



Friday Bulletin

Friday 2nd February 2024

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Message from Mr Dachtler



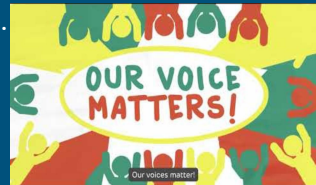
Dear Parents,

I have been looking through the content of the bulletins over this half term and have been struck with the sheer volume and variety of things that our children do whilst in school. The sports events and curriculum days are so memorable, not to mention the super class based activities in which the children thrive! Our focus on writing including sentence composition, spelling and handwriting are showing significant improvement and the curriculum overall is thriving. The strong academic progress of our children is only possible because of the attention we give to their emotional, physical and spiritual development at the same time.

We have been thinking about our mental health in school today and in particular the importance of creating time and space for us to talk through what is on our mind. We can always talk to God and Mark's Gospel this weekend teaches us about Jesus' power to heal. His mercy is also the theme for the children and parents working through the First Holy Communion Programme this weekend. Please pray for God's healing on those physically or mentally unwell at this time.

This will be the last news bulletin before half term as we have a short week in school next week due to the double INSET days on Thursday and Friday. When we return, Lent will have started and we turn our attention to Easter and the resurrection. Children in KS2 began their Lenten journey slightly early on Thursday when they reflected on the life of St Brigid in Mass. A woman who lived by the cross, sacrificing so much in Christ's name.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Mr Dachtler.



BOOK TALK

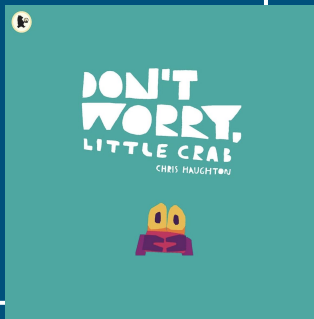
Next week is Children's Mental Health Week so our book choices this week are ideal to share with children to support conversations about wellbeing and our feelings.



EYFS

Don't Worry, Little Crab

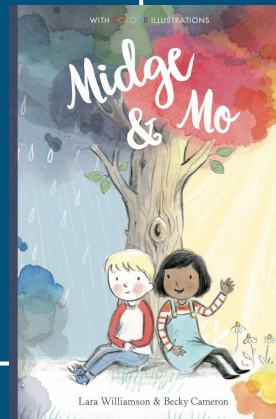
Little Crab and Very Big Crab are off for a trip to the sea – but when Little Crab sees just how big the waves are, it seems far too scary to swim in! But with some encouragement, Little Crab is brave enough to explore the sea and find out just how beautiful it is. A lovely story about fighting your fears, with beautiful bright illustrations.



Key Stage 1

Midge & Mo by Becky Cameron

A touching story about friendship and new beginnings. Midge is really sad to be starting a new school – he misses his old friends, his old house, and he wishes his parents were still together. Mo can't understand why Midge isn't as happy and playful as her! Midge & Mo explores empathy, compassion, and how we can support each other through difficult times.

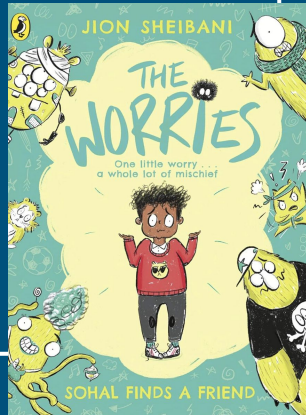


BOOK TALK

LKS2

The Worries by Jion Sheibani

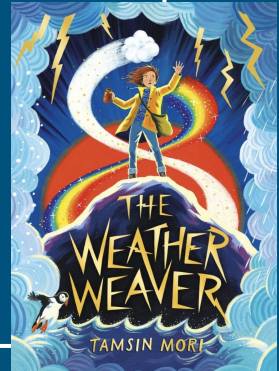
Everyone feels worried sometimes. But what if your worries came to life and started following you around? Sohal worries about everything. When he decides to draw his worries one night, it leads to an unexpected, fun-filled adventure! This funny and highly illustrated story explores how we relate to our worries and build better relationships with them with a light touch and plenty of kindness and fun.



