



Newsletter 15th September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

We've had really great week getting back into our usual school routines. The children continue to show us what Ready, Respectful, Safe means every day by the way they care for our lovely school and for each other. In collective worship, we have shared the parable of the Good Samaritan. We talked about how the Good Samaritan who was (on paper) an enemy of the man made sure that he had done everything he could to help him. Jesus reminds us that in this powerful story anyone and everyone is our neighbour and so we should have love and kindness in our hearts for everyone that we meet.



Have a wonderful weekend everyone. God Bless!

Mrs Grace
Head of School

Reception

Welcome Year R to St Hugh's!

We have had a fabulous few days learning all the new routines.

We know how to do Good Listening, Magnet eyes, Team Stop and Good Sitting. We have tidy up teams and all the children know how to be ready, respectful and safe. You should be very proud of your children as they have settled into school life so beautifully.

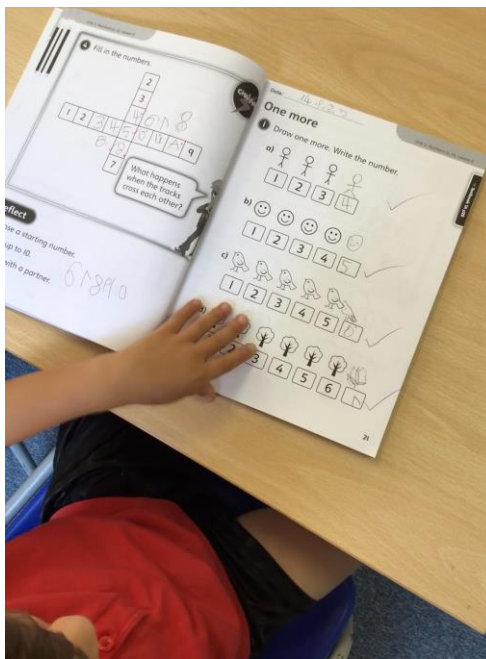


Year 1

Year 1- Maths

Throughout our first unit of maths work we have been focusing our learning on numbers to 10. The children are thoroughly enjoying their new power maths lessons. They especially enjoy starting every lesson with the daily 10 and the quick fire.

On Thursday, we used dice to practice counting on one more from any given number. Then we completed our three pages of questions in our workbooks. The children have even learnt to tick and fix their own answers! Mrs Coe and I feel very proud of our 29 mathematicians.



Year 2



Some of the Year 2 children enjoying mindfulness club today.
Well done to the whole class they have really impressed Mrs Medina this week with their focused attitude to their learning and their lovely manners. Well done Year 2.

Year 3

Year 3 became historians this week exploring Stone Age artefacts from the Surrey History Centre. They examined the artefacts and looked for clues as to what they might have been used for. We were all fascinated by the antler hammer and flint sickle. Next week we will be looking at more artefacts and seeing how tools changed across the Stone Age period.



