



St Mary's CofE Primary School

Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation

Friday 4th November 2022

Our core Christian Values: Compassion, Koinonia (Community), Courage, Creativity, Service, Truthfulness

Headteacher's Message

A warm welcome back to everyone; I hope you managed to relax over the half-term holiday. It has been a great start to the new term with children returning to school refreshed and eager to learn despite the very changeable weather!

Following the resignation of Miss Neal, our Year 3 class teacher we are pleased to announce that Miss Guest, our Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Farah Downing will be the new class teachers of Fox Class for the remainder of the school year. Mrs Downing worked with our Year 5 and 6 children on a book writing project last year and also provided extra Literacy support for small groups of children during last year.

If you are attending any firework displays over the weekend or having fireworks at home please ensure you follow the Firework Code.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs Parsons



House Points Winners

Well done to **Topaz** for being our House Point winners this week.

Attendance Winners

Congratulations to the **Ducklings** last week and this week **Lions** for excellent attendance.



Timsbury Library

I had the great pleasure of coming into St Mary's this week to talk to the Children about Timsbury Library.

I was asked lots of great questions such as " If I got my Library card in a different Library to Timsbury, can I still use it here? " and yes is the answer, Timsbury is part of Libraries West consortium of Libraries so is linked to all the other Libraries in the area. Also " How much does it cost to get the Library membership card " and the answer to that is 'nothing', the Library is one of the very few places you can be in and get great things from, for free!

If you can't find what you would like on the shelves then you can order from millions of titles on librarieswest.org.uk and books can then be delivered to Timsbury, for free, for your collection.

We are running an 'incentive offer' for Children of St Mary's, to come into the Library and become a member and take a book out, or if already a member come and borrow a book. They can choose a sweet treat and a bookmark when they come in from our 'Treasure Chest!'.

Timsbury Library is open Mondays 2:30-4:30pm, Tuesdays 2-4pm, Thursdays 1:30-4:30pm and Saturdays 10-12 noon. We are in the building next to the Coop on North Road in Timsbury. Come in and see us!



Headteacher's Award



Congratulations to the children who received a Headteacher Award.

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| Ducklings: | Lucas |
| Rabbits: | Jayden |
| Badgers: | Rafe |
| Foxes: | Joe P |
| Lions: | Annabel |
| Eagles: | Jack W |

Christian value Compassion

Compassion is all about putting yourself in someone else's shoes, especially when they are having a hard time. It's about trying to understand how they are feeling and then being proactive in wanting to help.

Colossians 3:12 *'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience'*

The difference between pity and compassion: pity just feels sorry, compassion does something about it.

Open day

We are excited to announce that our next Open Day' will be happening on **Wednesday 9th November** to welcome prospective parents into the school. St.Mary's has so much to be proud of and we are looking forward to opening our doors. Prospective parents can sign up to walk around the school at 9am, 11am or 1:30 pm. The children will be showcasing their best learning, including our Remembrance creations! We're looking forward to the opportunity to show off our inclusive, outdoor focussed, community school. Please share this date with friends and family who might be looking for a school place for next September. We are looking forward to opening our doors.

Hedgehogs



Class News:

Welcome back Hedgehogs...

The children have been exploring our newly decorated nursery and having lots of fun playing with our new resources.

Our mirror tray has been very popular, some of the children made an island for the dinosaurs which they really enjoyed.

Colours and Numbers-

Using the loose parts tray the children had fun sorting the different objects into bowls and counting how many they have.

One child said 'I have 1,2,3,4 in my bowl'

Also using the coloured fruits the children separated them into colours.

I wrote to the zoo to send me a.....

Dear Zoo is our book for the term. The children have enjoyed using the props for the story and acting it out with their friends. They made a zoo for the animals using the wooden blocks and loose parts.

