

St John with St Augustine Newsletter

Safeguarding

If your child is absent from school, please make sure you report the reason for absence. You can do this via ParentApps or phoning the school office on: 01254 392717. If no reason is given the absence will be unauthorised. Thank you for your support.

After School Clubs

No after school clubs taking place at the moment. They will be starting again and we will let you know via ParentApps when you can book online. Thank you

Church Service Dates

11 Sept	Rev Scriven	God's Friend
18 Sept	Rev Scriven	The Bad Brother
25 Sept	Year 5	The Runaway
2 Oct	Rev Scriven	Samuel Hears a Voice
9 Oct	Year 3	Recent RE Learning
16 Oct	Rev Scriven	Samuel the Kingmaker

Donated School Uniform

Any donated new and used school uniform has been given to the Heritage shop in the Accrington Arndale Centre. We no longer store uniform in school.



If you would like to donate any uniform please take it to the shop. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Wed 10 Sept	Meet The Teacher Meetings 3:30 & 4:00PM
Fri 12 Sept	Year 5 Swimming
Fri 27 Sept	Celebration Assembly School Hall 2:55pm Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. No Celebration Assembly this day.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to the following children:

Rec		Year 1 Gracie
Year 2	Ishaak	Year 3 Ava
Year 4	Thomas	Year 5 Maisie
Year 6	Isaac	



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

On Friday 27th September we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon in the school hall to raise money for this very important charity. The Coffee Afternoon will begin at 3:30pm so that all children can be collected at the end of the day before the Coffee Afternoon begins.

We are asking if you could donate cakes or biscuits to school. We politely request that all cakes or biscuits are shop bought and not homemade. We do hope that you will be able to spare some time and to join us to raise money to support Macmillan to enable them to continue their invaluable support of those people living with and those who are affected by cancer.

Please could your child bring any donations of cakes or biscuits to their classes from Wednesday 25th September.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Coffee Afternoon
27th September**

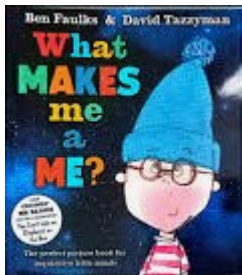




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EYFS—Asia

A huge welcome to our new Reception children and their families. The children have settled well in their first week at school. We have had a lovely week getting to know your children and their interests. We have been focusing on developing routines in the first week, which the children are responding well to. We have been reading lots of stories this week, which the children have enjoyed. Next week, we will have a core text which we will be reading:



We have been singing lots of number songs this week as well as starting phonics, focusing on Phase 1 which is all about hearing sounds.

On Tuesday is our 'Meet the Teacher' in our Reception Classroom straight after school. It will be lovely to meet you all again.

On Friday, the children will come home with a reading book and homework book. These are handed out every Friday and collected in each Thursday. A letter will accompany your child's reading book with more information and information about homework will be stuck in the front of their homework book.

Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school and that their name is in all their clothing.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Jesson and the EYFS Team



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Year 1 - Antarctica

I hope we can work together to support your child in making great progress this year.

Below is a snippet of what we got up to during our first week in Year 1.

In Maths, we revisited our learning in EYFS - numbers to 10. We began by counting forwards and backwards within 10, from any given number. We then moved on to using one-to-one correspondence to count objects and used ten frames to represent numbers.

On Monday, Miss Davis found a small, red door in our Year 1 classroom. We discussed what we thought may have come through the door – **ask your child what ideas we gathered**. After discussing our predictions, we wrote our ideas down using the sentence stem “I think...”. On Tuesday, we received a gift! Miss Middleton shared clues for us to guess what was inside “I can see beady eyes.” “I can see a long, thin tail.” “I can see two round ears.” After writing our predictions, we opened the gift to find our new class pet, Harry the Happy Mouse! Harry arrived with a list of vocabulary for us to learn – **ask your child what these were**. Using the ‘Word Rap’, we explored the vocabulary and their meaning before putting them into sentences.

In Art, we were introduced to the artist, Andy Goldsworthy. We explored a number of his artworks and thought about what colours, shapes and materials we could see.

In Geography, we used fieldwork to explore our school. We began by thinking about the places around our school – **ask your child what places we identified**. As a class, we went on a walk around our school creating a journey stick - **ask your child what places we visited**.

In Science, we began our unit – Animals inc Humans. We thought about the human body and used a practical game to identify the simple parts of the body.

Please note:

PE is on **Monday** and **Wednesday** – please ensure your child has a PE kit in school and earring are not worn.

Reading books and homework are due on **Thursday**.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Middleton and the Year 1 team!



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Year 2 - Africa

Well done Year 2 for a fantastic first week back!

In English we have been looking at our new book *The Way Home for Wolf*. You made some super predictions and found lots of new and exciting vocabulary.

In Maths we have been looking at our numbers all the way up to 100.

This week in Geography we have been learning the names and locations of the 7 continents. We sang a song naming each of the continents to help aid our learning, it was very catchy!

In Science we introduced our new topic looking at living things. The children explored, removed any weeds and prepared the garden area ready to plant their own bulbs next week. We also wrote predictions to see what we think will happen to the bulbs once they have been planted.