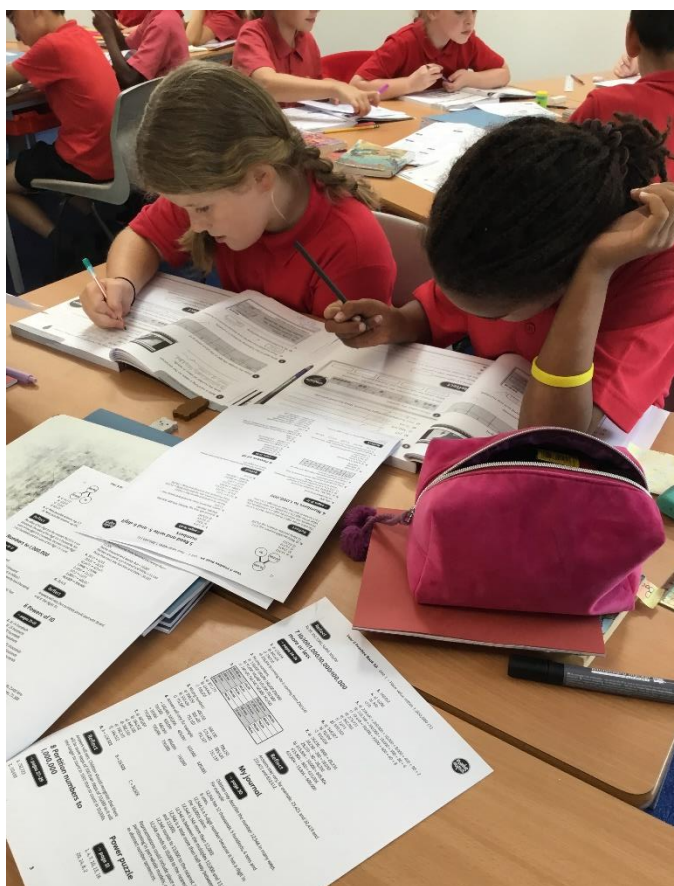
Year 4

The Year 4 children this week enjoyed learning about further verbs in the form of commands and orders in Latin, through a Roman Army picture story. More nouns were introduced and children visited their bank of vocabulary. Plural forms of verb commands are taught e.g. veni = come (one person) venite (veni + te) = come (more than one person). Children played Simo dicit (Simon says) to reinforce the commands in pairs and small groups. This also reinforced the children's teamwork and communication skills, whereby children worked well together to complete the correct command.



Year 5

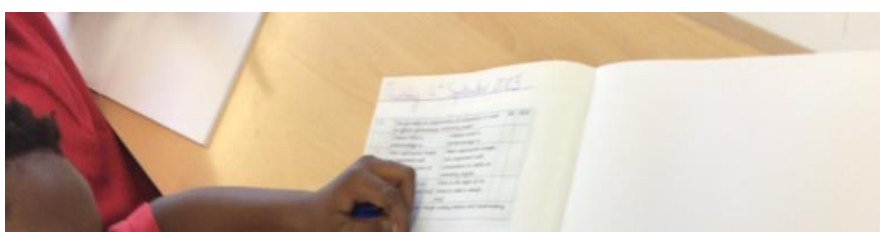
This week we have been thoroughly enjoying reading 'Tom's Midnight Garden' by Philippa Pearce. We have answered comprehension questions about the story, discussed the characters and plot, and predicted what we think will happen next. It's been great fun. We have read our letters from the main character, Tom- out loud to the class and explored his thoughts and feelings about what is happening. The book is full of suspense and is keeping us intrigued! We have also enjoyed learning about circuits, life cycles and delving deeper into place value with our White Rose Maths activities.





Year 6

The year 6 children have been enjoying creating some excellent artwork this year as a part of their new Art unit 'Photo Opportunity'. Within the lesson they looked at the work created by Hannah Hock, an artist who created photomontages over 100 years ago. The children were impressed with how modern some of these compositions were, and how advanced they were for that period. Later in the lesson they had the chance to create their own photomontages to meet a specific design brief. They needed to create a cityscape that would advertise some of the items for sale within a department store. The children were brilliantly creative with their thinking and worked well together to effectively share resources and ideas through the lesson. Great work year 6!



Notices and announcements

An earlier start to the school day from September 2023

As part of the government's 'levelling Up Strategy' they are asking schools to increase the length of the school day. A white paper entitled 'Opportunity for all – strong schools with great teachers for your child,' states:

We will deliver a richer, longer average school week

58. We also want to address the discrepancy of teaching time in schools. It is unfair that a child who receives 20 minutes per day less of teaching time loses out on around 2 weeks of schooling a year.

59. We will therefore introduce a minimum expectation on the length of the school week of 32.5 hours (the current average) for all mainstream state-funded schools. We will expect all mainstream state-funded schools to work towards meeting this expectation as soon as possible and by September 2023 at the latest.