UKS2

The Weather Weaver by Tamsin Mori

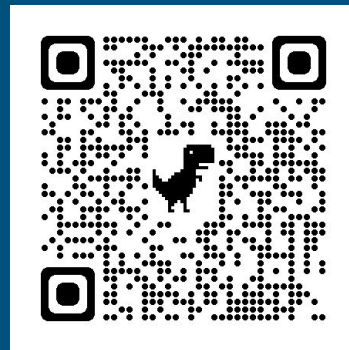
Stella has returned to Shetland for the summer to stay with her grandfather, who seems a lot less lighthearted than she remembers - but she can't figure out why. Her life changes when she discovers she has a special ability to control the weather. These new magical powers are closely tied to Stella's emotions, which means she has to become more in tune with her feelings. As Stella learns how to manage her anger and frustration, she also starts to understand what her grandfather is going through too. All of this is set against a brilliant fantasy adventure of myths, magic and clouds.



School Library Wishlist



Our children at St Teresa's love to read, and by buying a book from our wish list, you will help to continually improve the range of books we can offer in the school library. Each book will be labelled with the name of the family who donated it, so please remember to add your child's name and class to the gift message so we know who donated the books. Click on the link [here](#) or scan the QR code opposite to buy and donate a book. Please choose the St Teresa's delivery option when you check out.





For parents | Letters and Sounds

The resources on this page will help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful videos so you can see how they are taught at school and feel confident about supporting their reading at home.



Headlines of the week



Nursery



A SUPER week in Nursery....

This week nursery have been working SUPER hard on their numbers 1-10 and their name writing; building number towers and creating their own superhero identity card.

As well as making friends with our new tiny t's and sharing our favourite thing about nursery during circle time.



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Reception

This week we continue to discover the deep blue sea. The children have been writing the beginning, middle and end of their stories about Rainbow Fish, using their planning from last week to guide them.

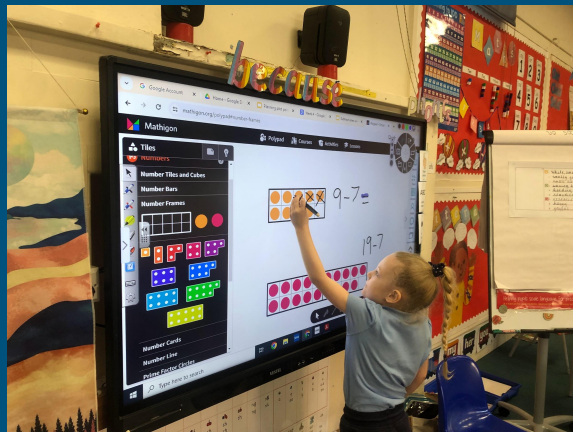
In Maths this week we have been learning to use a number line to help us to count on.

We continue to create an array of paintings and collages depicting our version of under the sea.

Even in this weeks music we 'row row rowed our boats' moving to the beat using large and small steps.



Year 1



Our NED champions this week:

1KH: Luca is our NED champion this week for being a superstar mathematician! He always contributes during maths lessons and is able to explain his reasoning superbly. He's also just lovely, kind and full of smiles! Well done Luca :-)

1LH: Mia has been working extremely hard in her Maths this week to ensure she is forming all numbers correctly. In our English lessons she impressed us all with some great vocabulary, describing how the old lady in our story moves. Great job Mia!! :)

Year 1 have had another great week!

This week, we have been writing plans in preparation for writing our stories next week. We have loved creating our own setting and characters.

We have also been using our number bonds to 10 to help us add and subtract greater numbers. This was tricky at first but we used our growth mindsets and never gave up!

