



ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th February 2022



Message From Mrs Coldham (Head of School)

We have taken part in several enrichment opportunities these past few days including celebrating Chinese New Year, Mission Day and Safer Internet Day. Year 1 and Year 2 also managed to visit The Deep! It really has been a busy fortnight.

#SMQuality

We have been looking at different ways to encourage our children in always 'be the best that they can be'. Last week we launched #smquality with the children along with a new praise certificate. Each week, the certificate will link to the quality of the week (we used to call these values). Last week we learned about being resilient and this week we are exploring being respectful. We have challenged the children to see if they can collect a certificate for each of the eight qualities.

Catholic Life

On Monday 7th February 2022, we celebrated Mission Day in school. The theme of the day was from John's Gospel and we looked at how Jesus calls us to see who he is.

School Safety:

This week the children have been learning about how to stay safe whilst they are online. The PCSO has been into school to Year 6 learning about online safety. We will also be resending our parental information so that you can also be supported in helping to keep your child safe whilst they are online. Have a look on Twitter to see some of the enrichment opportunities that occurred this week.

It is important to be curious about your child's online life and habits. This can help to keep them safe while they are online. For further resources to help parents start a conversation click the link:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/educational-resources>

This year safer internet day was about exploring respect and relationships online. Click on the link to watch videos of children sharing their top tip for respecting each other online:

<https://vimeo.com/642677917>

Additional information can also be found here:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/online-safety-activities-you-can-do-from-home>

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/about-us/getting-their-first-phone>

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/family-agreement>

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/goldilocks>



Don't forget that we break up for half term next Friday, the 18th February 2022.



AROUND THE PHASES

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EYFS



It has been a really fun couple of weeks in Foundation Stage. We have been working really hard on promoting a love of writing, something which the children have really taken to. We have been writing about different animals we see in the Arctic, different clothes somebody might need to wear if they went on adventure there and drawing and labelling things that they have built in the construction area.

Now that the sun has started to come out more, the children have been helping putting their DT project bird feeders out in the unit. We were really excited when we saw that there were no seeds left—we decided that the birds must have been hungry! Next week, we are getting ready for our trip to East Park. We are looking forward to hearing a talk from the animal experts and looking at the nature all around us.



Phase 1



The children had a wonderful time learning about Chinese New Year last Friday. We had a day of arts and crafts where the children created their own dragon masks and painted a picture of a tiger. They also learnt about where China is and what it is like to live there. We also thoroughly enjoyed our trip to The Deep this week. The workshop was all about what living things need. We talked about the links between humans and marine animals. The children particularly enjoyed the mermaid purse activity where they got to guess different creatures! We also spent time outside looking at the physical and human features of Hull that we learnt about in Geography. The children were a credit to the school throughout the day and we are very proud of them!



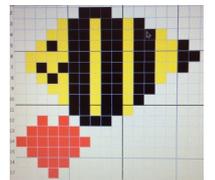
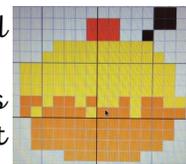
Phase 2

In Phase 2 this week the children have thoroughly enjoyed DT. We are in the middle of our design process where we used a free program called Stitchfiddle to plot out our cross stitch designs. As you can see, the designs are fabulous!

In RE we have begun our Eucharist topics. Please spend some time discussing with your child what it was like when you had your first Holy Communion and why this was so special.

In Science we made switches to complete a circuit learning that all electrical equipment must have an on/off switch.

We linked English and History this week, learning about Ancient Greek myths and beginning to plan to write a newspaper report about a chosen Ancient Greek myth.



Phase 3

We have had an exciting fortnight in Phase 3 with lots of special events taking place. Last week, we celebrated Chinese New Year. The children really enjoyed preparing and cooking spring rolls, creating lanterns and making Chinese New Year cards.

On Monday, we celebrated our Mission Day. The children took part in a range of activities prepared by The Chaplaincy Team. Tuesday was Safer Internet Day. Pupils in Year 6 were visited by the PCSO who talked to them about online safety and its importance.

Also this week the children have produced some fantastic art work using the lino block printing techniques. They had to carve out a design before rolling ink over their block and producing a piece of print work.

