



ST EDWARD'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

20th November 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

This week in school the children have been celebrating and supporting Anti-Bullying Week. They have accessed quality sessions linked to how they can support this initiative at home, school and out in the wider community. Themes in each class have centred around friendship and how to be a good friend to one another as well as the importance of being kind online. As always, the children have tackled issues and scenarios with empathy and maturity sharing their knowledge and offering possible solutions. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter which will give you an overview of the continued hard work across each phase in our curriculum. We are sure you will agree - it has been another busy week in St Edward's.



Love one another.

Best wishes,
Mrs Brown, Mrs Teasdale & Mrs Fox

Faith Space

On Monday, Y5A led our school in our virtual liturgy, centred on Sunday's Gospel. They helped us to focus on our talents, reminding us that they all come from God, and to make us think about what our own talents are!

We celebrate the feast of Christ the King on Sunday and this is also the day on which we celebrate Youth Sunday. Because of this, Friday is Youth Funday and there will be a livestream, worship and activities all day! This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJi8FUJCqIM&feature=youtu.be>

Throughout November our online remembrance book (and further information) can be found at <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/virtual-book-of-remembrance/> Please email any names for this to stedwardsremembrancebook@gmail.com.

Visit <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/faith-outreach/> to find our reflection from Y2F. This page is to help us to remember that we are united together, through God's love, as a faith community.

We remember the request from the Bishops' Conference and pause to pray daily at 6pm for an end to the pandemic and those affected by this ongoing crisis.
Upcoming feasts: 21st November – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 22nd November – Christ the King/Youth Sunday

Year 6

This week, our Year 6 children have produced powerful rhyming war poetry, using figurative language, metaphors, similes and more! War poets, such as Wilfred Owen and Robert Laurence, have inspired our poetry. We have spent lots of time reading and analysing their poetry as part of our English and History focus this week too.



In Maths, we have introduced our next topic of fractions. This week, we have practised using common factors to simplify fractions. This is something we will continue to focus on next week.

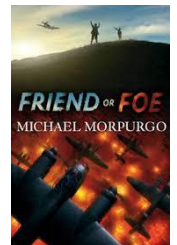
In PE, the children have enjoyed both netball and basketball, whilst in RE, the children have learnt all about different religious communities and how they respond to their calling from God.

It has been another wonderful week of learning in Year 6; we look forward to next week!

Year 5

The children have had another challenging week in Year 5. We have been tackling formal written methods for long multiplication and applying this to reasoning and problem solving. In English, we have considered the dilemma faced by the characters in the story, Friend or Foe. We held a lively debate putting points and counter-arguments forward both for and against. As part of our work on online safety and Anti-Bullying Week, we used our drama skills to act out different scenarios to help us think about our digital citizenship.

Well done Year 5 for another fantastic week!



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Year 3 / 4

Year 3/4 have had a wonderful week.

In English, we have continued with Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. The children have produced some amazing and imaginative descriptions about Mr Wonka's inventing room. In Maths, we have started a new Geometry topic. The children have been looking at the properties of different 2D shapes and sorting them into Venn Diagrams. In RE, we have looked at the importance of promises made during a Baptism ceremony. In DT, the children have been finalising designs for their Greek pots ready to create, using modelling materials. In PE, Y3/4 have been learning and practising a range of passes to use in netball. This week also marked Anti-Bullying Week. In Computing, the children discussed online safety and how best to keep themselves safe online. They also created their own Anti-Bullying Superheroes, which were super indeed! Well done on another wonderful week Y3/4! We are so proud of you.

Year 2

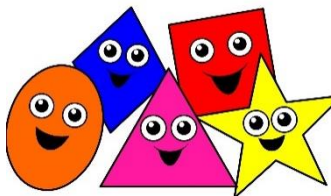
Once again, a wonderful week in Year Two - both in school and online learning! Everyone is working so hard accessing all aspects of the curriculum. In school this week, we celebrated Anti-Bullying Week. We thought carefully about how we could be a good friend to others. In Computing, we read "Digiduck's Big Decision" and discussed how it is important to be kind online. We are almost at the end of our Shape unit in Maths; we have enjoyed constructing 3D shapes using straws and blu tak! Fabulous teamwork, problem solving and construction skills. This week we have been continuing to develop our phonological skills and knowledge.

We are really enjoying Bug Club phonics! We can't wait to share our new text with the children next week!



Year 1

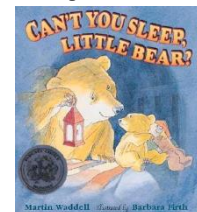
This week, the children have worked hard to identify common 2D shapes. They are learning about their properties using new vocabulary such as straight side, curved side and corner. In English, the children have innovated the story of Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs – Harry lost his dinosaurs at the beach, in the soft play and at a football match to name but a few of the brilliant ideas your children had! They were trying really hard to segment words for spelling and remembered to spell this week's tricky words correctly too.



EYFS - Nursery & Reception

Reception have really enjoyed reading the story "Can't You Sleep, Little Bear?" by Martin Waddell. The children have used their phonic knowledge to write the initial sounds of words from the story. We have been learning about animals that hibernate and the reasons why. We searched for hidden toy animals in the outdoor area and worked as a team to find them as quickly as possible.

In maths, we have learnt all about repeating patterns. We have been making patterns with lots of different items in the classroom and the outdoor area. We even made a boy, girl, boy, girl pattern with each other. Another fantastic week of learning. Well done Reception!



This week Nursery has also been enjoying sharing the story "Can't you sleep, Little Bear?" by Martin Waddell. It's a story about a little bear who is afraid of the dark in his bear cave. Nursery have enjoyed using bright coloured paper to make paper lanterns and have been practising using positional language to describe where Little Bear is hiding whilst playing "Where oh where is Little Brown Bear?"

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