



ST EDWARD'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

As always, we ask you to enjoy reading this newsletter compiled by each year group in order to update you on all the exciting learning that has taken place in school this week. It is a constant pleasure to see all of our children engaging and working extremely hard within the classrooms. They are an absolute credit to you all!

During the month of October, our curriculum encompasses "Black History Month." Our whole school theme is based on the following quote from Martin Luther King Jr - "*The Time is Always Right To Do What Is Right.*" Planned work will be exciting and challenging and will be studied across all aspects of the curriculum with a particular focus on inspirational leaders who have helped to shape current times.

We are also in the process of organising parent consultations. How and when this will take place will be communicated to you in the near future. We hope you all have a relaxing and safe weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs M D Brown, Mrs Teasdale and Mrs Fox

Faith Space

This week, we have been deepening our understanding of God's Word and how he speaks to us through the scriptures in our theme week. Pupils throughout school have been exploring a number of Old and New Testament passages and recognising that these same scriptures speak to us today - thousands of years later! Some pupils have even conducted a scripture review, analysing the presence and use of scripture in our school and how it can be improved.

We also held our first virtual liturgy this week where we were all able to worship together as a school community online. It can sometimes be difficult to feel united during these strange times so it served as a beautiful reminder of the strength of our communal bond through our love of God - and one another too.

Upcoming feasts: 7th October - Our Lady of the Rosary; 9th October - St. John Henry Newman

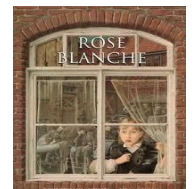
Year 6

It has been another wonderful week of learning in Year 6. As part of our RE theme week - the Year of the Word - Y6 explored two pieces of scripture (one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament). We contemplated how pieces of scripture affect our lives and how we can live out the Word of God in our school and community. In PSHE, we compared our lives to a refugee child, Ahmet. He is the main character from our class novel, 'The Boy at the Back of the Class', which we are all really enjoying. Miss Simpson has been recording herself reading the chapters and uploading them to Google Classroom too! In English, the children have produced some brilliant newspaper articles based on the assassination of Franz Ferdinand - linked to our WW1 History topic. And in Maths, we have focused on addition and subtraction, where Y6 have solved some complex missing number pyramids! Wow, well done - it has been another very busy week and you have all been so committed to your learning.

Year 5

Year 5 have had another brilliant week in school. In English, we have been focusing on our new story *Rose Blanche* set during WW2. We used our creative writing skills to compose our own character profiles. In Maths, we have been working with some challenging Roman Numerals. We have also begun studying our new artist, LS Lowry and his paintings from WW2. We have enjoyed appraising some of his work

Keep up the hard work Year 5.



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Year 3/4

This week, Year 3/4 have enjoyed participating in our R.E theme week, 'The Year of the Word'. We have focused on Moses, in particular the story of Moses and Burning Bush, thinking about what we should do if God presents us with a task. In addition to this, we have looked closely at The Beatitudes and discussed how we can live them out in our daily lives. In English, we are continuing with Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and have developed our speaking and listening skills by participating in a class debate regarding the closure of the chocolate factory. We have been learning how to round numbers to the nearest 10 and 100 by playing rounding games and using this knowledge to answer estimation problems. The children have also enjoyed, French, P.E and Music this week. Thank you for a lovely week Year 3/4.

Year 2

What a lovely week in Year Two! We began our new book, Once Upon an Ordinary School Day. We enjoyed making predictions about the front cover and asking questions about the main character. We are also enjoying our new topic in Maths, Addition and Subtraction. We have been adding numbers using a number line. Something really special happened this week in school – we were able to gather together to worship and celebrate the feast of St Jerome. We also listened to the story of how God called Samuel. We talked about how we are called each day to live as people of God. As part of the "Year of The Word" we also explored and compared scriptures from the Old and the New Testament. Such an amazing, hard working week.



Year 1

This week in Year 1, the children have enjoyed a virtual collective worship as part of our Year of the Word theme week. In class we have learnt about the different parts of the Bible and read some scripture from The Old Testament and The New Testament. We have continued our work on The Paper Dolls, creating rhyming names and exploring the verbs in the text. In maths, we have been using the vocabulary greater than, less than and equal to, to compare numbers and objects. As part of continuous provision within our classrooms we have introduced 'Learning Ladybirds'. These weekly challenges help to focus the children when learning independently. We hope you have all been able to access the new Google Classroom – if you have any issues, please let a member of staff know. 😊



EYFS - Nursery & Reception

This week in Reception, we have talked about the story of Noah's Ark and the flood. This inspired the idea to build an ark in our outdoor area where we had lots of fun working together as a team! We have also talked lots about the season of autumn and the changes we expect to see. The children also practised writing their names using different autumn colours!



In Nursery, we have learnt about the bible and that it has two parts - an old part with stories about God and a new part with lots of stories about Jesus. We listened to Noah's Ark first and enjoyed learning 'The Animals went in two by two.' We had lots of fun making an ark outside (like Reception!) and using the hose pipe to 'make it rain' and create a flood. We listened to a story from Matthew's Gospel about the children going to see Jesus; 'Let the little children come to me.' We enjoyed drawing a picture of ourselves near a picture of Jesus.

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