

St John with St Augustine Newsletter

Safeguarding

We are writing to remind everyone of the importance of parking safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school. We have recently received some concerns from local residents regarding parking and driving in the streets surrounding the school.
We would ask everyone to play their part in ensuring that the start and end of the school day remain safe, positive and pleasant for everybody.

Thank you for your support.

Church Dates

18 Nov	Miss Livsey	The Wise King
25 Nov	Year 6	RE Topic
2 Dec	Mr McLeod	Jonah the Groaner
9 Dec	Mr Asif	The Annunciation
16 Dec	Mrs Henderson	The Christmas Story
18 Dec	Year 4	Christingle Service

After School Clubs

Mon	KS2 Football
Tue	KS1 Stike
Wed	Dodgeball
Thur	KS2 Choir

Studybugs



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Diary Dates

Tue 17 Nov	**Rec Forest School**
Fri 20 Nov	**Year 5 Swimming Lessons**
	Celebration Assembly School Hall 3:00pm
Mon 23 Nov	**Parents Evening**

Celebration Assembly

Reception	Aahil
Year 1	Melody-Rose
	Theo
Year 2	Wyatt
Year 3	Alice
Year 4	Gracie
Year 5	River
Year 6	Hailife



New Play Area

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may have noticed that we now have a lovely new play area in the school yard. We are delighted with this addition, which is intended for children to enjoy during the school day.

We kindly ask that, while waiting in the yard at drop-off and pick-up times, parents/carers do not allow children to play on the new equipment or use the covered gazebo.

This is important for health and safety reasons and will also help us to keep the area in good condition for the children to enjoy during school hours.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us to look after our new facilities. Many thanks for your support.

Parents Evening

A face to face Parents Evening will take place on Monday 23rd November. Appointments can be made via Schoolcloud from 9am on Monday 16th November.

Please visit https://stjohnaugustine.schoolcloud.co.uk to book your appointment. You will be asked to login with the folliwing information: Student's First Name, surname and date of birth.

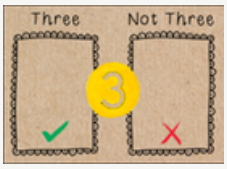
If your require any further information please contact the school office on: 01254 392717. Thank you

EYFS - Asia

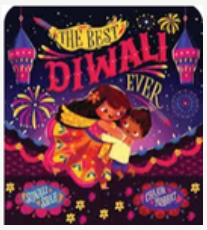
The children had a lovely week, learning all about Diwali.
We continued our 'Let's Celebrate' theme with the story of Rama and Sita, learning all about the history of the Diwali festival. We also learned lots of new vocabulary linked to the story.



In maths, we have been learning about the numbers 1-5. We have taken a number a day and counted carefully as well as learning to write the number – a very important foundational skill. We played a game each day '3 or not 3?'



In our wider curriculum, we have been learning continued learning about the festival of Diwali. The children made Rangoli patters, clay diya lamps and painted Mendi patterns on paper hands using blackberries outside. We have had lots of fun this week. We read the story 'The Best Diwali Ever!' to support out learning.



On Wednesday, we had a Remembrance Day theme throughout our learning and provision.The children did remembrance writing – identifying the initial sound in words in a photo and used potatoes to print poppies to make pictures. We also took part in the 2 minutes silence on the playground, listening to the cannons fired in Accrington town centre.



Notices:
The new Forest School group started last week. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, as it is getting colder now.
Please ensure you book a parents evening appointment on School Cloud – booking opens today!
PE days are Wednesday and Friday – please note earrings must not be worn on PE days.
Reception class will now attend Friday's assembly. (Please note, if your child is part of the 'Time to Talk' intervention, this will be taking place during this time).