In RE we have been sharing our favourite books and exploring why the Bible is a Holy book for Christians.

Homework and reading books are handed out on Friday, please return these each Thursday to be changed.

Please can all children have a PE kit in school. Our PE days are Mondays and Thursdays, please remove your child's earrings on both of these days.

Thank you for a lovely first week together Year 2.

Mrs Mcleod and Miss Fletcher

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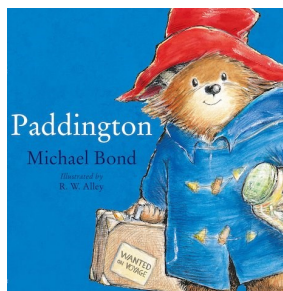
Year 3 — Europe

Welcome to Year 3 – Europe class.

All the children have quickly settled into their new class and have worked hard all week -well done Year 3 a great start to your new year.

In **English** this week we began our unit Paddington.

The children made marmalade sandwiches on Tuesday and then wrote instructions telling people how they could make their own sandwich. We became word detectives on Wednesday and used a dictionary to find the definition of new words we will meet in the Paddington text. On Thursday we watched a clip from the first television series Paddington from 1975 and talked about what it reminded them of. On Friday we started to read the story and the wrote sentences using conjunctions.



In **History** we started our unit - Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

This week we talked about what pre-historic meant and ordered different times on a timeline from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

In **Science** we discussed what a force is. The children had a great time investigating how to make different objects move by either pulling or pushing them. I will be placing some photographs on our class page on the school website soon.

Our **RE** lesson focussed developing the children's understanding of what a prophet is as the introduction to our unit **Called by God**.

In **Maths** we looked at numbers up to 100 thinking many about place value. Well done Year 3 you all completed some very good work.

Place Value

Lesson 3

Explore

I counted 362 lolly sticks.

100 lolly sticks	100 lolly sticks	100 lolly sticks	10 lolly sticks	10 lolly sticks	10 lolly sticks	10 lolly sticks	10 lolly sticks	10 lolly sticks
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What do each of the digits in 362 stand for?

Reminder Meet the Teacher sessions from 3:30-4:30pm Tuesday 10th September

Miss Martin

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Year 4—Australasia

We have had a super first week back after the holiday. The class were extremely focused and dedicated and made good progress with their learning.

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Maths

We have started to look at a place value, focusing on are tens, hundreds and thousands. We will be focusing on multiplication, working specifically on the 2x – 12x tables throughout the year.

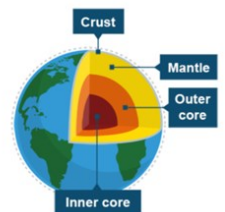
English

We began our new unit the loch Ness Monster, we are looking at unfamiliar vocabulary and finding out true and false facts about the Loch Ness Monster. In Spag we are focusing on complex sentences.



Science

We began our new unit Sound; in the lesson the children learnt how sound travels and what a sound wave is.



Geography

This term we are going to be working on Natural Disasters - Volcanoes, Earthquakes and Tsunamis. The first lesson we named and labelled the layers of the earth.

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 and 10x tables. Timetables Rockstar passwords are in home-work books and reading record.

P.E lessons are every Monday and Wednesday, please remember to send all P.E kits in.

Mr Asif
Year 4 Class Teacher



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Year 5 — South America

Welcome back! The new Year Five children have settled into their first week brilliantly. I really hope they have enjoyed their first week in Year Five and are looking forward to the topics we are studying this half term.

In Maths, we have begun chapter one: numbers to one million. We have been practising reading and writing numbers with up to 6 digits so far. We have focused on place value and identifying the value of each digit.

In Reading, we are reading *How the Whale Became* and *Other Stories*. We looked at the front cover and made predictions about what the book is about. So far, we have read two of the stories in the book and answered a range of comprehension questions about the text.

In English, our focus text is *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. This text is based in World War 2 and the children were very enthused to find out more about this event in History. We have written two diary entries from the perspective of the two characters: Lucy and Peter.

In PE, we are practising gymnastics skills this half term. Our first lesson focused on mirrored and matched balances. We also used some PE equipment to try our balances on different surfaces. We performed a short sequence to the rest of the class.

The children attended their first swimming lesson on Friday! They showed great resilience and bravery and they should be very proud of themselves.

Key information:

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

One piece of homework from the homework grid should be completed and handed in by 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.

PE day is Thursday and swimming is Friday morning. Please bring in the relevant kit.

Class teacher email: miss.livesey@st-john-augustine.lancs.sch.uk

Miss Livesey



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Year 6—North America

Welcome back! Last week the children settled in well and we started our week by introducing all of our new topics.

In English we are going to be basing all of our work around the Nowhere Emporium. The children have really enjoyed the story so far.

In maths we will be exploring place value over the next couple of weeks. It is important that they have a good understanding of place value as this is a key topic.

In science we are looking at living things and classification. The children are finding out how to classify all living things in a number of ways.

In RE we are looking at 'Life as a Journey' and the important events with our and Jesus' life.

Please read with your child at least 3 times a week.