

St John with St Augustine Newsletter

Safeguarding

Please make sure you contact school if your child is absent. If no reason is given the absence will be unauthorised. Thank you

Diary Dates

Tue 10 Dec
Thur 12 Dec
Fri 13 Dec

Rec Forest School
KS1 Production
Year 5 Swimming
School Christmas Lunch
Christmas Jumper Day
Celebration Assembly 2:55pm



After School Clubs

Mon - Art Club
Tue - Choir



Church Service Dates

11 Dec	Year 4	Current Topic
18 Dec	Rev Scriven	The Christmas Story

Monday 16 December

Festive Breakfast in St. John's Vestry at 9:00am. All welcome to attend.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to the following children:

Rec	Ellissa	Year 1	Tate
Year 2	Esa	Year 3	Harry
Year 4	Ted	Year 5	Taylor
Year 6	Caiden		



KS1 Christmas Production



The infant production 'Simply Nativity' will be performed on Thursday 12th December at the following times:-

Morning Performance	-	10:00am
Afternoon Performance	-	2:00pm
Evening Performance	-	5:30pm

Virtual tickets for the production will go on sale on Monday 2nd December at £1.50 per ticket. Tickets can be paid for on ParentPay. We can only allow 2 tickets per family (not 2 tickets per production) due to health and safety restriction. We have 80 tickets per performance, any spare tickets will be available on Tuesday 10 December.

Please be aware due to safeguarding regulations, parents/carers will not be permitted to take photos or film the production. Therefore mobile phones or cameras are not allowed to be used in school.

Please can children return to school at 5:00pm to give them time to get changed and be ready for the performance at 5:30pm. You will be able to collect your child at 6:00pm from their class when the performance ends.





Christmas — Important Dates

Thursday 12 December	KS1 Christmas Production 10:00am, 2:00pm & 5:30pm
Friday 13 December	School Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16 December	Festive Breakfast in St John's Church Vestry, all welcome
Thursday 19 December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 20 December	Carol Service in Church 9:15am We break-up for the Christmas Holidays at 3.30pm
Thursday 2 January	Messy Church 10am-12pm at St John's Church
Monday 6 January	We return to school at 9am



Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December 2024



Children can come to school wearing their favourite Christmas top.

Children can wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas top or even a brightly coloured top that feels Christmassy!

Normal school uniform must be worn but with a Christmas top.

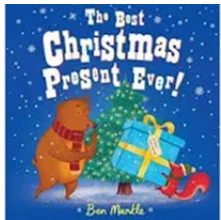
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EYFS—Asia

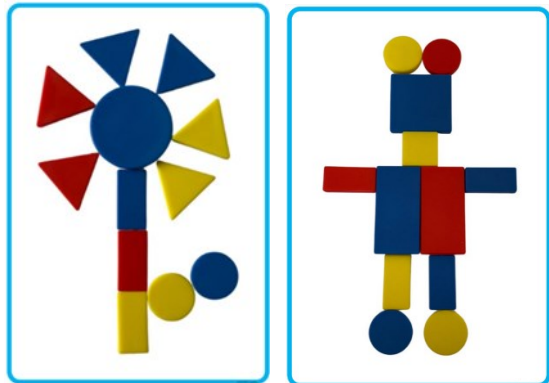
We have had another wonderful week in Reception.

We continued reading our core text for Literacy:



The children have been designing a new jumper for Squirrel from the story and have used their phonics knowledge to write a sentence to describe the jumper.

In maths last week, we continued to learn about 2D shapes. We started identifying how many of the different 2D shapes we could count in pictures:



We revisited prior learning last week and looked for similarities and differences between different celebrations we have learnt about: Christmas, Eid and Diwali.

In RE, we have continued learning about 'The First Christmas' and continuing with our Nativity rehearsals.

Notices:

Stay and Play – **Monday 16th December 2:30pm – 3:30pm.** We will be holding a Stay and Play next Monday for EYFS parents. This is an opportunity for you to come into school and do different activities with your child.

Only one parent is permitted per child due to space in the classroom. Please let one of the EYFS team know if you can attend and who it will be by Wednesday 11th December so that we know numbers in advance.

Thank you, Mrs Jesson and the EYFS Team.



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Year 1

We've had another fantastic week of learning here's what we've been up to in Year 1!

Maths: last week, we completed our chapter on *positions* by learning how to describe places using **left** and **right**. To reinforce our understanding, we also revisited some concepts from earlier in the year to reflect on and consolidate our learning.

English: In English, the children became authors! We innovated the story of *Supertato* by Sue Hendra, learning it off by heart with actions before creating and writing our own versions of the story.

RE: Our focus in RE was the story of the three wise men and the thoughtful gifts they brought to baby Jesus. We came up with questions we would ask the three wise men.

Design Technology: In DT, we carefully followed our plans to begin making our puppets. The children showed great focus and attention to detail as their designs started to take shape.

Science: In science, we explored the leaves of common UK deciduous trees. Using our observations and new knowledge, we created engaging "What am I?".

Please ensure that your child's **costume** is in school as soon as possible to prepare for our upcoming nativity.

