



"Here is the light you will reveal to the nations"

Luke 2: 32

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 21.01.22

Curious

and

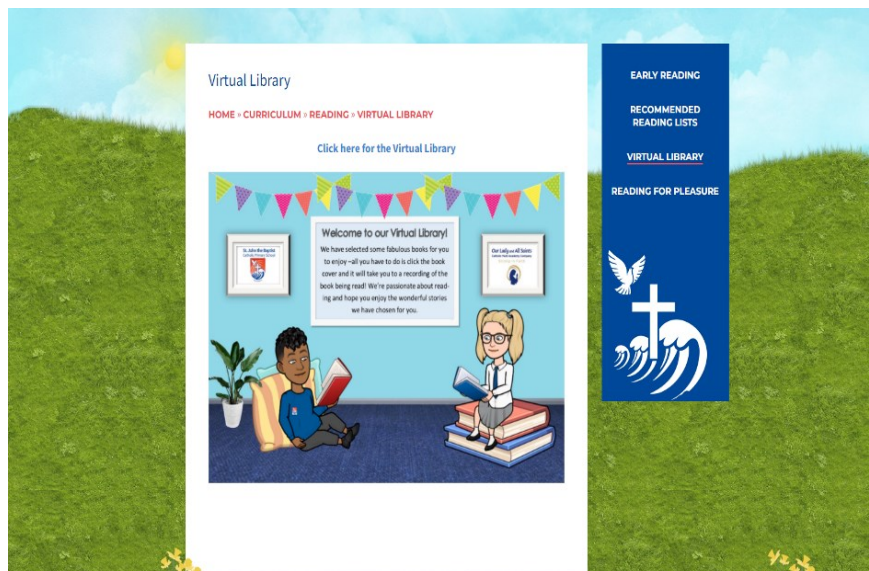
Active

St John's Year of Reading

The latest exciting addition to our 'Year of Reading' is our virtual library. This can be found on our school website - simply click on 'Curriculum' and then go to the 'Reading' page.

Our virtual library contains a selection of books and story extracts, read by their authors or well-known personalities and which are available for a variety of ages and interests.

We hope that this will support children's reading for pleasure at home, which in turn will help to build their fluency, comprehension and understanding.



Curriculum Overviews

As you'll be aware, we have introduced our new Primary Knowledge Curriculum. To complement this and keep you fully informed, your child will bring home a new, simplified curriculum overview for this half term. These are also available to view on our website, on the 'Curriculum' page. We hope you find them useful.



Class Activities - KS2

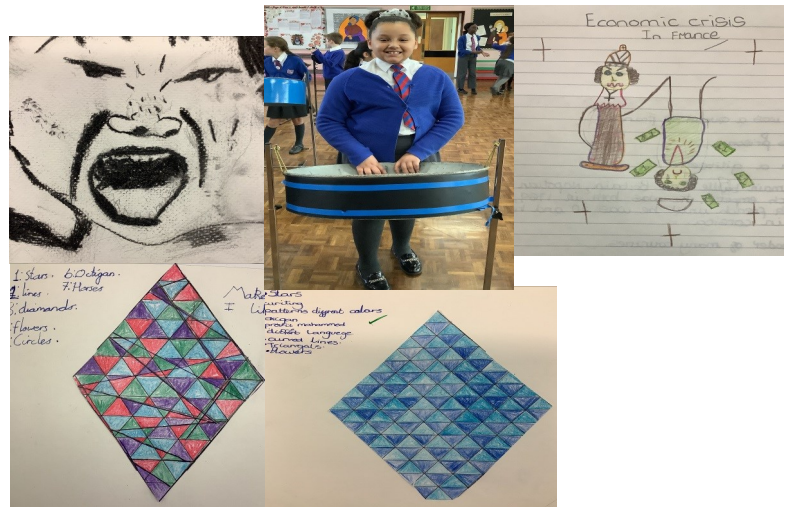


Year 3 had a great afternoon in Science learning about mirror reflections. We tested out the notion that a mirror reflection is a reversed image and we challenged each other to walk along a line looking up through the mirror reflection, it was so much fun but challenging!

This week, Year 4 have taken inspiration from Matisse's 'Les Codomas', We have been 'painting with scissors' as Matisse did in his later years and have created amazing pieces of art!



Year 5 have been busy as usual. We have enjoyed a fantastic novel called The Savage and created our own savage drawings. In music, we are starting to perform patterns using stell drums (which are very loud) and in History we are learning about the French Revolution including Marie-Antoinette, Napoleon and King Louis demanding money from his people. Finally, for Art, we have looked at some Islamic patterns and created our own.



Year 6 are enjoying their OAA PE Unit, where they are using effective communication (Heart Skills) to work as a team. After each game they played, the children had an opportunity to assess, reflect and evaluate their performance by using their Head Skills. Our fantastic sports leaders, Grace P and Brogan, developed their leadership skills by leading some activities during the lesson - super coaching!



