



Friday 3rd December 2021

**Achievements**

Martin de Porres:  
Reception Class  
stars: Lucio,  
Maya, Ashni

Year 1 Class Stars:  
Austin, Jackson,  
Nicolas

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Year 2 Jacinta:  
Class Star:  
Amelie-May  
Headteacher's  
Awards: Alfie,  
Iara, Jacob,  
Summer-Mei

Year 3 John Paul  
II:  
Class Star:  
Caroline

Year 4 Faustyna:  
Class Star: Sienna

Year 5 Teresa:  
Class star: Olivia

Year 6 Drexel  
Class stars: Angel

**This week:**

This week we started our Advent preparations. There is always a certain buzz within the school when the cloths change to purple, and the first candle on the Advent Wreath is lit. It has also been lovely to read many of the children's Advent Promises. They clearly understand that this is a time when we prepare our hearts to receive Christ at Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our reverse Advent Calendar. Please do keep sending them in. In addition, we have been contacted by a new, local charity, who are collecting clothes, toys and equipment for babies and children up to the age of 5. They accept donations of excellent-condition, pre-loved items, which are passed on to families who need support. The items are a gift, given with love, from one family to another.

It is a wonderful idea, fitting with our desire to support our local community, and also reuse items. Please note that they are only able to accept specific things, which are listed on the attached wishlist <https://littlevillagehq.org/donate-stuff/> . If you have any such items, which are clean and in excellent condition, please send them in (or email the office if you have large items and need to park to deliver) and we will arrange collection

Wishing you a safe and relaxing weekend.

God bless,

Ms Kane

Be who God created you to be and you will set the world on fire.



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## This week:

This week in the Martin de Porres Unit, we have been continuing our tales of Little Red Riding Hood! However this week, we have been adapting the story to plan our own versions, which included Little Red Riding Duck, a fox in the woods and Grandpa instead of Grandma! We have used story mapping to plan our stories, ready to start writing them next week. In Maths, Reception have been mastering their subitising skills! We are working on confidently saying how many objects there are without counting them. Year 1 have been looking at doubling numbers! In RE, we explored the Advent wreath and how it helps us wait in the lead up to Christmas. We created our own Advent wreaths together and learnt about the symbolism behind each candle.

Another busy week in Jacinta, honing in our phonics skills was one of our key activities this week. In addition, we learnt about finding various fractions of length and shapes in maths. In English we carried on with our work on recognising and using commands in instruction writing. It was really lovely to see children practise their instruction writing at home by not just writing them, but also following instructions on how to make bread and baking the most mouth-watering bread loaves, buns and cakes! In RE, this week being the first week of Advent we started our work on Advent and preparation in earnest. We thought about ways we prepare for special occasions and then looked at the symbols and signs used in the Advent Wreath. Children were able to explain why the wreath was round; why evergreen leaves were used in making the wreath; what colours the candles were and what each represented. Bravo Jacinta!

In Year 3, we wrote our own Advent promises. We linked our ideas to our previous learning on the Fratelli Tutti and how we can treat our wider community. In English, we identified the features of a playscript. We learnt about using stage directions and characterisation to show the reader what a character is thinking and feeling. We are looking forward to creating our own playscripts! In Maths, we looked at angles. We used right angle finders to identify whether an angle was obtuse or acute. We loved our science lesson this week. We conducted a soil investigation and identified the different layers of soil within our earth.

This week in Year 4 we have learnt how to count forwards and backwards in fractions. We have also learnt how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. In English, we practised using subordinating conjunctions and fronted adverbials in our writing. We ended the week by learning about the key features of non-chronological reports. In RE, we learnt about why God sent Jesus down to Earth and then created pieces of artwork based on Isaiah's proclamation of the Good News. We thought about the importance of keeping our teeth healthy in Science and enjoyed watching a live Advent assembly run by CAFOD.

Year 5 have had an incredible week of learning. In English, We learnt about pronouns and how we can avoid repetition by using them instead of nouns. We learnt how to draw different angles in Maths. We used a protractor to measure and make sure that our angles were as accurate as possible. In Science, we had an introduction to our new unit which was forces. We spoke about balanced and unbalanced forces and its effects. We began our new topic "Advent" and learnt about the significance of the Advent wreath. We drew our own Advent wreath and wrote about the purpose and symbolism of the wreath and candles. We learnt about proportions in art and created some amazing artwork to be proud of!

This week in Year 6, we began our RE unit based on Advent. We looked at the prophecies in the Old Testament that were fulfilled in the New Testament and analysed scripture and the hymn Maranatha to look for the symbolism within. In English, we learnt all about Winston Churchill and wrote biographies. In Maths, we drew, measured and calculated angles using missing angle rules. In Science, we looked at the different types of vertebrates and what features helped us to classify these animals.