Mrs Sandall



Ducklings



Class News:

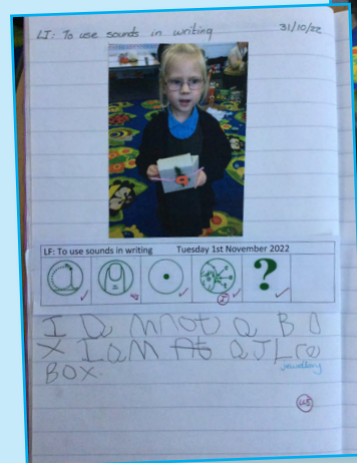
I am not a box, I am a...

This week Duckling's class have been using their creativity to create something wonderful out of a boring old box. To start with we explored our class text, 'Big Box, Little Box by Cayrl Hart' and thought about what we could make. Then we used our engineering skills to attach various pieces to our box and made all sorts of wonderful things. From spiders, to robots, cats and jewellery. We had a great time getting creative!

In English, we have been using our sounds to write simple sentences about what we have built. The children were almost shocked that they could use their sounds to make sentences that they could read themselves. A fantastic achievement.

Well done Ducklings, a great start to Term 2.

Mrs Winney



Rabbits



Class News:

Rabbit class has been busy ordering numbers in our maths lessons, we ran into problems when numbers were missing but luckily our super maths skills meant we could work it out. The class has been doing some great reasoning and problem solving around the greatest number.

In writing we have started a new unit on poetry. So far we have written a Halloween senses poem, there were lots of spooky ideas! We will be building up to a poem all about fireworks. To get us going we have pretended to be fireworks and have listened to lots of firework sounds- we have been whizzing and whooshing around the classroom. We have also learnt how to stay safe on bonfire night and have made posters to teach others.

In Science we explored our sense of touch through practical investigations. We also carried out a comparative test to find out if our partners feet are bigger than ours. In PSHE we have been thinking about our similarities and differences to each other in the class. Lots of us like football, the colours of the rainbow and unicorns!

To top off a great week we have had lots of fun on the new climbing equipment, who knew monkey bars could be so fun?

A great start to the term Rabbit class, what a busy week we have already had. Keep it up!

Mrs Roberts



Badgers



Class News:

We had a lovely time when our families came into class to spend an afternoon doing some fun Maths games and activities. We enjoy having lots of practical Maths lessons so it was fun being able to share some of our fantastic number skills with our parents and carers.

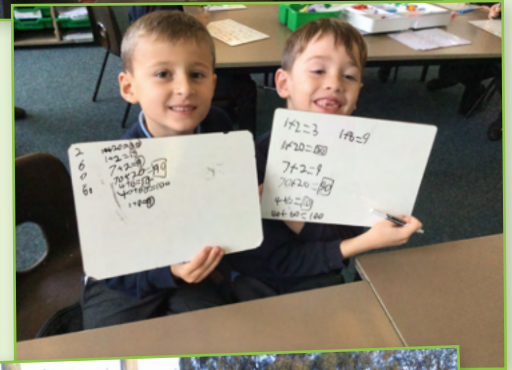
Our current Maths learning is related facts where we have been thinking about how knowing our number bonds to 10, helps us know our number bonds to 100. There has been some really accurate counting happening this week.

In Guided Reading we have started reading a chapter book called *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*. The children have been practising their retrieval skills where they have to search for the answer to a question by finding it in the text. The Badgers love a challenge and are enjoying the story so far.

Finally, we have been lucky enough to have some new play equipment in the playground and the children have made the most of it this week with lots of climbing and balancing.

Well done to a great start to term 2 Badgers!

Mrs Brown



Foxes



Class News:

We have really enjoyed our first week as teachers of Fox class this week and have been really impressed with the children's resilience and positive attitudes!

