some of the Psalms to illustrate their meaning using descriptive word choices and artwork. Within our Science topic of 'Rocks' this week, we have explored how a fossil is formed and have created a sequence of diagrams and explanations to illustrate this process.

Thank you for all your hard work and resilience again this week Year 3.



Have a wonderful weekend.
Miss Stainthorpe and the Year 3 Team.



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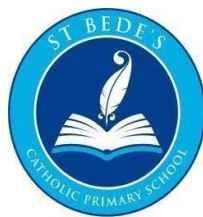
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Year 4

Another fantastic week! The children have completed wonderful work.

In English, children have continued to read our novel, *101 Dalmatians*. We have created a fact file about dalmatian dogs and summarized main ideas from a text. The children have applied their persuasive language skills to design a poster.

Learning activities in maths have included converting grams and kilograms using word problems. We have also estimated measures of length.

In RE, we have read and discussed Scripture from Romans 12: 8-11. We have thought about how we can live out the teaching from the Scripture.

Children have been learning about 3D elements and have written their names in 3D lettering.

In Science and DT, we have been making our own musical instruments and discussing pitch, volume and how instruments make sounds.



We hope you all stay safe.
Wishing you all the best.
Year 4 team.

Year Five

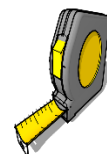
Another busy week in Year 5! We are so proud of the work that the children have produced both in school and at home. In our maths lessons this week, we have moved on to measures. We have been learning how to convert between metric units of measurement, including solving problems and applying our skills and knowledge.

For our English, we have researched Brazil to create a fact file and have been revising some of our grammatical knowledge and skills.

As part of our RE topic of Community, we discussed Jesus and His mission and how we are all His disciples, with our own missions to carry out.

In geography this week, the children have devised their own way of remembering the names of the countries in South America and where they are on a map. They came up with some ingenious ways of memorising lots of information! Our science lesson this week involved learning about Eva Crane and her work studying bees and their behaviour.

Stay safe everyone
Year 5 Team

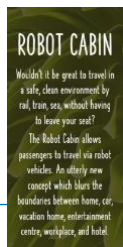


Year 6

The children in Year 6, whether at home or in school, have worked so hard this week and we are extremely proud of them all!

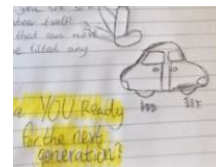
In maths, we have continued to divide fractions by integers. Children have applied their knowledge to solve word problems and they have given clear reasons for their answers and methods. In English we have used video clips from *'The Piano'* by Aidan Gibbons as our inspiration to develop figurative language and symbolism. We also used it as a stimulus to develop our descriptive writing styles with some fabulous, detailed character descriptions produced! Continuing with our history learning about medicine through the ages, we have been discussing and investigating how hospitals have changed throughout time - very interesting!

We are continuing to look at the Bible in RE, and this week we have compared the story *'The feeding of the 5000'* from the four Gospels before producing pieces of art representing a part of the story. We then used the Scripture from Corinthians 13:4-7 as inspiration before considering how the world would be different if we lived by this. Children have applied their knowledge of the UN Sustainable Development Goals to design modes of transport that reduce our carbon footprint and are produced from sustainable materials. They have written some amazing persuasive leaflets to 'sell' their transport to the public!



Warm wishes and stay safe

Mrs Bennett
Miss Walker
Mrs Wimm



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