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CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

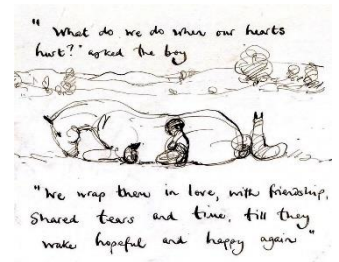
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians,

It has been a busy final week as we prepare to welcome all of our children back into school on Monday. We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone and hope that the return to school brings a much needed sense of normality and routine for all. We celebrated world book day this week and we think it is fair to say that everyone enjoyed the words of wisdom and comfort provided in our chosen book. We'd like to share one of the quotes from the book with you all, **"This is easily my favourite place" said the mole. "Why?" asked the boy. "Because you are all here." ~ Charlie Mackesy.** We know this is a thought echoed by many of our children as they look forward to seeing their friends and teachers again.

Best wishes,

Mrs Brown, Mrs Teasdale and Mrs Fox



#### Faith Space

We continue to journey through Lent with Jesus, using our Lenten promise as a path back to him. Our act of worship, this week, focussed on the optional reading from Sunday's Mass, where Jesus spoke to the woman at the well. This can be found at <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/worshipping-together-at-home/>.

Y3/4C have written some prayers to help to focus our thoughts and worship. This, and all other faith outreach, can be found at <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/faith-outreach/>

How are you doing with our Walking for Water appeal? Please send in any photographs you take from your daily walks and we can share them on our social media platforms. This CAFOD initiative is something that we will be driving in school too.

Pope Francis has declared the current year as 'The Year of St. Joseph'. Next week, we will begin a Novena to St. Joseph in anticipation of his feast day on 19th March. The prayers will be shared on our social media.

Being apart for the last few weeks has certainly not been easy. We can't wait to be physically united as a community again next week.

Upcoming feasts: 3rd Sunday of Lent - 7th; 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) - 14th; St. Patrick - 17th; St. Joseph - 19th

#### Year 6

We have completed our final week of remote learning! We are really looking forward to welcoming all of our children back into the school classroom on Monday; we miss physically seeing the children's happy, smiling faces and individual personalities each day.

As always, the children have worked extremely hard this week, tackling some challenging Maths problems involving converting units of measure, ratio and proportion. We have received some wonderful examples of water poetry too this week, as part of our English. We certainly have some budding poets in our classes! For PSHE, we designed water droplets to display in a Water Droplet Trail to show that even though we are apart, we can still be connected.

To celebrate World Book Day, all of our work on Thursday centred around books, specifically 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse' by Charlie Mackesy. The children even measured the length of books, calculated their volume and estimated the number of words on one page.

#### Year 5

It has been another successful week in Year 5. We have completed some thoughtful work on the importance of looking after the Earth. As a class, we shared the book, "The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse" by Charlie Mackesy. We hand-picked some of our favourite quotes from the book and were inspired to create artwork of our own. During Maths, the children have worked extremely hard carry out our activities linked to coordinates and reflecting images. We have to say a huge thank you to all of the children for their continued hard work and dedication shown throughout this time. This has been reflected in the standard of work produced. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back in school on Monday.

*Live, Love, Serve*

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Year 3 / 4

This week Year 3/4 have enjoyed beginning their Geography theme week, focusing on the country Zimbabwe. We have compared the daily life of a school child in England with that of a child in Zimbabwe, looking in particular at the differences due to the climate. We also began looking at a beautiful story entitled Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters. The children created a character description comparing the two daughters thinking not only about how similar they looked but how different their personalities were.

In Maths, we started our new topic of statistics looking at tally charts, pictograms and bar charts.

Yesterday, we enjoyed celebrating world book day. We focused on the quote "Those are dark clouds," said the boy "Yes, but they will move on," said the horse, "the blue sky never leaves." from the book The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse. We thought about how we may have dark clouds in our lives.

The Year 3/4 team would just like to take this opportunity to say how proud we are of all of the children during this lockdown. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school next week.

Year 2

As we come to the end of our online learning, we continue to burst with pride in relation to the children's dedication, commitment and hardworking attitude. We have had another busy week both in school and on Google Classroom. We have continued to focus on El Salvador as part of our whole school Geography theme. This week the children have used a variety of different genres in English, from chronological reports to writing descriptive postcards. In maths, we have further developed our knowledge linked to Fractions. This week we have explored equivalent fractions, which we did with biscuits - yummy! Great fun was had by all! On Thursday, we celebrated world book day by reading the book "The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse." Year 2 explored the theme of kindness. The children created some wonderful kindness poems. Thank you for all your continued hard work and support. We look forward to welcoming all the children back into school next week.



Year 1

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, the children have thoroughly enjoyed The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse. They have engaged in brilliant discussions about the themes of love, friendship and kindness that run throughout the text. We focused on two quotes in particular which resonated with us all very strongly due to the current pandemic. Over the last 12 months the we have all encountered many feelings of fear, worry and sadness but as Charlie Mackesy says, "When the dark clouds come... keep going." The children have designed and created their own dreamcatchers in a bid to listen more to their dreams as we look forward to the future.

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our Year 1 pupils back to school next week after another long period of home learning. You are a credit to yourselves, your families and our school and we could not be prouder of each and every one of you. See you on Monday everyone! 😊

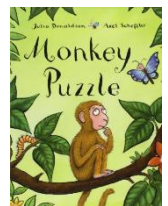


EYFS – Nursery & Reception

This week Reception have been on a walk to look for signs of spring. We found daffodils, buds and puddles. We have been practising our writing by creating sentences about what we observed on our spring walk. We have also enjoyed celebrating World Book Day by completing lots of different reading activities and talking about our favourite books. We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back into school next week for lots of fun and catching up with friends.



In Nursery this week, we have enjoyed observing Titch's tiny seeds growing! We can't believe how quickly they have grown!



We have played, "I spy" listening carefully each time in order to identify the initial sounds of words. We've continued to explore Spring and 'growing' and have enjoyed matching different animals to their babies! We really enjoyed sharing the story 'Monkey Puzzle' too!