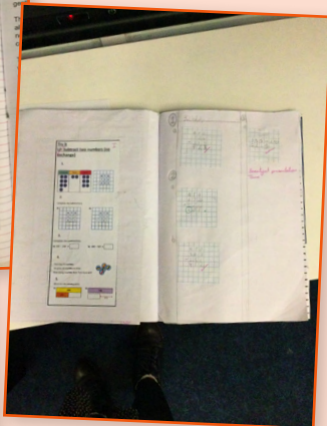
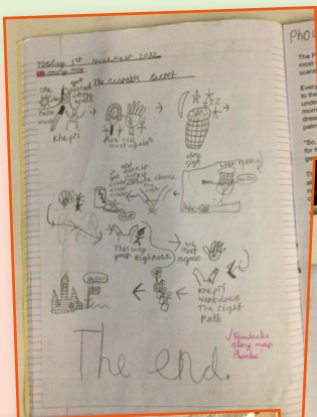
In maths, we have been learning how to do column addition and subtraction. It was tricky laying the questions out correctly but the children didn't give up and persevered until lots of children were saying "I can do this!", "Can I try the next one on my own?"

In English we are learning the story 'The Scarab's Secret'. We have made a story map and retold the story to each other. Miss Guest was really impressed with how well they could remember the key points of the story and important vocabulary! The children have enjoyed working with Mrs Downing on a special writing project and have contributed many fantastic ideas.

In Science, we are learning about health and movement. We learnt about the different food groups and sorted foods into the correct categories. Mrs Downing thought we were very knowledgeable about how to live a healthy life.

Keep up the great work Foxes!

Miss Guest and Mrs Downing



Lions



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What a great start to term 2!

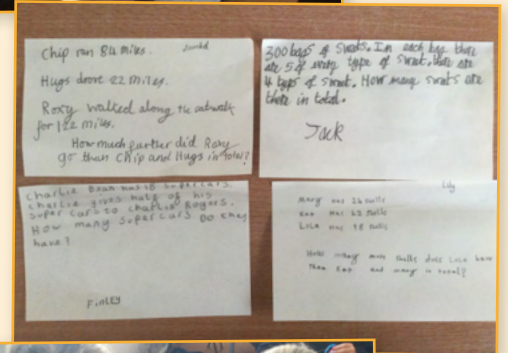
We have been busy learning about inverse operations in our Maths lessons. The children have enjoyed writing and solving multi-step word problems.

In English lessons, we have been learning about expanded noun phrases. I have been impressed with their ideas and understanding of adjectives, nouns and prepositional phrases.

The children have enjoyed investigating different planets in the Solar System. They made some wonderful predictions about which planet takes the longest to orbit the Sun.

We were fascinated to discover how Mayan society is different to ours and the children asked lots of great questions.

Mrs Hayward



Eagles



Class News:

The Year 6 Eagles have made the expected brilliant start to Term 2, carrying on where they left off in terms of their wonderful learning behaviours.

Week 1 of this term has seen us covering a lot of ground across all curriculum areas. We have been continuing our work on calculations in Maths, multiplying 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. We also enjoyed investigating square and cube numbers.

In our English lessons, we have been writing our own sequels to the story of *The Viewer* by Gary Crew. If you are not familiar with this story, you can find it here: [BSPS Story Time with Mr Layton - The Viewer - YouTube](#)

We have also nearly reached the end of our class novel, *When The Sky Falls* by Phil Earle, a story about a boy and a gorilla in London during World War 2, which is our current History topic. This story has helped to secure our knowledge of the key events which took place between 1939 and 1945.

One of our favourite sessions this week was our first Latin lesson, which has replaced French as our language being taught in Key Stage 2. The children were really interested to discover that they have actually always been expert translators of Latin without even realising as so many English words have their origins in this ancient language.

The children are destined to end 2022 in fine style, continuing to flourish within the calm, focussed, supportive and relaxed environment of The Eyrie. It's going to be a great term.

Mr Daniels



Top Tips for internet safety - LAPTOPS



Talk with your child about responsible use of their laptop

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use it for and look at the possible risks. Tell your child what they should do if something goes wrong while using it. This could be to close the screen and tell an adult. See below for conversation starter ideas.



Think about the location of the laptop

Will it be used in a shared family space or in a bedroom? Think about: setting time limits; reminding your child about the risks of communicating online with people that they do not know; and encouraging them to come to you with any worries.



Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the phone itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.