Another highlight for this week was our session on Internet safety. We thought about how often we used the internet and how we could stay safe online!

Year 2



Year 2 have been busy completing their **assessments** this week and there has been **lots of progress** seen, well done Year 2!

Children have also been thinking about the importance **giving thanks in RE lessons** and considered the impact of **The Last Supper** and how we still celebrate this event during MASS today.

During **English lessons** pupils have focused on incorporating preposition into their sentences and will be making use of this next week during their big write.

As it's **Children's Mental Health Week**, pupils have attended a **workshop with our Deputy Head, Mrs Druce** and considered the importance of **speaking out and communicating** and this theme has been echoed during their **PSHE lesson** with the theme of **working cooperatively** with each other.

This week our wonderful NED champions are: **Fabian in 2LM** and **Ashwin in 2CM**. [Well done to you both!](#) 😊

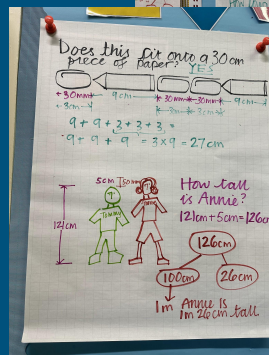
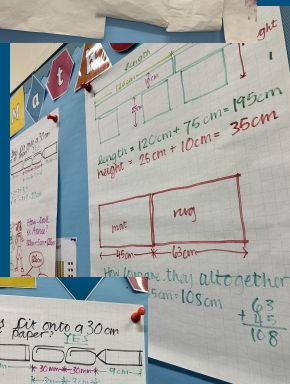
Year 3

This week in English, we looked at what biographies were. We planned and wrote a biography on Howard Carter, the person who discovered Tutankhamun's tomb.

We also learned about the different ancient Egyptian gods and the role of the Egyptians' belief system in their society.

In Maths, we continued our work on length. We compared different units of measurement (*which is longer, 70mm or 6cm?*) and solved addition and subtraction word problems based on it.

Our RE lesson was about prayer. Children learned that prayer is central to a Christian's life journey and that it is a way of keeping in daily contact with God.



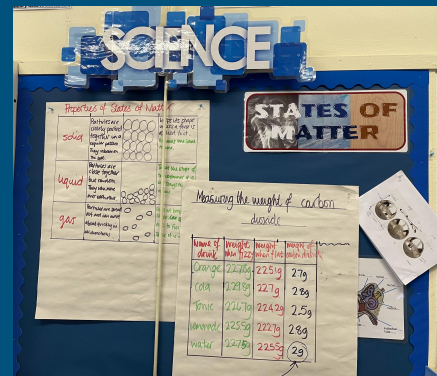
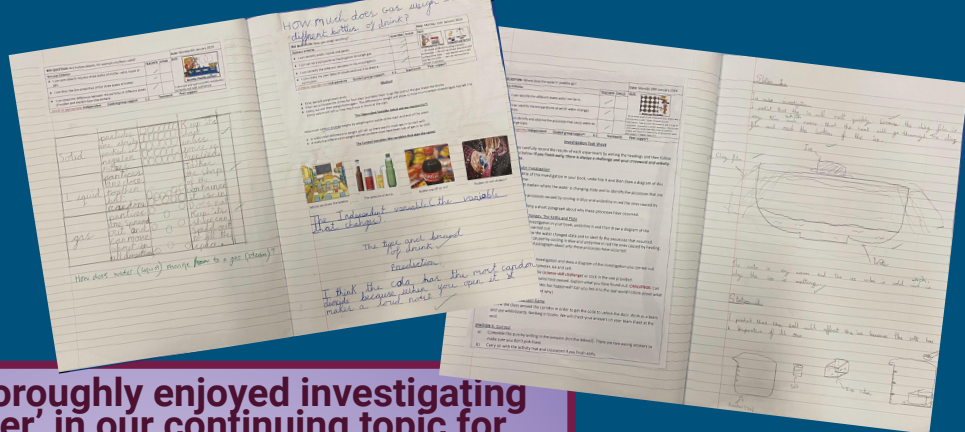
★ NED CHAMPIONS ★

3EW- Rowan's confidence is growing daily. He has offered to read out loud during whole class reading and has demonstrated some great vocabulary in French! Well done Rowan- keep it up!

