

Dear Parents and Guardians,

29th January 2021

Thank you for your continued support and commitment. We are very proud of the whole of our school family - the support you give as parents; the pupils' enthusiastic approach to learning and mature attitudes shown in all that they do; the thoroughly committed staff; the close links between the Parish and the school along with the supportive Governing Body. At times like these, we continue to work together to ensure that we give nothing but the best for your children.

Thank you for your best wishes and emails. These are very much appreciated. Please take a look at this week's newsletter to see how all the pupils have been learning whether at home or in school. Spring newsletters will be sent out next week.

Best wishes,

Mrs Brown, Mrs Bennett and Miss Ellis

Faith Space

Last Sunday was the Sunday of the Word of God. We know that the Bible is God's Word – and that this is at the centre of all that we do - it inspires our thoughts, words and actions. We focused on this as part of our liturgy this week and asked God to bless our Bibles during this. Our act of worship each week was shared through our Google Classrooms and will be uploaded to the 'Our Faith – Faith Outreach' section of the website.

As we approach Racial Justice Sunday, we ask God to pour his love and compassion into our hearts so that we may fight against all injustices in our world, particularly for those who are treated differently and unfairly because of their race or culture. We know that every human was created in God's image and likeness and has a dignity that can never be removed.

Prayers and letters, and all previous outreach, can be found at <https://stbedes.npcat.org.uk/faith-outreach/>.

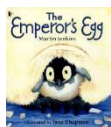
Upcoming feasts: Racial Justice Sunday – 31st January; The Presentation of the Lord – 2nd February

Nursery

Hello Nursery! Thank you for yet another wonderful week on google classroom. We are always so impressed with your efforts at home and love to see your achievements.

This week we have continued to explore 'Do Polar Bears and Penguins live in the same place?' We have shared a beautiful non-fiction text "The Emperor's Egg" and have discovered so many facts about Emperor Penguins. We were particularly impressed with your efforts to 'egg sit' just like a Father Emperor Penguin. You displayed your maths skills when you investigated if you are taller, shorter or the same height as an emperor penguin. In phonics, we have continued to focus on rhythm and rhyme and have enjoyed lots of rhyming songs and activities. Thank you for your continued support and efforts, you are all doing a fantastic job at home.

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



Reception

Reception have had another busy week and are continuing to work extremely hard. We have continued to explore our big question 'Do Polar Bears and Penguins live in the same place?' Our focus has been about penguins and the environment they live in. We have shared the non-fiction text 'The Emperor's Egg.'

We have completed fun activities such as balancing an egg; waddling like a penguin; drawing and collaging our own penguins. We have written poems imagining how it would feel to live in a cold place like penguins do!

In maths we have started our new phase - growing 6,7 and 8.

The children have explored different ways of making the numbers. There have been some innovative methods - making our own dominoes being one of them!

The children had a wonderful time experimenting with different objects to discover which float and which sink. It is wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm when learning!

Thank you for your continued support.

Stay safe and take care.

Miss Brown and the Early Years Team.



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Year One

What a brilliant week! We have had everyone online or in school this week joining in with our learning activities. In maths we have been subtracting using different strategies such as: making 10, using a number line and using pictorial representations. The children have amazed me in our live lessons with their enthusiasm and resilience, always seeking out an extra challenge. In English we have been identifying nouns and adjectives within some poems by *Shirley Hughes*. To link with our science learning about weather, the children have written brilliant descriptive poems about different types of weather. Have a look at our page on the website to see some of them. The children have loved finding out about how animals adapt to cold weather conditions in winter. They researched animals that hibernate, migrate and adapt. In RE we have finished our topic of *Special People*. The children have learned about lots of special jobs people do to love and serve others as Jesus tells us to.

Stay safe everyone, Miss Ellis and the Year 1 Team.



Year Two

Yet another busy week in Year 2. In maths, we have focused on how to answer different division questions. We have applied a variety of effective strategies and have discovered how useful our times tables facts are! We have also been challenging ourselves to get quicker at recalling our number bonds for numbers to 10. In English, our learning focus has been poetry - great fun has been had planning and writing our own riddles. We have also enjoyed guessing each other's animals.

Through our geography learning, we have been exploring what it is about Saltburn that makes it attractive to visitors.