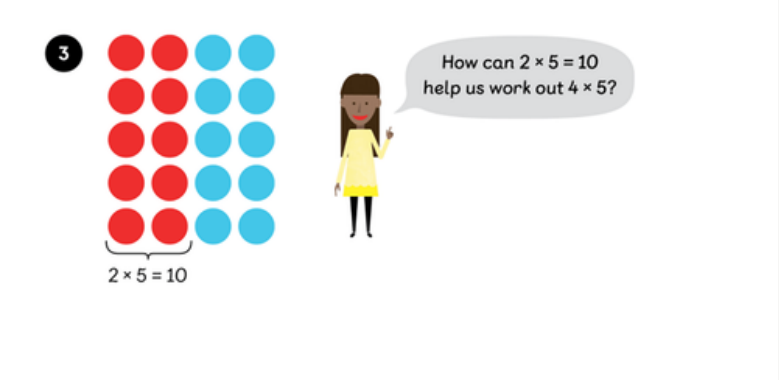
Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Jesson and the EYFS Team.

Year 1 - Antarctica

Year 2 - Africa Class

In maths we have been continuing to look at our times table. We have been multiplying by 5 and 10. Please continue to practice these at home.



In English we have been writing letters as characters from traditional tales. We have also started to read traditional tales with a twist.

In History we visited the Accrington Pals memorial chapel in our church. We saw lots of artefacts and found answers to lots of our questions.

In DT we looked at different smoothies and tasted 3 different flavours then discussed which was our favourite and why.

In Science we discussed the difference between alive, dead and never been alive. We then went on a hunt around the school yard to find things to fit into each category.

Reminders:
PE – Mondays and Thursdays – please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school and earrings are not worn on PE days.
Homework and reading books– will be sent out each Friday and need to be returned on the following Thursday.

Thank you

Mrs McLeod and Miss Fletcher

St John with St Augustine Primary School

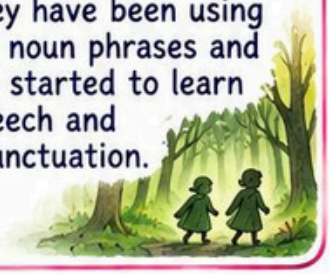
Class Newsletter

Year 3

Our learning this week...

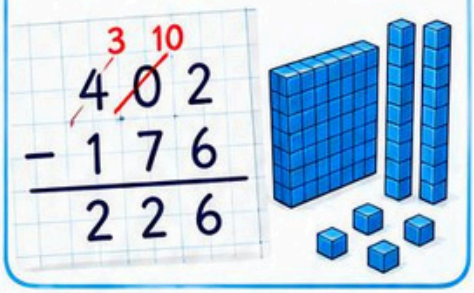
English

In English, we are now on tales. We are studying The Green Children as our book. The children have been using tense language to describe what they think might be happening in different images from the book. They have been using expanded noun phrases and have also started to learn about speech and speech punctuation.



Maths

In maths this week, we have continued with our addition and subtraction unit. We are currently on subtraction with renaming. This is when tens or hundreds are needed to be renamed.



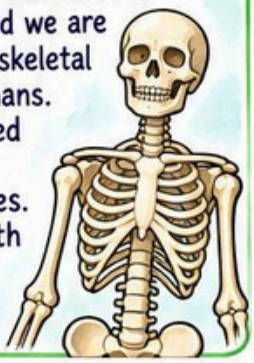
RE

In RE, we have started a new unit looking at God. The children have been thinking about who God is and when he is with us.



Science

In science, our new unit is living things and we are looking at the skeletal system of humans. We have learned the names of different bones. Please talk with your children about this.



Geography

This half term is geography. We are looking at the United Kingdom. So far, we have named rivers in the United Kingdom and looked at hills and mountain ranges across the United Kingdom. The children have learned these, so please ask them about it.





Reminders

Homework
Homework is due on a Thursday and given out each Friday.

Reading
Please read at least three times a week. Make sure you write it in the reading diaries.

PE Kits
Please make sure PE kits are in school at all times.

Uniform
Please make sure full uniform is worn every day. This includes shirt, tie, jumper and shoes.

After School Clubs

Monday
Mixed Football
3:30pm – 4:30pm

Wednesday
Dodgeball
3:30pm – 4:30pm

Special Thanks

Thank you for supporting Children in Need.



Year 4 - Austalasia



Maths
We have started are new topic Multiplication and Division. In this topic we will move on to more division calculations. So far, we have looked at the 6,7,9s timetable.