3M - Niall is our 3M NED champion this week. He had made great progress with his reading because of his positive attitude and remembering our NED value of never giving up. Congratulation Niall - keep up the good work!



Year 4



Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed investigating 'States of Matter' in our continuing topic for Science.

The children have been demonstrating their learning through the use of diagrams and charts, describing their scientific investigation in different 'stations' including, reversing changes from ice to water, water to water vapour and the impact of salt on ice and how this changes.

We have started a new topic on 'Fractions' and are learning about mixed fractions, improper fractions and proper fractions.

In French, the children have been learning about weather and will be using this vocabulary to do a weather forecast using their knowledge of countries on a map.

Well done to our NED champions in Year 4

In 4D, Elvis is our NED champion this week, for always participating so enthusiastically in lessons. He consistently has his hand up in class and makes a superb effort to engage in every aspect of his learning. What a star! Well done Elvis

In 4P, Zoey has demonstrated fantastic teamwork skills this week, working collaboratively with her learning partner and embracing her table partners' ideas during group work. She is also always willing to help out around the classroom.

Year 5

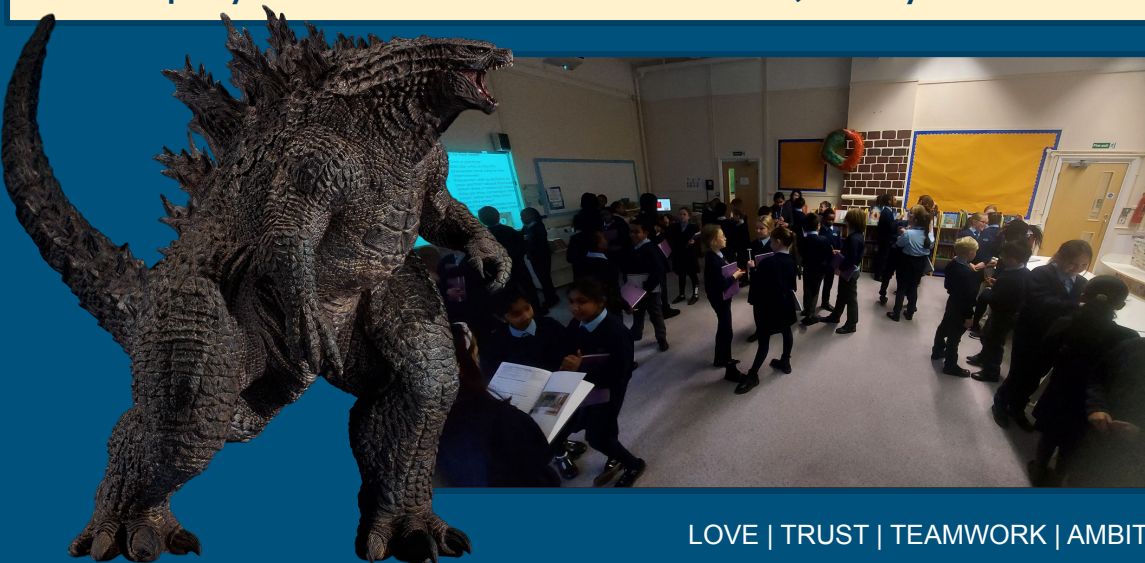


This week, Year 5 worked incredibly hard on their independent writing of a narrative poem! The poems were inspired by our reading of *The Malfeasance* by Alan Bold. The children used a terrifying monster as a metaphor for our worries and negative emotions and were really creative in their explorations of how we can overcome those emotions. Year 5 also had a great time in the library acting out role plays on the Passover. Well done, everyone!