In RE, we have been reading and retelling a story from the Gospels and appreciating how important these stories are in guiding us in our daily lives.

Some of our children have also enjoyed setting the rest of the class some creative challenges – ask your children about this!

Take care everyone

Mr Gunn and the Year 2 Team



Year Three

In English, we have been learning the skills of planning and writing informal letters. Using our retrieval and inference skills we have gathered relevant information from our class novel '*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.' Children have then applied a range of descriptive and figurative language to offer advice - in the form of an informal letter - to the characters in the story.

In maths, we have begun to explore the topic of 'Perimeter.' We have used grids to help us count the length of the sides of squares and rectangles and used our mental maths skills to add the totals of the sides together. The children have applied their understanding of the units of length to ensure their answers have been given in the correct units of measure e.g. cm.

In RE, we have explored the different times that we pray and the different types of prayers we make. The children have reflected on the importance of prayers and have discussed how we can pray at any time of the day - whenever we feel we need to. We have reflected on how we can support one another on our journey through life.

In geography this week, we have explored how a volcano erupts. We have linked geography and art to create a wonderful range of volcanic themed artwork.

Thank you for a wonderful week Year 3.

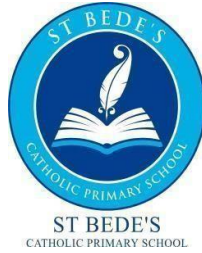


Have a restful weekend.

Miss Stainthorpe and the Year 3 Team.



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Year 4

What a wonderful week. As ever, children have shown great resilience – in school and at home.

In English, children have been applying key reading skills, including making the skill of inference. We have continued reading '101 Dalmatians' and written letters, focusing on using first person pronouns.

The learning focus in maths has been finding perimeters of shapes on a grid. We have also estimated measurements from scales - including ml, l, g and kg.

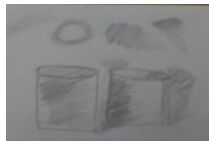
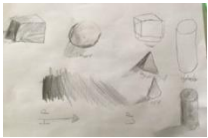
In RE, we have written prayers to those who might have lost someone. We have discussed our new topic 'What's more important - giving or receiving?'

Ox-bow lakes and their formation have been the focus of our learning in geography.

We hope you all stay safe

Best wishes

Year 4 team.



Year Five

The children in Year 5 (in school and at home) have worked incredibly hard this week - as they always do. In our maths lessons, we have been calculating the perimeter and area of rectangles and composite rectilinear shapes. We then applied this knowledge to find solutions to problems and investigations.

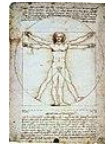
For English, we have been examining the features of a holiday brochure advert and writing adverts for a holiday to Brazil. The children used some excellent persuasive language to entice their readers! If only we could go there!

As part of our RE topic of 'Community,' we have been researching other Christian denominations and discussing how we are all one in the Body of Christ.

In geography this week, the children have been learning about the difference between human and physical features and identifying both in relation to Brazil.

Our science lesson this week saw the children testing Leonardo da Vinci's theories about human proportions as shown in his Vitruvian Man.

Stay safe everyone
Year 5 Team



Year 6

We have had another fantastic week in Year 6! Our children continue to make us proud – whether at home or in school.

Continuing with our current topic of fractions in maths, we have been finding fractions of amounts before applying our knowledge to solve problems. In English, we have been writing a 'flashback' using 'The Piano' by Aidan Gibbons as inspiration. As writers, children have been extremely adept at moving between the past and the present.

Children have applied many authorial techniques - similes; metaphors; a range of punctuation; powerful imagery and made ambitious vocabulary choices. Mrs Brown was very impressed when she joined our lesson today!

We have begun looking at the water cycle and rivers in our new geography topic. In history, we have been researching how medical tools have developed through time.

In computing, our learning focus has been 'coding.' We have been creating code for a dance party and making characters that dance in time with chosen music – very technical!

We have completed our current RE topic of 'Sources' by responding to the Big Question 'Are Books Enriching?' To showcase learning, children created bookmarks using a favourite piece of Scripture. A popular choice was 1 Corinthians 13: 4 'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.'

Please stay safe and take care

Mrs Bennett,
Miss Walker
and
Mrs Winn



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