



Trinity Church School

Learning, Growing, Believing Together



Friday 4th November 2022

Newsletter 05

Our core Christian Values: *Trust, Friendship, Creativity, Courage, Respect, Compassion*

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to school for Term 2 at Trinity - I hope you all had a relaxing half term. The children have come back into school full of energy and ready to learn which is exactly what we aim for. This term, we are focusing on our Christian Value: RESPECT

This year, Remembrance Day falls on Friday of next week. As usual, Trinity will be laying a wreath at the Radstock memorial and I have no doubt that our Year 6 ambassadors will represent us with Respect and Compassion.

Also this term, we will be officially opening the Sculpture Garden - the care and attention given to the grass area has resulted in a beautiful lush green lawn around the seating area. We would remind everyone to treat it with respect and remember that the seats are not for climbing on. The children have been starting to use the space in groups (weather permitting!) and we are looking forward to using it more over the coming years.

We are very pleased to welcome back Mrs Jefferies temporarily to the Trinity staff team. Following the resignation of Miss Rundle, Mrs Jefferies will be teaching Chestnut Class until the end of Term 2. We are now actively seeking a replacement teacher for after Christmas. I would like to thank Mrs Jefferies and the whole staff team for their support in ensuring a smooth transition for the children.

Mrs Parsons

Office News:

IMPORTANT: School Lunches

We are no longer able to book children in for lunches. Please remember to book any required school lunches by Thursday each week for the following week. If lunches are not pre-booked, you will be called and asked to bring a packed lunch into school. If you need any help with the booking system, please contact the office.

Can you spare some time to read with children?

We need some volunteer adults to come in and read with Trinity children - reading sessions are Monday-Friday either 8.30-9.00am or 1.00-1.30pm. If you would like to help, please email the office with the days and times you are available.



House Points Winners

Congratulations to **Topaz** House who achieved most house points this week.



Attendance Winners

Well done to **Conker** and **Willow** Class for achieving the highest attendance this week.



Christian Values Awards

The children recognised for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last two weeks are:

Friendship: Jake Y5

Respect: Finley, Joey, Esme & Delilah Y1

Compassion: Melissa Y1



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies and a limited amount of other merchandise next week in support of the Poppy Appeal. Please send your child in with a donation if you would like them to have a poppy.



Acorn Class

Class News:

We had a spooky start to the new term with lots of Halloween themed activities on Monday! The children have been exploring the different textures of pumpkins - scooping out the soft, mushy flesh and carefully picking out the hard, slimy seeds from the inside whilst using some careful hand-eye co-ordination to hammer screws into the smooth, hard surface. We also had fun experimenting with Halloween potions, mixing all kinds of weird and wonderful ingredients to make some slimy, gooey and colourful creations!

We have been reading the story of *"The Blue Balloon"* which tells us about a young boy and his dog Kipper who find a mysterious blue balloon. Despite their best efforts, the balloon will just not burst. We have been discovering the different textures balloons have - blowing up our blue balloons in class and squashing them, squishing them, stretching them and hitting them. Ask your children what words they have learned to describe the balloons they have been reading about from our story book. The children have also demonstrated some confident brush handling skills to paint some wonderful blue balloon pictures.

As we head towards the excitement of Firework Night the children enjoyed making some edible firework sparklers. We used breadsticks to dip into some thick, sticky icing before dipping and rolling them into multi-coloured sprinkles. Ask the children what noises their sparklers made!

Mrs Ware

Thought of the week



BE BRIGHT- BE SEEN! SHINE BRIGHT LIKE A DIAMOND!

With the clocks going back and the nights growing longer we have been reflecting on "light in the darkness" in our Collective Worship this week. I'm sure many families will be attending a firework display this weekend and watching the dark skies brighten up with Fireworks - another way to celebrate light.

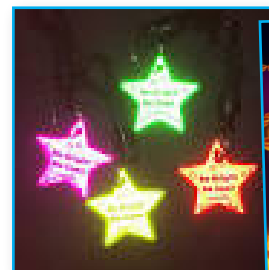
We have been promoting the Be Bright Be Seen road safety campaign to encourage all children to wear something bright and take extra care when out and about near roads, especially as nights draw in and visibility is reduced.

