

SRRCC Primary Bulletin

14th January 2022

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a peaceful Christmas break. We have now completed two weeks of the spring term and all the children have particularly enjoyed their memorable days to launch their new topics. You will see a variety of experiences in the bulletin that have enriched their learning journeys. The topic webs will be sent out highlighting the learning skills and knowledge covered for each subject.

Earlier in the week Mr Burke sent out a letter regarding the proposed formation of a Catholic Academy Trust with four Catholic schools in Surrey. The six schools, including St Richard Reynolds Primary school, have submitted an application to the Department for Education to form the Ascension Catholic Academy Trust. The next few months will be a period of collaboration and consultation with various stakeholders in our communities. As explained in the letter the formation of the CAT will not mean any of the schools lose their individual identity; for example there would be no change to uniform or admissions arrangements. One of the most exciting benefits would be the formal collaboration to enrich and enhance learning and teaching. This would provide our teachers with a network of other teachers to share ideas and develop pedagogy. This week I had the pleasure of visiting St Michael School in Ashford to observe lessons and meet with staff and pupils. We are hopeful that we will have the opportunity to work together informally on a number of projects over the coming months.

There have been a number of changes recently to Covid guidance and isolation rules. Please check the government guidance for more information [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-and-support) . If your child is asymptomatic and receives a positive Lateral flow test they no longer need to complete a follow up PCR test and should self-isolate from the result. If your child has symptoms they must still have a PCR test. If your child tests positive it is important that you inform attendance@srrcc.org.uk), as well as the primary school (primary@srrcc.org.uk), as the team coordinates all the return dates. In school we have continued with measures to ensure the safety of our community. Doors and windows are open for ventilation, gatherings are conducted remotely and hygiene routines are in place. We are very grateful to our parents for following the rules and testing regularly in order to contain the spread of the virus.

Thank you for your support

Miss A McMullen



Our Catholic Community

Religion Curriculum

Please look at the learning focus for the first topic of the Spring Term:

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY		SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES
Early Years	CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church	<p>Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.</p> <p>Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.</p>
Year 1	SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family	
Year 2	BOOKS - The books used in Church	
Year 3	JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ	
Year 4	COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish	
Year 5	MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)	
Year 6	SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church	

Thank you...



Thank you for buying our poppy Merchandise. We were able to donate £ **262.00** to The Royal British Legion.



Thank you for wearing odd socks. We were able to send **£84.40** to Beelieve Foundation which helps build a brighter future for many children.

Thank you for wearing green. We were able to send CAFOD **£377.06**.



Thank you for wearing your Christmas Jumper. We were able to send St Vincent de Paul charity **£175.85**.

Thank you for sending in presents to support the Salvation Army Christmas Family Box Appeal. We were able to contribute to many others having a wonderful Christmas.



Thank you to all the parents who attended our Year3/4 Carol Service. We were able to send St Vincent de Paul charity **£132.85**.



Thank you for sending in food to support Richmond Foodbank.



Christmas wreaths



Thank you to everyone who purchased wreaths from us this year - we raised **£350** for our school and really enjoyed making them! Happy New Year!

Fiona Bradford & Louisa Prescott Brann

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for this new year.

Help us to grow our faith,

To put you at the centre of our hearts

so we can make good choices every day.

Amen



Class learning

Reception

Everyone loves long walks! Having decorated and made binoculars Reception were excited to take a walk around to look for suitable leaves for leaf rubbing and sticks to make homes. A cold, sunny day let us have a picnic before a play in the park. Back at school we were ready to watch the flames change colour on the fire pit as we added a magic sachet before toasting our marshmallows and drinking some yummy hot chocolate.