Our NED champions this week:

5G - Alan has been working fantastically hard this week and it was great to see his independent writing of a narrative poem. Well done! Alan's piano playing has been incredibly impressive and he has kindly offered to play in our phase liturgy next week. Amazing!

5C - Sianna is our NED champion! She works hard in every lesson and is not afraid of a challenge. Her resilience and determination ensure that she is always trying her best. Keep up the good work Sianna!



Year 6



This week, Year 6 completed a DT project, working in small groups to design the next best theme park. They had to think of the **name** of their park, the **theme** of their park and most importantly, the **blueprints** of their theme park- we were able to watch these designers, architects and finance gurus come to life!

#wehavetheapprentice



Congratulations to our NED champions...

6W - Miguel
6F - Reon

Noticeboard



Reminders

Polite reminder - The playground toilets are for use by children **only**, if you are in need please go to the front office where there is an adult toilet.

Please see the next slides for all the exciting upcoming FOST events during the Spring Term!

School finishes for half term on **Wednesday 7th February** at 3.20pm, pupils return to school on **Monday 19th February**.

Please make sure you have given consent via parent pay for your child to attend any upcoming trips, we cannot take your child off the school site without this.

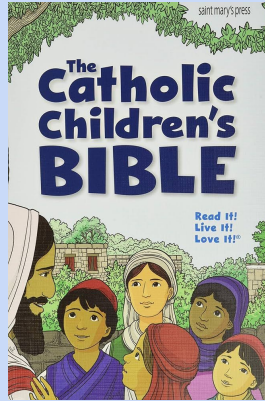
Upcoming key dates

- 2nd Feb - FOST Valentine's Disco
- 5th feb - Yr 5 Trip to St Philomena's to watch The Wizard of Oz, please remember to give consent on Parent Pay.
- 6th Feb - Yr3 Trip to the British Museum
- 7th Feb - School finishes for half term

Useful links

- [Contacting the school](#)
- [Term times](#)
- [Reporting absence](#)
- [School menu](#) (New for Autumn Term)
- [Religious Education](#) Spring Curriculum

Wonderful Word club!



Dear Parents/Carers,

Wonderful Word Club has been happening in school since Autumn one term.

Please encourage your children to join us and build a deeper knowledge of scripture or you may indeed like to do this together at home.

Come and discover the wonderful Word of God. Journey with us through the hot deserts of Israel, across the deep, Red Sea into Egypt, up into the cooler mountains around Sinai. Come and meet Jesus and His ancestors in the scriptures!

Take some time to open your mind and let God's words sink deep inside. We'll wonder, question, pray and together discover what God is asking us to do. **Every Wednesday 12:30-12:55pm.**

FOST

Spring 2024
event schedule...



 **Friday 2nd
February
Valentine's
Disco**

in the school hall
[Click below to purchase tickets](#)

EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15

KS2 5:30-7:15



**Thursday 29th
February
'Leap for Leap Day'**

during school time



**Friday 22nd
March
Easter Film
Night**



in the school hall













**Times and ticket
information coming soon.**



FOST

Spring 2024 event schedule...



| What? | Where? | When? | How? |
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|  Valentine's Disco  | School Hall   | Friday 2nd Feb EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15 KS2 5:30-7:15  | Click on the correct link below to purchase your tickets. <u>EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15</u> <u>KS2 5:30-7:15</u>  |
| Leap for Leap Day  | In school   | Thursday 29th Feb During the school day | This is a <u>new event</u> to celebrate the rare occurrence of 29th February. <u>More information</u> about this fundraising event will be <u>available soon.</u> |
|  Easter Film Night  | School Hall  | Friday 22nd March TBC | As promised, we are rescheduling our film night. <u>Times and ticket information coming soon.</u> |