Last week, Hindus celebrated their festival of light - Diwali - across the world. We have explored the role of light in the story of Rama and Sita and the lights that were lit to guide them home. The story tells how good can triumph over evil and light over dark. It speaks of the importance of friendship and loyalty, giving and sharing, goodness and happiness, hope and new beginnings. It shows how friendship can provide support during dark and difficult times and can help us to find our true destiny (just like Rama).

Talking points:

How can I stay bright and be seen to keep me safe in the winter months?

What can I do to bring light into someone else's life in the dark winter months?



Conker Class



Class News:

Welcome back to Term 2, Conkers!

This term, we are reading a book called: *"Where the Wild Things Are"*. We have thought about what Max, the main character, did which made his mum angry and got him sent to his room. In his room a forest grew so we went to the forest to see if we could find Max. We have used lots of new words to describe different ways of moving, such as: *wander*, *stroll* and *stomp*. We discovered that a forest is growing in our pod too!

We have not learned any new sounds in Phonics this week, we have instead been consolidating our knowledge and practising reading and writing CVC words. We have spotted them, played bingo, pegged them, hidden them and written them. Next week we will learn 4 new sounds.

Monday was Halloween and the children were very excited to share with us what they were going to dress up as and if they had carved a pumpkin to put outside. We made our own pumpkins in class.

We hope you all have a lovely and safe firework night on Saturday.

Mrs Vivian



Chestnut Class



Class News:

Welcome back, Chestnut class!

On Tuesday I began my very exciting new chapter with your amazing children. I was so impressed that the children remembered me from last year when I taught Year 4 at Trinity. It has been lovely getting to know the class and finding out about each and every child. I have been especially touched by the warm welcome your children have given me and the resilience they have demonstrated in managing the change.

During this week, Mrs Vivian came back to visit the children which they loved! We learned some more sounds in our Phonics lesson and we also tackled reading some longer words by chunking up the sounds. We wrote sentences which we rehearsed orally first.

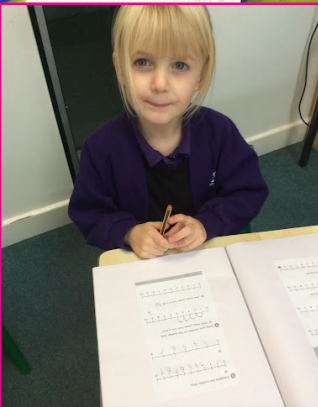
Mr Pollock visited us during our Maths lesson on Wednesday, when we were learning about number lines. Learning was extended into discussions about the number *zero*, odd and even numbers, repeating patterns and whether numbers are *greater than*, *equal to* or *less than* other numbers.

In History, we discovered when, where and why *The Great Fire of London* occurred. The children were completely fascinated by this period in time. Try asking your child what they can remember.

Finally, we visited our beautiful new Sculpture Garden and the children told me what they liked about the sculpture - in particular, the way all the cogs and wheels are different but fit together so well. I explained that this is just like at our school; we are all different but we all play our part and are equally important.

Wishing you all a safe and happy bonfire night!

Mrs Jefferies



Cedar Class



Class News:

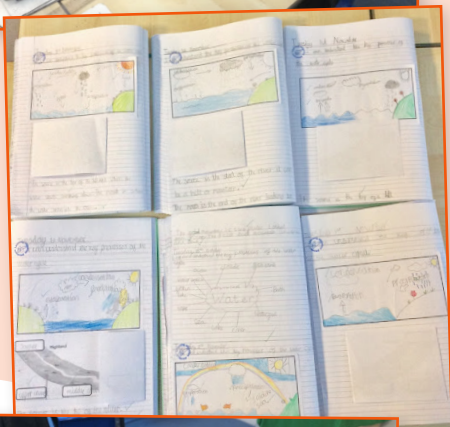
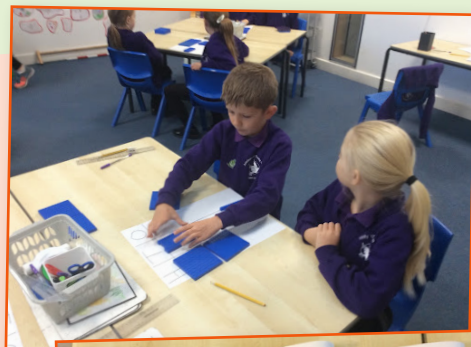
Wow what a welcome back it has been this week!