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 18th February 2022

2.00pm - Break up for February half term

Tuesday 1st March 2022

8.55am - Children return to school

Friday 8th April 2022

2.00pm - Break up for Easter Holiday

Monday 25th April

8.55am - Children return to school

Monday 2nd May 2022

All day - May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)

Friday 27th May

2.00pm - Break up for May half term

Tuesday 7th June 2022

8.55am - Children return to school

Inset Days

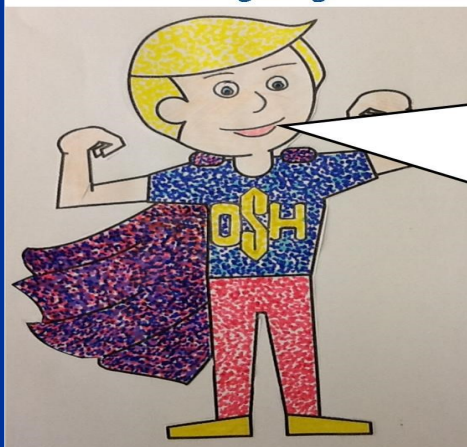
Monday 28th February 2022

All day - Inset Day

Monday 6th June 2022

All day - Inset Day

Online safety hero says...



Know what apps and social media sites your child uses.

NSPCC say working as a 'TEAM' can help you keep your children safe.

#staysafe

#NSPCC #TEAM



Sports Star of the Week



This week's Sports Star of the Week is Lilly S-L in Year 6 for working really hard learning dance steps.



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This week's excellent work comes from Callum H
in Year 6.

The train sprinted across the tracks, my heart thumped
gas masks, wince, suppressing of terrified, evanesces passed
the early creaks of the train starting, made my ears
ring, and evanesces children scream. I slowly walked, on
the dull, rusty train, while impatient evanesces nearby leaped
the you see? Cliffs said, with an indifferent expression on
his face, I quickly nodded and, clasped on the train
to look at left, nodded me, I grabbed Cliffs' hand and
guided him on his way, set down, bombs exploded and exploded
almost forcing the train to tip and chatter. The unhealthy
evanesces passed, the train to tip and chatter. The unhealthy
redge just before Sukie, but not what happened, I slowly
started to pass out....

I suddenly woke up. Since, you "baking out" of my vision
 I, who was appearing at the window, advised, "the veep"
 was still I could sep. As soon as 4 went.
 in bulk and my time. I meant I need to keep Clive
 was miserable that I could possibly had...
 especially... to him. I told him...
 to me. I... I know that would...
 Me and I had reached the dormhouse still early
 morning. I knew that... on the second
 of... I had... to the system,
 at it was. While... I...
 to use... The sep then...
 a mysterious way had...
 and... I...
 could... I...
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 I looked at her...
 needed to...
 clearly completely...

Children's Voices - School Council

At the school council meeting we discussed things to improve the school like more playground equipment. It was cool sharing ideas with other classes. - Mason

I like the playground equipment idea as it keeps the children entertained. - Brianna



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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Isla E

in Nursery

and Mikel B

in Year 3

We're all really proud of you

This week's virtues awards were given to

Lexi-Jane T

Nursery

Noah-Lee B

Reception

Whole class

Year 1

Owen H

Year 2

Alfie W

Year 3

Olivia K

Year 4

Luke K

Year 5

Tyler T

Year 6

For being Curious and Active.

Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 1 with 99.3% *Well done!*

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Year 5.

Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to: Maxirae G, Kya C and Jaymee-Lee F.



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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Loving God, you sent your Son Jesus to share the good news of your love for everyone. May we also share this good news through our words and all that we do.

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear Jesus telling people what it is he has come to do. One of the things he says is that he has come to bring good news to people who are poor. Our faith calls us to do the same.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Dear Theophilus:

Many people have done their best to write a report of the things that have taken place among us. They wrote what we have been told by those who saw these things from the beginning and who proclaimed the message. And so, Your Excellency, because I have carefully studied all these matters from their beginning, I thought it would be good to write an orderly account for you. I do this so that you will know the full truth about everything which you have been taught.

Then Jesus returned to Galilee, and the power of the Holy Spirit was with him. The news about him spread throughout all that territory. He taught in the synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Then Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath he went as usual to the synagogue. He stood up to read the Scriptures and was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written,

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free the oppressed
and announce that the time has come
when the Lord will save his people."

Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. All the people in the synagogue had their eyes fixed on him, as he said to them, "This passage of scripture has come true today, as you heard it being read."

Jesus is teaching in the synagogue. He reads a passage from the Scriptures which is about himself (although the people listening don't know that until he explains it afterwards). The Scripture passage talks about what Jesus has been sent to do. It says that he has come to bring good news to people who are poor.

Good news means different things to different people. It can be confidence, peace, enough food, light in the darkness, doing well at school, getting to spend the day with friends.

We are all God's children. God loves us all. No matter where in the world we are, whether we are rich or poor, and we should all have the chance to live in a world of peace, dignity and fairness. This is the good news of Jesus.



God of life, you call us all to share your good news. May we do all that we can to answer that call. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

I. Gallagher

Mr I. Gallagher
Headteacher