



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter- Friday 13th January



We have ended the week with a wonderful celebration assembly where Father Jacek joined us and shared a welcoming prayer, which was followed by a prayer from Scarlett M and Eddie S. There were so many successes to celebrate in school and we have also started to include IXL star of the week. I have been so impressed with the quality of work I have seen around the school this week and have even given out 3 Headteacher awards.

This week in English, Robin Class, have based our learning on the story Avocado Baby by John Burningham. We have been learning to talk about our ideas, and write our ideas down in simple captions or sentences. Recapping work from last term we shared our ideas about what babies can do and this brought up a discussion about what new-born babies can do compared to babies who are six to nine months old. We pretended that we were experts on babies and we recorded messages on a tablet to share with the Hargraves family about what the baby will need to grow strong. Then we wrote a list about what a baby needs and the children wrote captions and phrases about what a baby needs and why. Then we went on to think about our favourite foods. During our New Year party, we tried lots of different fruits - blueberries, apple, mango, avocado, strawberries, grapes and bananas.

This week Woodpecker class have had an excellent week. We have made our own dances where we pretend to be snowflakes. We have also started our topic about animals; we enjoyed looking at baby animals and learning their names. Also, we have enjoyed using our new program in computing to create our own music.

Owl class have been busy starting their new history unit about the change from steam trains to diesel trains and even electric trains. In RE, we have been focussing on the Liturgical year and what the different seasons of the Church year represent. The children have enjoyed experimenting in science with how different surfaces effect how fast a car will move.

Kestrel class have been working really hard on improving their descriptions by using similes. They have written some beautiful setting descriptions of forests and arctic landscapes. In science they have begun investigating electricity, finding out how it's made and staying safe around electricity. A great website game which explores electrical safety at home, for you to play with your child is <https://www.switchedonkids.org.uk/electrical-safety-in-your-home>

And finally Eagles class have been exploring colour in their art sketchbooks, which will lead to exploring the work of the artist David Hockney. In Science, the children have been exploring the different components of an electrical circuit. This week the children began their history topic, which is all about World War 2 and its causes.

PE class days- **Spring term 2023**

- *Robin Class - Monday & Wednesday
- *Woodpecker Class - Monday & Tuesday
- *Owl class - Monday & Friday
- *Kestrel class - Thursday & Friday
- *Eagle class – Wednesday & Thursday

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Please follow the link to the parent's newsletter.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Dates for your diary

18th January- Owl and Kestrel class
Gymnastics festival at Colyton (1pm – 3.15pm)

20th January- Year 3 and 4 morning
concert trip to Exeter Great Hall –
please be at school for 8.30am.

10th February- last day of term

20th February- Children return to
school

St Mary's Values			
Living, loving and learning with God			
Safe	Trust	Achievement	Resilience
Forgiveness			
Respectful	Aim high		
Responsible	Have a go		
Caring	Curious		
Value each other	Self-belief		

Stars of the week!

Robin class - Theo

Woodpecker class - Chloe

Owl class- Violet

Kestrel class - Tola

Eagle class - Akshiya

Head teacher award - Theodore H, Daniel & Eli

IXL Star of the week!

Woodpecker class - Anya

Owl class - Eddie

Kestrel class - Rhys, Tharuya Leighton & Isaac

Eagle - Amelie & Chloe

Homework

Woodpecker

IXL:

Maths

Year 1 R1-7

Year 2 E1-14

English

Year 1 K1-4

Year 2 H1-3

Owl:

IXI Homework:

Maths

Year 2: I 15-18

Year 3: J 2-7

English

Year 2: DD 9-11

Year 3: RR 6-9

Homework

Kestrel:

IXL

Maths E7, F5, F8 Practice times tables

English D1 Reading your reading books at least 3 times to an adult.

Eagle:

IXL homework:

Y6 Maths: H1-6

Y6 English: U1-8

Y5 Maths: E1-6

Y5 English: T1-8

Robin

Please encourage reading and remember to write your comments in their learning journals.

Useful Links

The Catholic Children's Society support funding for essential household items.

[Grant Giving - Catholic Children's Society \(Plymouth\) \(ccsplymouth.org.uk\)](https://ccsplymouth.org.uk)

Devon County Financial Support and Advice

Help with household bills, energy costs and financial assistance

Do you need help with childcare costs? Please click the link below.

The Government's Childcare Choices lists all the schemes available here

Axminster Foodbank

Contact: Hanover House, Ex13 5Bj Chard Street, Axminster EX13 5DZ · 01297 32331