



St Mary's Primary School

Newsletter 24

19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

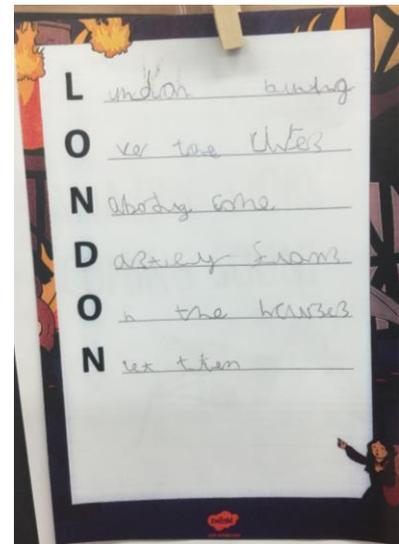
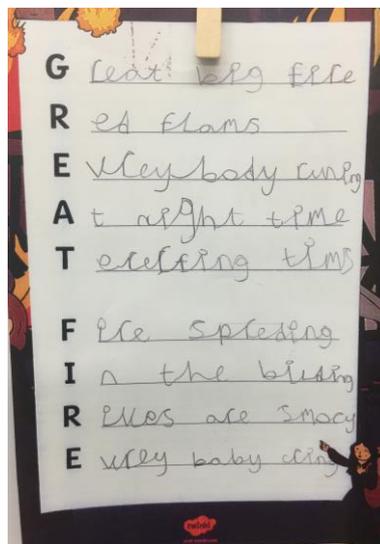
As we approach the end of the second week of full re-opening, children have continued to settle back well into their new routines. There is a great energy around the school and within classrooms, children are eager and enthusiastic about their learning which is great to see.

Since the full re-opening, we have been committed towards increasing the amount of physical activity that children are undertaking each day. It has been fantastic to see so many children attend morning circuits and great to hear stories about how much stronger the children feel. Alongside this, we have been undertaking quick '8 minute' move sessions inspired by Joe Wicks each morning and even some skipping and running at break times has taken place. Pippin Class have joined in too, undertaking a daily 'wake and shake' linked to maths in their classroom. The impact we have already seen upon children's concentration levels and mood has been impressive and we look forward to participating in different initiatives after Easter such as 'Walk to School' week which takes place during May.

Thank you for all you have done this week to ensure children have arrived at school promptly and well prepared for the day ahead. Once again, this week we have had great attendance across the school and in before and after school clubs.

Class News

This week, Year 1 have been learning all about measurement in lots of different ways. They have been using scales to measure and compare different objects. They have all come up with some creative ideas about how they can measure as you can see! They have also been focusing on acrostic poetry linked to the class topic 'The Great Fire of London'.



Miss Chestney has been extremely impressed with the children and their attitudes within class. All children have contributed towards class discussion and made some brilliant suggestions. The children have really been aiming high and it's been great to see so many of them reaching the gold on our class chart throughout the week.

Orchard class have been busy working on discussion texts within their English and have shown that they have great debating skills particularly when it comes to discussing whether children should have to wear uniform to school or whether crisps should be sold at playtime! We look forward to writing some discussion texts next week in class. Elsewhere, children in Orchard Class have been exploring landscape art and the work of various landscape artists. Year 5/6 have also enjoyed undertaking some practical work based on their Science topic 'Space'. We hope to create a display with this wonderful work soon.

Golden Apples

Congratulations to William, Abigail and Albert who were all awarded Golden Apples this week as part of our Positive Relationships and Behaviour code in school. Each week, we award golden apples to children to have gone above and beyond in their learning, their behaviour or their attitude. These apples will be shared and celebrated on our 'Living, Learning and Growing Together' tree.



Water Bottles and Snack

Please be reminded that water bottles brought into school should only contain water and not juice or squash. Children in KS1 and EYFS are provided with a piece of fruit at their morning break. We recommend that children in KS2 also bring in a morning snack but to ensure consistency across the school, please can we ask children to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at this time. Thank you.

Best wishes to you all,

Miss Smith

Head of School