



ST MARY'S

Church of England Primary School

Autumn 1 Week 4

Dear Parents and carers,

This week has been very exciting with the announcement of our School Councillors. We look forward to see them listening to the ideas and concerns of their peers and suggesting initiatives that can make St Mary's an even better place to learn.

Our collaborative art linked to the creation story, from the book of Genesis, has been mounted in the school hall around the cross. It is wonderful to see the work of each year group come together in a collective piece that links to the hand painted wall hangings on either side. I'm excited to see the final touches added to further bring it to life.

Year 5 embarked upon their 'Mars Rover Project' this week. Based in our Computing Space Station, they researched the landscape of Mars and made comparisons to Earth. They observed vehicles that have already successfully ventured across the Martian terrain and identified the ways in which they were designed for this purpose.

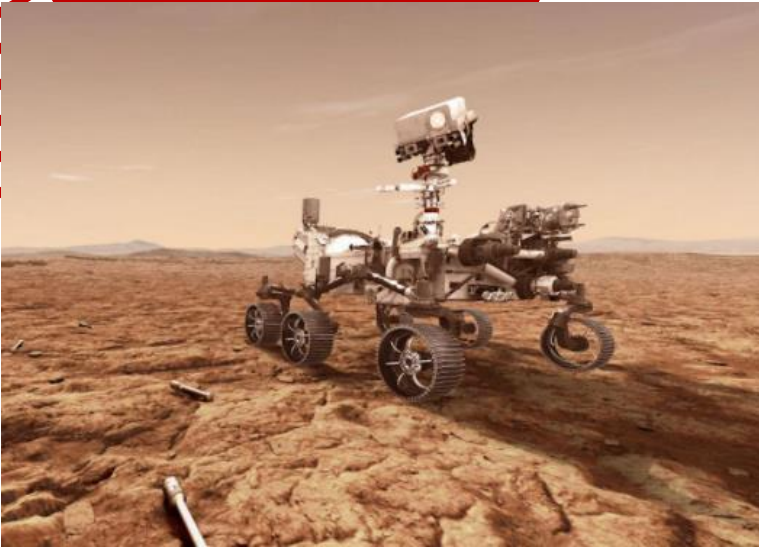
Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the NHS Test and Trace which launched last week and is a new way for the NHS to control the spread of Covid-19. It is the fastest way of knowing when you are at risk and the quicker you know, the quicker you can alert your loved ones and your community. The more people that use the app, the better it will work and it could help avoid further local lockdowns and disruption to the local economy. Please read the attached leaflet for more information.

I will end with a quote from Matthew 7:24 where Jesus reminds us that by following his teachings we can be wiser: "everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock".

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Matthews

Y5 STEM

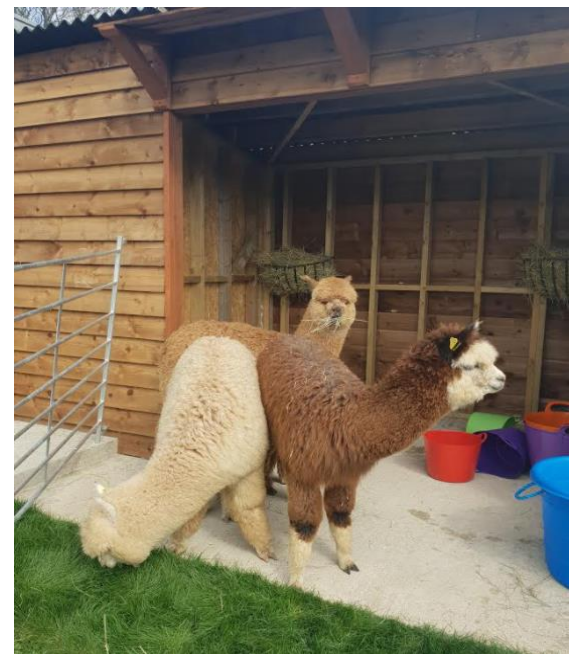
This week, Year 5 embarked on their STEM project. Exploring from our Computing Space Station, the children researched the similarities and differences between the terrain of Mars and Earth. They observed rovers that have previously travelled to Mars and considered how they were suitable for the terrain.



Class Corner Year 4

In year 4, we have settled back in school life extremely well. It has been amazing to catch up and get back into our wonderful routines. Reading Varjak Paw this term has allowed us to live an adventure through his eyes and enjoy being authors again.

In RE, we have been learning more about creation and we explored this by looking deeper into the story of Adam and Eve. Topic this week has been about different alpaca farms from Northern Somerset to the Sacred Valley in Peru. This has only inspired us to learn more about South America and our school alpacas. On Wednesday, we had a zoom call with Mr Parker, who looks after the alpacas at St Saviour's, and learned all about caring for alpacas. He shared lots of information and we were able to ask questions and test his expertise!