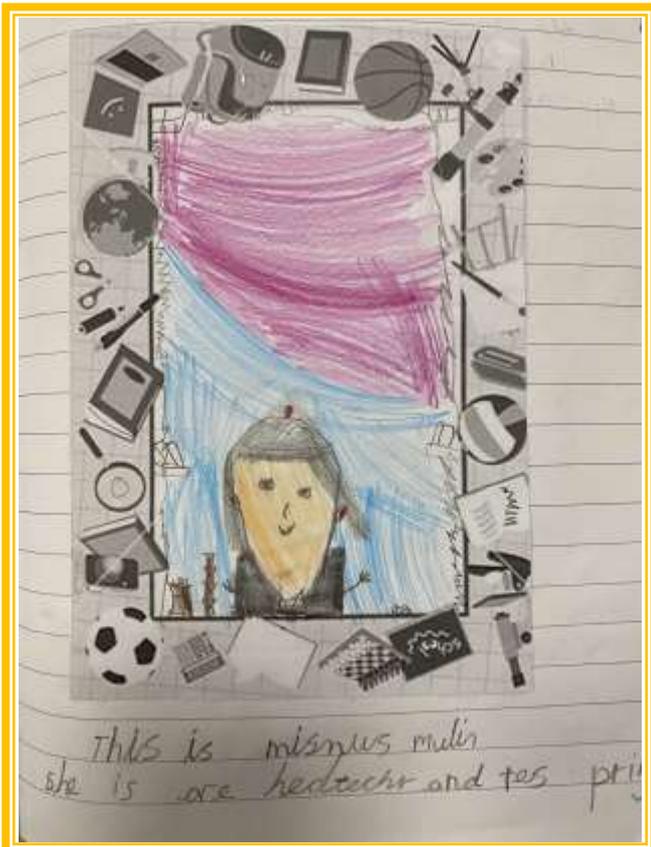
"Can we do this everyday?" Said Lloyd.





Year 1

Year 1 have been enjoying their new topic **Superheroes**. We have started learning all about real-life superheroes. On Monday in History we researched and found out about a superhero Amelia Earhart who was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Year 1 were fascinated by all the records she set and designed a medal with their fact file to recognise her heroic ways. In Religion we have been learning about all the special people in our lives both at home, school and in our community. We found out about the special people who work in our school to help us every day. Year 1 enjoyed interviewing school staff and finding out all about what they do.



Year 2

Florence Nightingale



On Thursday 6th January, Year 2 took part in a Florence Nightingale drama workshop to kick start their new topic '**Nurturing Nurses**'. Using a selection of Victorian artefacts, Miss Nightingale told the children all about her early life, her dreams of becoming a nurse and then took Year 2 back in time to experience life as it was for her in Scutari.



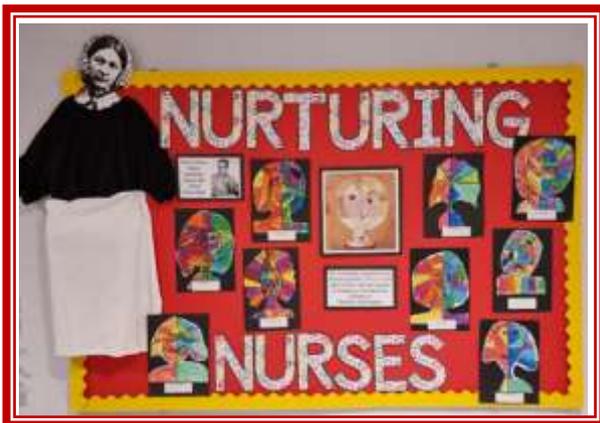
Year 3

This week Year 3 became **Stone Age** artists using paint to recreate some fantastic cave art. They aimed to recreate important events in the lives of the earliest humans and used symbols to represent key geographical features of the area.



The children, dressed as nurses, soldiers and doctors, had great fun in role, whilst learning about the health hazards of Victorian life, the Crimean war and the nursing methods pioneered by Miss Nightingale.

We also had lots of fun in the afternoon making our own paper lamps and learning about the artist Paul Klee. We were inspired by his work to produce our own Florence Nightingale abstract portraits.



In PE we were learning about basic self-defence strategies and putting them into practice. These are important skills and Year 3 had a fun and lively lesson.



This week we had a surprise from Laura's mum who had recreated lots of artefacts to help turn the Year 3 classroom into a museum. Through handling and exploring these artefacts it was like Year 3 were truly living in the Stone Age. They learned about weapons, tools and jewellery which were all from this historic period.



