



# St Mary's Primary School



Newsletter 19

5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week marked the start of an exciting new chapter for St Mary's as we formally joined the Acorn Multi Academy Trust. This has been a lengthy process but we are pleased to now be working more closely with six other local schools. We feel this will be of huge benefit to our children, staff and school community. Already, our IT infrastructure has been upgraded and when children return, they will have access to new devices to work on. Alongside this, we look forward to exciting developments as set out earlier this week in the letter from Andrea Rice including bringing back our Early Years provision. We are all looking forward to enabling the school to continue to grow and flourish. As always, we thank you for your support especially during these challenging times and especially thank you for all you are doing to support your children.

In other news, it was lovely for the children to attend their class check-in this week and take part in Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme was "Express Yourself" and it was great to hear about all the ways that children choose to express themselves including through drama, painting, sport and books. Well done to everyone for taking part.

## Impressive Learning

We would like to share this wonderfully expressive piece of poetry composed by Belle in Year 5 as part of her English work this week.

Here is Norah, Year 1, using her soft toy collection to help her with her maths!



## Parent/ Carer Support Clinic

Clare Kew, the Inclusion Lead across the MAT, will be offering a Parent/Carer Support Clinic every Friday for all schools in the MAT.

Starting Friday 5th February, Clare and a colleague will be available via telephone, text or email to answer any questions regarding any additional support to parents and carers. The current COVID situation is affecting families in different ways and it is understandable that extra support may be required. As a school we want parents and carers to know that we can provide support in many different ways.

You can reach the team on the mainline number 01297 33005, via text on 07868 227971 or via email on [ckew@acornacademy.org](mailto:ckew@acornacademy.org) or [aosborn@acornacademy.org](mailto:aosborn@acornacademy.org).

Our very best wishes to you all

Miss Smith and the Staff at St Mary's

English -Poetry. Recipe For A Snake

Take,  
The gentle whistle of a steaming chimney pot  
The soft scurry of a dormouse over leaves  
And a swoosh of the bristles on a brush  
For his voice.

Take,  
The smoothness of a wet rat's fur  
The roughness of the shingle at the edge of the sea  
And the ripples of the stripes from a tiger  
For his skin

Take,  
The spine-tingling cold of an icicle  
The ghostly whiteness of the moon  
And the sharpest tip of a Pterodactyl beak  
For his fangs

Take,  
The lush green of a tropical palm leaf  
The shock from a rain forest lightning storm  
And the glimmer of a tree frog hopping  
For his eyes

Take,  
The ferocious speed of a Megalodon  
The mighty grip of a silverback gorilla  
And the agility of an octopus  
For his body.