English
In English, we have been reading The Loch Ness Monster. We have been researching key facts. Children then looked at features of a magazine article. Spag we continue to focus on complex sentences, knowing the main clause is the sentence that makes sense on its own. Also subordinating clause is the part that will not make sense on its own.

Science
We are learning human teeth. We looked at milk teeth and adult teeth. Children linked the function of the teeth with the name.

History
We continued our Anglo-Saxons unit- the children identified cloths men and women wore. We looked how we know they wore these cloths.



PE
We are practising our dance skills linked in with science electricity and elements of handball. We have been looking at how to catch a ball. Breaking down the process first eyes watching the ball into your hands then hold a W shape ready to receive pass. At the end reach for the ball with both hands and bring back to one handed.

Key Information:
Please remember that times tables are a key focus in Year 4 as we have the official test in June. Please focus once again on the 2,5,6,9 10, and 11x tables.
Homework will be given out on Friday. This should be completed and handed in no later than Thursday every week. This will be returned by Friday.
Please read with your child at least 3 - 4 times per week. Please sign your child's yellow reading record and return both this and the reading book to school every day where this will be monitored.

Class teacher email: mr.asif@st-john-augustine.lancs.sch.uk

Mr Asif 😊
Year 4 Class Teacher

Year 5 - South America

Maths

This week, we are moving on to learning about square and cube numbers. We will explore what these numbers are, how they are formed and how to recognise and calculate them.

English

We are finishing our work on The Legend of Gelert. Last week, the children made predictions about what might happen next and explored the thoughts and feelings of Prince Llywelyn. We also worked together to write a shared diary entry, focusing on using -ed emotion openers to make our writing more interesting and expressive.

RE

We are continuing to explore how Christmas is celebrated around the world. This week, we will be focusing on Christmas traditions in Greece and the Philippines, comparing their celebrations and customs with our own.

History

We are continuing our learning about the transatlantic slave trade. The children will explore the terrible conditions experienced by enslaved Africans during the journey across the Atlantic Ocean and develop their understanding of what life was like for enslaved people.

Science

Last week, we investigated sieving as a method of separating materials. We compared how a colander and a sieve work, looking at how the size of the holes affects which materials can pass through. This week, we will continue our learning about separating mixtures.

PE

We are continuing to develop our hockey skills, focusing on controlling the ball when moving through smaller spaces and improving the accuracy of our passing. The children will practise passing the ball through gates and developing their coordination and control.

Weekly Newsletter

Your weekly newsletter about Year 6!

This Week at School

In History, we continued our topic on Accrington as a mill town and investigated the reliability of primary sources from mill owners and factory inspectors.

In PSHE, we learnt a variety of strategies for managing internal and external distractions.

In Science, we learnt about the eye and how we see things.

Food Bank Donations

Year 6 are collecting donations for our local food bank to help support families in our community. We would be very grateful for any donations you are able to send in. Every donation, big or small, will make a difference.



Extra School Activities

Xmas Craft Club - Monday lunchtime
Football Club - Mondays
Dodgeball - Wednesday
Choir - Thursdays

Reminders

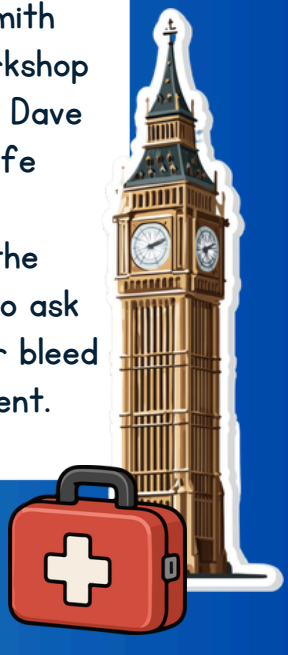
PE - Monday and Thursday

Homework - Due Thursday

Reading Books - Please read three times per week and complete record

kNOw Knife Crime

Year 6 wrote letters to MP Sarah Smith following a workshop with Laura and Dave from kNOw Knife Crime to raise awareness of the campaign and to ask for funding for bleed control equipment.



Upcoming Events

ParentsEvening - Monday 23 November

Scholastic Book Fair - 23rd - 26th Nov

Christmas Carols - 14th December 2pm