Year 4

In Year 4, we began our 'I Am Warrior' topic by exploring Julius Caesar's unsuccessful invasions of Britain in 55BC and 54BC. We have discovered what it was like to trade in the Roman era by making our own versions of the coins used. Traders from Rome brought wine, olive oil, dried fruit and other luxury foods. They also brought glass, which could be made into beads, and tools. In return they took slaves and metals, such as gold, silver, tin, copper and bronze.



We have used our learning from our History lessons to help us in our English lessons where we are learning to write autobiographies. This week we discovered what the difference is between a biography and an autobiography and explored examples through drama.





We worked together as a table to research as much information as we could about the life of Julius Caesar and we are using this information to take on the role of the ruler and write his autobiography.

Year 5

Year 5 started the new year with a trip to **Hampton Court Palace** to kick start their new topic '**Off With Her Head**'. When we arrived, the palace was closed to the public which meant we could explore the building and grounds in great detail. As part of our learning we had a Tudor workshop in the palace kitchen. This took Year 5 on a journey to discover how food was prepared and served to the palace community. After our workshop, we went to the Great Hall to read some of our class text '**Treason**'. It was lovely to see the children so engaged with a book that related to their surrounding environment.



Year 5 came away from the trip with a variety of interesting facts that will help us in our learning this term. Year 5 would like to say a special thank you to Miss Bradford and Mrs Marsdon for their support on this trip.



The first lesson of this term began in the High school kitchen where Year 5 made Tudor jumbles. A jumble is a type of Tudor bread that is believed to have originated from the Battle of Bosworth, being one of King Richard III's choice of battle food for himself and his men.

The children had to prepare all the ingredients and follow the instructions in preparation for writing their own instructional text in English.

Year 6

It is lovely to be back in school after, what I hope was, a lovely festive season. In Year 6 we are back in full swing and the children have been getting really enthusiastic about our new topic '**Frozen Kingdoms!**'.



We had our WOW Day, where the children learned about icebergs and conducted their experiments on mini-icebergs. We also had our own class iceberg, that helped us understand the science behind how icebergs float and are formed. We also were able to build our very own igloos. Splitting up into teams, we had a race to see who could create the best igloo, and finally created a giant igloo as a whole class.



Spelling Bee Award



This week

James BUXTON	RECEPTION
Olivia BEAGAN	YEAR 1
Alex SUMMERS	YEAR 2
Brittany MENDOZA ESTRADA	YEAR 3
Lily BARTLETT	YEAR 4
Tilly KETTERINGHAM	YEAR 5
Oscar HORGAN	YEAR 6

MathShed Award



This week

Bea ALTMANN	YEAR 1
Nico MORGAN	YEAR 2
Sihana DALLIU	YEAR 3
George BALL	YEAR 4
Ivy SPEICH	YEAR 5
Daniel ZEGEN	YEAR 6

We are also excited to say we have some new additions to Year 6 this term. Lucy Birdseye has very kindly donated some stick insects to be our class pets for this year. They are only small at the moment, but we are sure that they will grow significantly, before too long.



Pupils of the Week—Golden Tie



Winners

Reception

Last week

Leo Prochazka

Ted Alldred

This week

Alexander Galcenco

Daniel Dziankowski

Year 1

Last week

Lochlan O'Brien

Amelie Gilbey

This week

Raegan Gibbs

Mylo Mistry

Year 2

Last week

Ava Westrop

Posu Lewellyn

This week

Manuela Menezes

Cecily Goatley

Year 3

Last week

Chloe Ng Fat

Bill Holden

This week

Noah Ivaldi

Constance Gee

Year 4

Last week

Marla Brown

Max Christoforidis

This week

Arthur Wilson

Rod Tajik

Year 5

Last week

George Kliger

Harrison Cain

This week

Isla Ferguson Jones

Florence Drummond

Year 6

Last week

Giulia Roccato

Clemmie Needs

This week

Esme Stewart

Vic Mundow