Please note:

Reading books will be changed every **Monday**. Please make sure that you have read with your child and signed their reading record.

Homework is due every **Monday**.

Our PE slots are on a **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Please make sure that your child has a PE kit in school and ear-rings are not worn.

If you have any concerns or would like a chat, please do not hesitate to email me - miss.middleton@st-john-augustine.lancs.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful week.

Miss Middleton and the Year 1 team J

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Year 2 - Africa

In maths we have been dividing by 2 and 5.

We have been using our multiplication facts to help us and we have been looking at sharing into equal groups.

Master

$$20 \div 5 = \square$$



$$20 \div 5 = 4$$

There are 4 shelves with 5 books on each shelf.

There are 4 groups of 5 books.

$$4 \times 5 = 20$$

Can 20 books be put equally on 5 shelves?

In English we have been retelling the story of Red Riding Hood and the Sweet Little Wolf.

We have also been busy learning our lines for the nativity. We are looking forward to having an audience to watch our nativity on Thursday.

In Science we have been investigating the difference between seeds and bulbs.

In History we have been looking at key dates from World War 1 and creating simple timelines.

In DT we worked in groups to safely prepare fruit and create our very own smoothies.

Thank you

Mrs Mcleod and Miss Fletcher

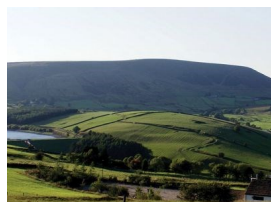
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Year 3 — Europe

In **English** we thought of actions to help us retell a simple version of The Green Children. This will help the children next week when they write their own version changing the colour of the children.



In **Geography** the children learnt about physical features found in the counties of Lancashire and Cumbria. The children then drew these features in the correct places on maps of the counties – ask your child the name of some of the features eg Pendle Hill.



In **Science** we continued looking at food labels focussing on the amount of saturated and unsaturated fats in foods. The children worked hard looking at statements and investigating if they were true or false eg dare all foods with more than 5g of protein high in saturated fats.

Our **RE** focussed on thinking about how the presence of God is shown through people's actions. We researched information about the Salvation Army and how they help people in need. Ask your child what they can remember.



In **Maths** we thought about different methods we can use when solving multiplication problems. We moved onto completing multiplication calculations using the column method. The children found this a challenge so we will practise this next week.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{t} \quad \text{o} \\ 3 \quad 2 \\ \times \quad 3 \\ \hline 6 \\ 9 \quad 0 \\ \hline 9 \quad 6 \end{array}$$

In **DT** the children designed the Christmas Card they are going to make next week. They had to remember to use a lever to make the picture move.

Our **spelling lessons** concentrated in the spelling rules – change the y into i and add es and adding es to a word that ends in o when changing singular words into plurals eg strawberry – strawberries. potato – potatoes. Thank you for your continued support.

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Year 4

The class have all been focused and dedicated to their learning and have made good progress with their learning.

Maths

We have started our new topic Further Multiplication and Division. In this topic we will move on to more complex multiplication calculations.



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1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

English



We continued our unit Fairy Tales, we planned out our own development of the Rumaysa story imagining that we are now the author and we are going to write as Zabina the owl. This we started share write, looking at what we need to include in are success criteria.

Science

We are continuing to learn about changing states, the children explored solids. We will be learning in greater detail about how solids and liquids change state when heated.



History

we continued our Anglo-Saxons unit- the children identified where the Anglo-Saxons came from and the reasons why they left their countries and invaded England.



PE

We are practising our dance skills linked in with science electricity. Our third lesson focused on traveling, front and back balances and dish balance.

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.

New spellings are handed out every Friday to practise throughout the week. Your child will be tested on these on the following Friday.

One piece of homework from the homework grid should be completed and handed in no later than Thursday every week. This will be returned by Friday. (Extra Maths work might be given)

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.

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Mr Asif

Year 4 Class Teacher



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Year 5 — South America

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Year 6—North America

English: The children have been continuing with their biography unit and begun final preparations for choosing their own person to write about. They have planned out the content and be gathering it.

Maths: We have started our next chapter which is Decimals. The children have been looking at fraction to decimal equivalents and multiplying decimals. We have using our knowledge of tenths, hundredths and thousandths to do this.

RE: The children have continued to look at Advent. We had our Faith Day on Thursday where two schools joined us to learn more about Advent and Christmas whilst being creative. Pictures to follow on Facebook and the Website.

Science: Last weeks we looked a practical investigation to show how adaptation of animals leads to evolution. The children looked at the Peppered Moth and how its appearance has changed over the last 100 years due to a change in the environment it lives in. This also helped the children understand 'Natural Selection'.

History: We have now planned an exciting exhibition which we hope to have completed by the end of Spring One. We are looking at how school has changed over the last 150 years and will be putting on a 'Now and Then' exhibition to showcase our findings.

Please make sure your child is reading at least 3 times a week.

Please make sure shoes are worn not trainers.

Please make sure water bottles do not have juice in as we only allow water.

Thankyou for your support.