



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



Friday 27th January 2023



The beginning of this week marked the end of our History immersive block – there has been exciting learning going on across the school. Some highlights include Year 5's unit culminating with an Ancient Greek Olympics, where pupils competed against each other for the Crown. They all had a great time and took the races very seriously, staying in character throughout! Year 2 have loved finding out about the life of Helen Sharman and recreating her journey to Space! I feel we have some aspiring actors here at St Cath's.

The week also welcomed the beginning of our Science immersive block. I am always so impressed how the children are always keen and enthusiastic when we begin a new topic, jumping straight into learning new skills and increasing their knowledge. Please take a look over on the next page at just some of the fantastic work from this week.

A huge thank you to everyone who completed our Home Learning survey. We really appreciate the time you took to answer the questions, share your comments and ideas. The overwhelming consensus was that it should remain the way it stands at the moment – reading, spelling and timetable practising compulsory, with additional, more creative based learning as optional. As per my email, each term I will set a home learning challenge. This term it is to create something on the theme of your favourite book. Thank you to those who have already brought theirs in. We look forward to seeing more creations and displaying them in the hall for all to see.

Last Friday, Mrs. Barwin met with all candidates for our latest JLT, all of whom all gave compelling interviews. Following their appointment, they voted to decide the position of Head of JLT. Huge congratulations to Sienna and Harvey JLT Heads; also to Lola, Ella, Abigail, Danielle, Josh, Nella and Jamie JLT Deputy Heads. After their first meeting, they have already got to work, setting themselves the ambitious task of reuniting lost property with its owner. I am looking forward to meeting with them and Mrs. Robinson next week to do our Health and Safety walk round the school grounds, helping to keep our school site safe for everyone.

This morning, EYFS St Romero set off to our Parish Church, Our Lady's and St Michael's where they took part in a Treasure hunt, discovering pictures of different things you find in a church. A huge thank you to Veronika (our parish secretary) for being so welcoming and setting it all up for them. They had a brilliant time and are to be praised for their exceptional behaviour whilst walking to and from the church. Well done to all!

Finally, we would like to wish all our pupils, friends and families who celebrated the Lunar New Year on Sunday, a prosperous New Year! We warmly welcome the Year of the Rabbit. The rabbit signifies longevity, peace and prosperity in Chinese culture, things we hope for everyone in 2023.

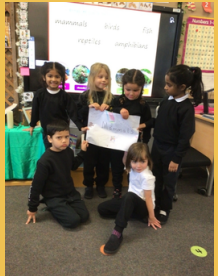
On Monday, Mrs Taylor and I will be joining the other DOWAT heads and deputies for a shared Leadership Day, with a focus on school improvement. I'm sure we will come back with lots of ideas and strategies on how to improve practice within our school.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

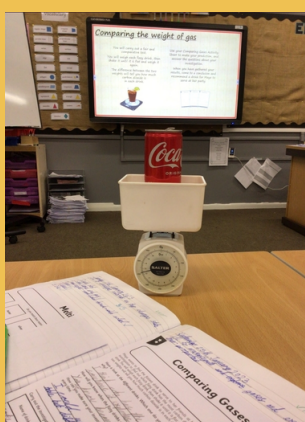
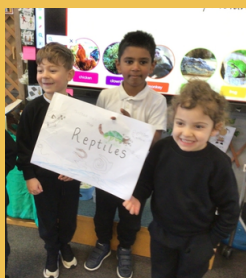
God bless,
Ms Kane



Curriculum Block – This Week: History/Science Next Week: Science



"We have been learning about different types of animals in Science. Reptiles have cold blood. Amphibians can live in water and on land."



"There are 3 states of matter: solids, liquids and gases. We weighed a can of coke when it was closed with all the gases inside. When we opened it the can became lighter because the gases – the bubbles – were released" Solids stand close together and can't move."



"Helen Sharman is a famous astronaut. She was the first British person to visit space. We recreated her journey and pretended we were in a rocket"



"In our science experiment we pushed a small car on different surfaces – grass, gravel, smooth flooring and concrete. The more friction there was the slower the car went."



"We recreated the Greek Olympics by competing in different events against each other and representing different states – Sparta, Thebes, Corinth & Athens. In the past, people believed that the events were being watched by Greek Gods Zeus and Athena. The winners were awarded with a gold leaf crown"