

St. Mary's CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Friday 23rd October

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We have made it to the end of the first half term! It's been a fantastic start for all at St. Mary's. Myself and Miss Smith have felt very welcome and have really appreciated all of your feedback and comments as we look to improve our school further.

Tag rugby

Last Saturday, some year 5 and 6's went to the Tag Rugby festival alongside 12 other primary schools. The children were absolutely brilliant and a huge thank you to all the parents for cheering them



Netball

On Wednesday, some Year 5 and 6's took part in a netball competition at Colfox. Once again, our children were brilliant and showed tremendous sportsmanship and teamwork.



Parents evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our parents evening this week and we hope you felt the new system worked well. If you were unable to attend, we will contact you after half term.

Fire safety workshops

This week, Years 1-5 had a visit from Karen from Dorset and Wiltshire fire and rescue service. She explained what to do in emergency situations and the children did different activities to make sure they knew how to keep safe.



Wishing you all a wonderful half term break! I hope the weather is kind, although the forecast doesn't look promising!

A reminder that the children come back on Tuesday 3rd November. We look forward to welcoming you back for Autumn term 2.

What have we achieved this half term?

- Set the highest expectations for behaviour and uniform
 - Introduced House captains and vice captains
 - Introduced house points for whole school
 - Introduced positive postcards
 - Introduced the Ethos team
 - Our children have been to 4 different sporting events across the half term
 - Made links with our local community
 - Had a Harvest Festival
 - Offered many different after school clubs
 - Re-structured our collective worship offer, so we all meet every day as a school
 - Changed our gate system
 - A new newsletter format
 - Planned all our PTA and school events for the year
- Roll on Autumn 2!



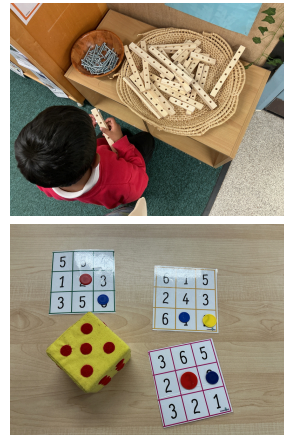
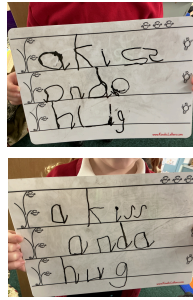
Dates for your diary

- Monday 2nd November - Non-pupil day
- Tuesday 3rd November - Children return to school
- Tuesday 3rd - Tempest photography - school photos for all
- Tuesday 3rd - Year 5 and 6 visit to Colfox for Author talk
- Friday 6th - Author visit for Years 1 and 2
- Monday 9th - Artist in to work with Years 5 and 6
- Wednesday 11th - Remembrance day
- Friday 13th - Children in Need (non-uniform)

This week at St. Mary's

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Reception



This week in Reception, we've learnt the phonics sounds l, ll and ss, and the word 'go', our sentence for writing this week was 'a kiss and a hug' the children worked so hard on this. In maths, we've explored more and fewer than and played dice games to develop our subitising skills – recognising how many dots there are without counting them. We've enjoyed collecting and comparing leaves, creating self-portraits and funny family members linked to our story Who Am I? Our new nuts and bolts activity has also been helping us strengthen our fingers ready for writing!

Year 1



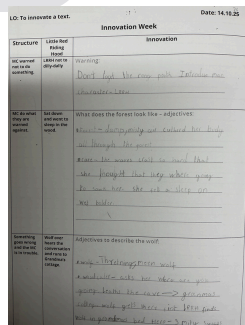
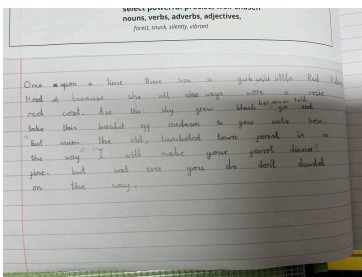
This week, we had our last Forest School session of the year. It was a little wet and muddy but we still managed to have lots of fun bashing leaves with a hammer to decorate flags and we used loose parts to make slides and ramps.

Year 2



This week, we explored three maps of Bridport spanning 300 years, looking carefully at the similarities and differences between them. We discovered that Bridport had a railway line in the 1800s and noticed how the town had grown bigger over time, with each map showing its continued development.

Year 3



This week, Year 3 have been working on an extended piece of writing based on Little Red Riding Hood. They have innovated the story and used their senses to describe the forest and give a sense of mystery!

Year 4



This week, Year 4 have been enjoying exploring non-fiction books, discovering fascinating facts about a wide range of topics. The children have loved sharing their favourite discoveries with their classmates.

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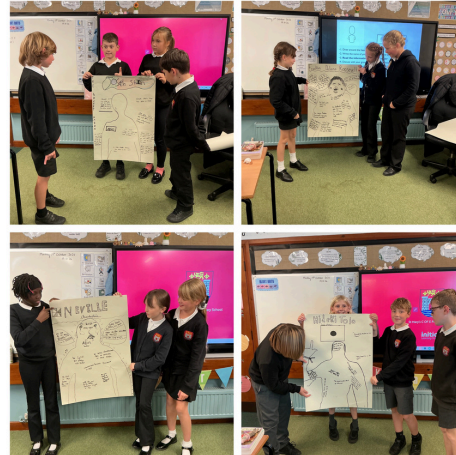
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Year 5



This week, the children used knowledge from previous art lessons to create drawings with colour. They focused on making their drawings look 3D with contour lines, adding light and shade (dark and light parts), highlights (where light hits the object) and shading techniques. As an art/design graduate, I love seeing the effort put into art lessons and having creative students.

Year 6



This week, we have been learning all about the key leaders of World War II. Working in groups, we researched their backgrounds, beliefs and views, as well as their roles during the war. We then presented our findings to the class.

Inclusion base



The children have been taking part in an exciting Christmas project. Mrs Randall has asked children to create Christmas cards to be sent to families in shoe boxes. The Children have had a great time decorating these. We have also been working on playing games together and turn taking.

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Values Champion

Our values champion is awarded to someone who has shown one of the school values throughout the week in their actions and words.

Reception - Aaron

Year 1 - Oliver

Year 2 - Mia

Year 3 - Daisy

Year 4 - Mohisha

Year 5 - Freddie

Year 6 - Betty

Learning Champion

Our learning champion is awarded to someone who has excelled in their learning throughout the week.

Reception - Phoebe

Year 1 - Sienna

Year 2 - Oliver

Year 3 - Lottie

Year 4 - Lizzie

Year 5 - Henry

Year 6 - Fred