



Friday 28th January 2022

Achievements

Martin de Porres:
Class star: Ashni

Francis of Assisi:
Class star: Avni

Year 1 Vieira:
Class star: Bella-Rose
Head Teacher's
award: Miles, Ailish,
Cian, Nela

Year 1 JHN:
Class star: Austin
and Aoife

Year 2 Jacinta:
Class Star: Amelia
Head teacher's
awards: Aaron,
lara, Ella, Anna

Year 3 John Paul II:
Class Star: Sophie
Headteacher's
awards: Sophie and
Luca

Year 4 Faustyna:
Class Star: Giovanni

Year 5 Teresa
Class star: Shannyn
and Rocky
Head teacher's
award: Rocky and
Adriana

Year 6 Drexel
Class stars: Samuel
and Darcey

This week:

Today marks the end of our History immersive block. It was wonderful to be greeted by Gods, Goddesses and Pharaohs on the roundabout this morning! I know that 4 Faustyna had a brilliant time during their 'Egyptian Day'. Similarly, 5 Teresa are looking forward to immersing themselves in Ancient Greece on Monday, with a day of Ancient Greek Olympics! All of the pupils I have spoken to have loved diving into History!

Next week, we will be crazy about Computing! Expect to hear lots of 'Scratching' and even 'Pythons' in some classes! It has been wonderful to see the children using the Prayer Bags at home. Please do Tweet pictures so that we can share as a community.

This week we had a visit from our CEO, Pat Murden. He was excited to hear about our new curriculum and impressed by the wonderful behaviour he noted from our pupils. He has been facilitating greater links between the schools within the Trust, especially our subject leaders sharing best practice across their curriculum areas. All this work is leading to even richer and deeper learning experiences for our children.

On Tuesday, myself, Mrs Taylor and Miss Chater will be travelling to Our Lady's School in Hitchin, to collaborate with the other Heads, EYFS Leads and practitioners. I look forward to gaining fresh insights into how we can supplement our EYFS provision even further.

Next week, we will be starting our RE topic on Judaism. We are excited to have a Rabbi coming to speak to the children to enhance their learning.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,
Ms Kane

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



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This week:

It's been another busy week in Reception this week! We have been looking at our new book, 'The Dot'. Have a look on YouTube for a version to share at home together. It is all about a girl who uses perseverance and a growth mindset to create some fantastic artwork! We have talked all about the different feelings she experiences throughout the book and sharing ideas for what we can do when we are feeling angry or sad. In Maths, we have been exploring shapes! We know some shapes and their properties inside out now, and have loved learning some songs to help us! In RE, we reflected on everything we have learnt in our unit about friendship. We took a special trip to the chapel to ask God to help us to always be a good friend to others.

This week in Year 1, we have thought about choices we make that may hurt our friends feelings and how we can make things right, in RE. In maths we learnt about the days of the week and used that to help us find 'yesterday' and 'tomorrow'; we also matched the seasons with the months of the year. In English we practised using time conjunctions in our writing and went on a dinosaur adventure. We have developed balancing and movement skills in gymnastics as well learning the overarm, underarm throws in target games, in PE. We have loved our history lessons, looking at the work that goes into the designing and making of a toy – We are designing our own toys too! We are very excited for computing next week!

Following on from our successful story writing last week, Year 2 have been writing diary entries in the style of Emmeline Pankhurst. We were blown away by their effort to include all key features and improvements to handwriting. Within maths this week, we have been adding 2-digit and tens using the column method – we found this a simple and easy method to add those bigger numbers. As we come to the end of our 2-week History block, we reminded ourselves of our courageous heroes and the impact they have made on our lives. We cannot wait to begin our block of computing skills next! During PE, we linked balances and jumps in Gymnastics and continued to work on our target practice.

Another wonderful week in Year 3. We have been finishing off our Stone Age unit and I am blown away by the children's knowledge. The home learning I have seen are completely rocking! In our English unit, we have been focusing on narrative writing. The children have worked hard to develop their use of dialogue between characters and expanded noun phrases. We have also been applying our understanding of multiplication and division facts to bar models. In PE, we have started to develop our ball control and passing skills.

This week in Year 4 we have been working hard to compare, order and round decimal numbers in Maths. In English, we have been writing setting descriptions that have included lots of incredible vocabulary. In our session with Watford FC, we started learning about how to play Handball and in PSHE we had an interesting discussion about gender stereotypes. We have absolutely loved learning about the Ancient Egyptians for the last two weeks. We have learnt about Pharaohs, Cleopatra, King Tutankhamun, Mummifying and lots more! Our Ancient Egyptian day today was a big success. We had a pyramid building competition and even mummified oranges! A massive thank you for all the effort that has gone into the costumes!

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed our History Week and learning about ancient Greece. We learnt about the city states of Sparta and Athens and looked at the ancient Olympic games and learnt a lot of interesting facts on it. We are eagerly looking forward to our very own ancient Olympics on Monday. In Maths this week, we learnt to calculate the area and perimeter of different rectilinear shapes. Some of us even challenged ourselves and tried to find the area and perimeter of irregular shapes. In English, we concentrated on vocabulary and revised similes and metaphors to build up a word bank to write about our own secret garden. In RE, we learnt about the beatitudes and how they are different from the ten commandments. It was an exciting lesson where we acted out the beatitudes and the class guessed which beatitude it depicted. A great week of engaging learning!

This week in Year 6, the children have completed their bike ability course. It is such an important skill to be able to cycle safely on our roads and I know that all of the children have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions while they have been learning. We have also completed our block of History this term based on WWII. We have written diary entries from inside an Anderson shelter during the Blitz, looked at the role of women in WWII, looked at key events to create a timeline and summarised the events that led up to the end of the war. The children have loved learning about WWII and learning so much information in our block over two weeks! In Maths, we have been looking at fractions including converting between decimals, fractions and percentages and using these skills within word problems. In English, we continued our work on Journey to Jo'Burg, using figurative language in a poem, persuasive techniques in a speech and using speech correctly to write a dialogue. We have also learnt about respect in PSHE, the names of countries in French and looked at Reconciliation and the symbols used within the anointing of the sick in RE.