Amazing Art!

Our beautiful art pieces have been mounted in the hall to show the creation story. We will be adding more art around the circles to further bring the Genesis story to life along with bible quotes and prayers.



Value of the Week

This week we have continued to think about our school value of wisdom.

Dave is our new curate at St Mary's Church and he shared a wonderful collective act of worship with us this week. We listened to the story of 'The Wise and Foolish Man' and discussed the choices that they made.

We understood that wisdom can mean taking time over something like the wise man did to ensure that choices are well thought out and prepared.

Like the house on the stone, Jesus will always be there for us and will help to keep us grounded.



EYFS News

This week our EYFS curriculum letter has been sent out to you all. This outlines what the children are learning throughout Autumn term in our topic 'All About Me.' Our story for next week will be 'Funny bones' the children will be learning all about their bones and how to keep our skeleton strong and healthy! Attached to our newsletter is a body part themed word mat to support your child at home, we have also attached the link for you to listen to the story together. We hope both resources could be used as conversation starters when talking about worms with your child as well as exposing them to the language we will be using.



Our learning next week

Next week in our math's learning, we will be focusing on counting and length. In our Big Write, the children will be role playing as doctors and writing prescriptions. In our topic learning, we will be discussing why we need a skeleton and how our digestive system works.

PE Kits

If you haven't done so already, please bring in your child's P.E Kit. The children should have a white top, black shorts, black jogging bottoms and plimsolls. Although your child is timetabled for P.E on specific day, we advise keeping a P.E kit in school permanently as we will also use this for our 'Big Write' sessions for the first time as we focus on developing gross and fine motor skills.

Please ensure all P.E kits and jumpers are clearly labelled with a name.

Clothing

We would be very grateful to receive any spare pants, socks or trousers you no longer need or want. Thank you in advance.

Parent Communication

A gentle reminder that if you would like to discuss your child or their learning with their class teacher, please arrange a telephone call, as drop offs and pickups need to remain as safe and quick as possible. Please ensure that you are only at the gate at your child's allocated time to ensure appropriate distancing is being adhered to.

St Mary's Superstars of the Week!



A huge congratulations to all of our fabulous
'Stars of the Week'!



Reception

Attlee – Casper Taylor
Morris – Jonty Howarth
Wilson – Nikol Mihaylor



Year 1

Purple – Aamina Ali
Yellow – Clara Danaswamy-Santiz
Blue/Green – Orzala Ziai

Year 2

Purple – Nancy Sawyer
Yellow – Rhalissa Burke-Monrose
Blue/Green – Benjamin Annobil

Year 3

Purple – Christian Harris
Yellow – Dwanese Ryan
Green – Jahvari Wilson

Year 4

Purple – Hanna Sikk
Yellow – Joy-Josephine Benjamin
Green – Dominik Szuster

Year 5

Purple – Mia Anderton
Yellow/Green – Milo Clarke
Blue – Kayla Sintim

Year 6

Purple – Lillian Denham
Yellow – Edie Ibbotson
Green – Kaylee Eloise
Blue – Brian Zaganjori

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Presentation Stars of the Week!

Well done to our Presentation Stars who have been working extremely hard on improving their handwriting!



Year 1

Purple – Aidan Nwobu
Yellow – Frankie Gardiner
Blue/Green – Stanley Cornish

Year 2

Purple – Florence Scott
Yellow – Dario Alvarez-Garetto
Blue/Green – Hannah Sohail

Year 3

Purple – Toby James
Yellow – Anabelle Airey
Green – Hollie Farrell

Year 4

Purple – Grace Prime
Yellow – Lottie Mason-Jones
Green – Christos Karagounis

Year 5

Purple – Joshua McCourtie
Yellow/Green – Zion Fernandes
Blue – Lorrian Flowers

Year 6

Purple – Imogen Murdoch
Yellow – Sophie Sparry
Green – Jermaine Serunkuma
Blue – Mudassar Nazir

Key Term Dates and Pick up / Drop off times

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Start	9:00	8:50	8:45	8:40	8:35	8:30
Finish	3:10	3:15	3:30	3:40	3:50	4:00
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Autumn Term 2020

First Half (34 days)

INSET- Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th, Monday 7th September Start- Tuesday 8th September 2020 End- Friday 23rd October 2020

Half Term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020

Second Half (35 days) Start- Monday 2nd November 2020 End- Friday 18th December 2020

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2021

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Key Reminders

- Scooters and bikes will have to be taken back home by yourselves after drop off as they cannot remain on site.
- The only items pupils should be bringing into school is their water bottles and/or pack lunches. Please remember no large rucksacks are to be brought in. A school book bag or other small bag that can fit under their chair is all that they need.
- Homework will be set every Thursday and be due in the following Tuesday.
- Our Parent Liaison Officer is Mrs Haworth and your first point of contact for any questions or concerns.