Netball Match

Well done to the St. Mary's Netball Team who braved torrential rain and high winds to win their match against Welton Primary School 5-0. The team showed incredible determination and some great team work. The weather was so awful that we didn't get to take a team photo at the end but all hurried home to get warm and dry!

Very well done to those who played: Annabel Potts, Noah Lines, Lily Mann, Alissa Sharpe, Lily Weston & Mia Davies.

Mrs Brown



SEND Coffee Morning

We will be hosting our next parents coffee morning on **Thursday 24th November**. There will be a short presentation on common types of SEND, followed by a Q&A. All parents are welcome to join us to ask any questions about SEND, our approach at St. Mary's and specific time to talk to the SEND team. This will be an informal event around a cup of coffee and some cake with time to chat and mingle. It would be great to see lots of you at this event.

Dates for your Calendar 2022/23 - Term 2

| Date | Event | Notes |
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| 9th November | St.Mary's Open Day | |
| 10th November | PTA AGM in the School Hall 6pm | |
| 11th November | Educational Visit – Writhlington Orchestra Workshop. | Lion and Eagle Class |
| 14th November | Anti-Bullying Week | Whole School |
| 18th November | Children in Need | Whole School |
| 24th November | SEND parents Coffee Morning | |
| 8th December | Christmas Jumper Day | Whole School |
| 9th December | St. Mary's Open Day | Whole School |
| 13th December | Ducklings and Rabbits Nativity 1 (more information to follow) | |
| 14th December | Ducklings and Rabbits Nativity 2 (more information to follow) | |

Office News:

Please make sure you book your child's school lunch by Thursday midnight for the following week. If you miss this deadline or have any problems making the booking, please contact the office and we can book meals for you. **If you do not have a ParentPay account, or are having trouble accessing it, please let the school office know.**

Please remember that we are a nut-free zone at St. Mary's due to a severe allergy. This means you cannot send your children in with nuts, anything containing nuts, or anything with chocolate spread that is made from hazelnuts.

Rainbow Readers



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| David Krot | 20 |
| Phoebe Cracknell | 20 |
| Emily Roper | 40 |
| Molly Cafferky | 20 |
| Aiden Bell | 20 |
| Zach Fry | 20 |

The Breakfast Champions Club

We are excited to announce the launch of our "The Breakfast Champions Club".

This will be available from Monday the 31st of October, from 7.30am to 8.30am. You will be able to pre book your sessions on Parentpay. We will be offering breakfast club to children from Reception to Year 6. Children will need to arrive at school between 7.30am - 8am via the pedestrian gate. Codes will be issued to open this entrance. Parents will need to bring children to the main reception door, where a member of the The Breakfast Champion Team will be waiting to greet you and sign you in, alternatively there will be a doorbell to let them know you have arrived.

The club will run for an hour before lessons begin and will not only provide food but a safe space where children can take part in fun group activities, read or play games & exercise. The sorts of activities on offer will depend upon the number of children and their ages. We will be providing a nutritious Breakfast, it will usually contain items such as cereal, toast, fruit and a drink.

The cost per session will be £4.75

Please let the school office know if you wish to receive a copy of the Breakfast Club Terms & Conditions.

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JOIN US

EVERY WEEK DAY
7.30AM - 8.30AM

**Breakfast
Champions**

FROM MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2022
BOOKING AVAILABLE ON PARENTPAY

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ST. MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA AGM



The PTA Annual General Meeting will be taking place on Thursday 10th November at 6pm in the school hall.

The AGM is open to anyone who has an interest and attending isn't a commitment to joining the PTA (although we always welcome new members).

For further information contact Stef (07790 778453) or Michelle (07850 576946)





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Incorporating Hedgehogs Nursery

Open Day

Wednesday 9th November 2022

Slots available at: 9am 11am 1:30pm

Are you looking for a school place for September 2023?

We would be delighted to welcome you and your child to St Mary's Primary School in order to tell you more about our school, our wonderful children and what we have to offer. To book your place, please email office@stmarystimsbury.co.uk with your name, telephone number and email address, stating which session you wish to attend. We look forward to meeting you and your child very soon!



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