We started the week by sketching pumpkins and remembering all we had learned from the Exhibition of Excellence. We focused on shape, tone and detail to create an accurate representation of the pumpkins and gourds. In Collective Worship, we carved a pumpkin and thought about the following prayer:

Dear God, Open my mind so that I can learn about You; (cut the top off the pumpkin) Take all my sin and forgive the wrong that I do; (clean out the inside) Open my eyes so Your love I will see; (cut eyes shaped like hearts) I'm sorry for the times I've turned up my nose at what You've given to me; (cut a nose in the shape of a cross) Open my ears so Your word I will hear; (cut ears shaped like a Bible) Open my mouth to tell others You're near (cut the mouth in the shape of a fish) Let Your light shine in all I say and do! (place a candle inside and light it)

In our English and History lessons this week, we have started a project on *The Gunpowder Plot*. We were fascinated by all the historical sources we discovered and we enjoyed sorting them. We had a go at making *inferences* and we discovered dates and resources from long ago that told us when these items would have been used. To celebrate firework night, we have created our own firework poems which we can't wait to finish with a big bang next week!

Miss Musgrove



Willow Class



Class News:

Willow Class have worked extremely hard during their first week back!

In Maths this week, we have continued our topic on *addition* and *subtraction*. We have specifically focused on adding 1s across 10s and adding 10s across 100. Next week we will be working on column addition and subtraction.

In English, we have started a new book: "*The Secret of Black Rock*". The children have begun to write short sentences based on this narrative story, they have come up with some fantastic ideas!

In Science, we have started a new topic on *light*. Our first lesson was based on what we think light is. The lesson involved the children conducting an investigation in which they observed objects in a dark box to see which object is easier to see. They all came up with great predictions!

Finally, in Geography, we have continued our topic on *rivers and mountains*. We spent the first lesson recapping our knowledge on the water cycle and began identifying features of a river.

It has been a fantastic week back for Year 3. They have settled in well and have worked extremely hard, well done Willow Class!

Miss Jones

Cherry Class



Class News:

Welcome back, Cherry Class! With such strong downpours this week we had to take our handball session into the hall. The children enjoyed playing an 'all vs. all' house battle adaptation of the game. We will begin our next topic (dodgeball) next week.

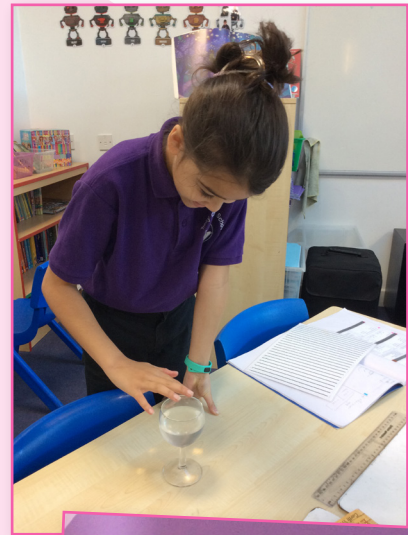
In Maths this week, Cherry Class has been working on addition and subtraction. We have explored calculations both with and without exchanges. The children were great at explaining regrouping and exchanging as they acted it out in pairs using place value counters and base ten.

In English, Philip Pullman's "*Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp*" is inspiring us. The children have created some incredible sentences as we have explored fronted adverbials, alliteration, prepositions and more.

Sound is our exciting new Science topic. The children were brilliant during an elicitation activity on Tuesday and it was great to discover the knowledge, ideas and questions they already have and are bringing to this topic.

To link with our topic of sound, the children have also started to look at the work of *Wassily Kandinsky*. Their title pages in their sketchbooks look lovely!

Mr Pollock



Maple Class



Class News:

Maple Class have made a great start back to Term 2. We used our times tables knowledge in our Maths lessons when studying common factors and multiples.

In Music, we started on the songs for our trip to the Young Voices concert in January and finished off our Black History month work ready for display in the corridor. We also studied the Minimalist composer *Steve Reich* and his Clapping Music and composed our own Maple Class version.

Our Science lesson looked at how day and night are created by the spinning of the Earth around the sun. In PE, we started on our *Dance by Chance* unit by using the school telephone number to create a dance! Year 5 have worked hard this week with a variety of staff and we hope Miss Walker is feeling better soon.

No photos this week, but there are 2 great videos on Seesaw showing the dance and music performances.

Mrs Jones and Mrs Evans-Isaac

Class News:

Redwood Class



It's been great to welcome everyone back after the half term break and the children have picked up right where they left off!

