



St Mary's CE Primary Academy

Newsletter 25

26th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy and vibrant week here at St Mary's and it has been great to continue to see the children settling into their routines.

Since the return of all of the children, we have been really focusing upon reintegrating children and providing lots of opportunities for socialisation. We have also been placing an emphasis upon positive choices and attitudes to learning. We are all really pleased with the progress all children have made in these areas. Children seem genuinely thrilled to be back with their friends and it is so wonderful to see every child strive to achieve the 'golden' apple each week. We want to congratulate each and every child on settling back into school so well and we look forward to our last week of the Spring Term next week.

As ever, we do empathise that the transition back to school can be challenging after a period of time away so please do make contact with us if your child is struggling or if we can help in any way.

Class News

In Orchard Class, children have all created their own discussion texts about topics of their choice. We were very impressed with the children's wide and varied choice of topic such as 'Should robots be used to do the shopping?' and 'Should a skateboard ramp be built in the school playground?' It has been great to see the children write so passionately about topics that interest them. Next week, our focus will shift to poetry and our stimulus will be 'Bluebells'. Children will create poems and create landscape paintings of bluebells as the finale to their art topic.

In PHSE, Years 5 and 6 have been exploring steps they need to take towards achieving their future career goals. Meanwhile, Years 3 and 4 have devised mini-performances to share advice and encouraging ways to increase their resilience when dealing with disappointing situations.



When Pippin Class were asked what their favourite part of the school day is, lots of them replied that it was reading! Miss Chestney always encourages and promotes a love of reading, doing so in a variety of different ways. Sometimes the children will 'buddy up' with someone from another year group and read together. They really love this time and get comfortable by either going into the reading area or moving some cushions around and finding a quiet place to read.

The children have planned their own house to create in our DT session next week. Pippin Class will be using a variety of materials to create houses like the ones in 1666 when the Great Fire of London took place.

National Day of Reflection

On Tuesday 23rd March, the staff and children joined in with the minute's silence at 12 noon which was observed across the country. This was followed by discussion about why this was held, and a focus on images of daffodils as a symbol of hope and new life, which also fits within our Christian value for this term.



Golden Apples

Congratulations to Vinny, Evie G and Ethan who were all awarded Golden Apples this week.



PFA Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to the PFA, who are kindly organising an Easter Egg hunt which will take place next Thursday on the last day of term, which we are sure will be a highlight! We will share pictures in next week's newsletter.

Best wishes to you all,

Miss Smith

Head of School