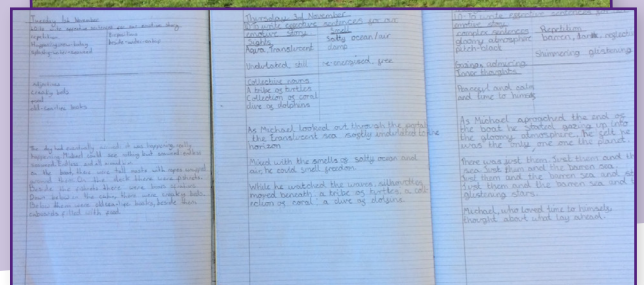
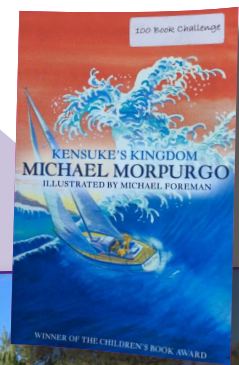
We have been continuing our work on multiplication and division in Maths, applying known facts to new calculations.

In English, we have been studying a new book: "*Kensuke's Kingdom*" by Michael Morpurgo, from which the children have been writing some excellent descriptive sentences.

We have learned all about the Battle of Britain this week in History and have begun our preparation for Young Voices in music.

A great start to Term 2, well done Redwood Class!

Mr Hancock



INVITATION



You are invited to a SEND Information Coffee Morning

Wednesday 9th November
9am – 10.30am

Mrs Hurley will be holding sessions throughout the school year to share information about the SEN provision here at Trinity.

We would like you to know more about the fantastic support we offer children, as well as giving you an insight into the wider world of special educational needs.

Please come along and enjoy a coffee!
Parents and Carers of all Trinity children are welcome.

Headteacher's Award

Conkers: Jaxon
Chestnut: Reggie
Cedar: Ivy and Leo
Willow: Emma
Cherry: Mila
Maple: Martha
Redwood: Alfie



Dates for your Calendar 2022-2023 - Term 2

Date	Event	Notes
Wednesday 9th November	SEN Information Coffee Morning: 9.15-10.15am	All welcome
Thursday 10th November	Acorns Parent Workshop: Nursery Rhymes 2.00-3.00pm (see attached flyer)	Nursery Parents
Friday 11th November	Remembrance Parade at the Radstock Memorial	Year 6 pupils
Tuesday 15th November	Cherry Class Parent Workshop 2.00-3.00pm	Year 4 Parents
Tuesday 22nd November	MSN Small Schools Football Tournament at Norton Hill: 3.45-5.45pm	
Wednesday 30th November	Conker Class Parent Workshop: Phonics 2.00-3.00pm	Reception Parents
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Lunch Day	Whole School
Friday 16th December	END OF TERM 2	Whole School
Tuesday 3rd January	INSET DAY - School Closed	Whole School
Wednesday 4th January	BACK TO SCHOOL - TERM 3	Whole School
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FREE drop in sessions

Make and Mend: Scrap to Sculpture

Creative People and Places

Trinity
Methodist
Church
Radstock

Tuesdays
9.30 - 11.30am

Tuesday 4th October
Tuesday 11th October
Tuesday 18th October

Tuesday 1st November
Tuesday 8th November
Tuesday 15th November
Tuesday 22nd November

Perfect for anyone wanting to do
creative activities with other people.

Toys and activities to occupy children.

Free refreshments and snacks

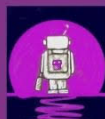


Come and get creative. We will be making art for fun and mindfulness. Time and space for you to spend quality time. Try out whatever you like. Activities based around making scrap art, willow weaving, crafting, sewing and more. All materials are provided, or you can bring clothes from home you would like to mend or upcycle. Our team of artists is here to help you learn new techniques or simply have a chat over a cuppa.

Find out more:

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**WEST OF
ENGLAND**
Combined Authority



Thursday 10th November
2pm - 3pm in the Hall

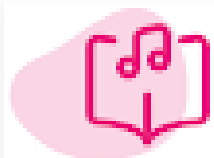
Please join us and support your
children for a fun afternoon
of Nursery Rhymes

Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood
development and education.

As well as being fun they are excellent teaching tools...



Nursery rhymes and children's songs boost
vocabulary and language development



They help children to develop literacy skills



They provide a fun way to support early
numeracy skills



Nursery rhymes help children to develop social,
physical and emotional skills.



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