This link will give you further information about the strategy in general;

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1063602/Opportunity for all strong schools with great teachers for your child print version .pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1063602/Opportunity_for_all_strong_schools_with_great_teachers_for_your_child_print_version_.pdf)

Therefore to comply with government expectations, from September our school day will start 5 minutes earlier at 8.45am and end at 3.15pm.

Equipment

Year 1 – Year 6. Please can you supply your child with a clear pencil case filled with:

A glue stick, Handwriting pen x 2, pencil, sharpener, whiteboard pen, ruler and a selection of coloured pencils.



Uniform - reminder

Earrings may not be worn for health and safety reasons and attachments to book bags or messenger bags are not permitted. Many children have lost these attachments or had them broken this year which has caused much distress. They are not part of the school uniform.

Spanish Club has started!

We are delighted to announce that Spanish Club has started on Friday lunchtimes. It will be run by Spanish Amigos, who also work in other neighbouring schools. Please use the links below to book you child's place directly with them.



Spanish Amigos
Language, Fun & Culture

FUN SPANISH

Boost your child's confidence
Increase their ability to learn a language
while they are young

Why Spanish and why learn at an early age?

"Early exposure to a second language helps children score well in other areas of study, such as maths and verbal grammar"

"Spanish is a fun easy to learn language with our tuition and will give your child confidence in their ability to learn and to communicate giving them essential self-confidence at an early age"

"Children who receive even a small amount of second-language instruction are more creative and better at solving complex problems" *"Spanish is the most important international language, after English, with around 400 million native speakers."*

Autumn Term: Friday 8th Sept. Lunchtime (10 weeks)

Spanish Amigos programmes follow the National Curriculum guidelines

- Games, music, activity sheets, acting, competitions, visual aids, etc.
- Lots and lots of fun!
- Small groups with personal attention for all ages and all levels.

.We are committed to teaching small groups and often demand exceeds group sizes so be sure to secure your child's place by booking early.

EXISTING return students

- For the Autumn Term (10 weeks) – only £80

FIRST TIME students

- For the Autumn Term (10 weeks) including membership pack Book and CD – only £96.99

BOOK NOW @ <https://spanishamigos.co.uk/book-a-class/>

Parents: If you speak Spanish, French or mandarin and would like to train as a club teacher, please apply on the website www.spanishamigos.co.uk





Celebrating other Cultures

We would like to dedicate a section of our school library to the different languages which are spoken by our St Hugh community. If you have any picture books which are written in different languages, please could you donate them to our school library, so that the children can share the languages which they speak at home with their peers at school.



HARVEST APPEAL

HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOOD BANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD
Help by donating an item or two from the list to support people facing hardship.



DONATE MONEY
help to cover the costs of storing and distributing emergency food as well as delivering additional support and advice.



SHOPPING LIST TOP FIVE ITEMS

- Canned mixed veg ~~and~~ potatoes
- Canned meat
- Long life fruit juice
- Long life sponge puddings
- Laundry detergent

*Don't forget...
You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.*



Woking Foodbank
www.woking.foodbank.org.uk
Registered Charity in England & Wales 1069902

HARVEST APPEAL

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to support people facing hardship.

SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

- Canned mixed veg & sweetcorn
- Canned chicken & meat
- Long life juice
- Canned potatoes/instant mash
- Long life sponge puddings
- Noodles
- Canned custard
- Jam, peanut butter, marmite
- Laundry detergent
- Deodorant/shampoo

*Don't forget...
You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.*

Woking Foodbank
www.woking.foodbank.org.uk
Registered Charity in England & Wales 1069902

We are donating to Woking Food Bank again this year please bring your donations into school on the morning of Monday 2nd October when we will be celebrating Harvest Festival in Collective Worship.

Dates for your Diary

September

18th Phonics Workshop – parents invited

22nd Commissioning service – 9am parents of those children being commissioned into roles of responsibility are welcome to attend.

October

2nd October - Harvest Collection for Woking Food Bank – please bring your donation into school

3rd Flu Vaccination

3rd and 5th October – Parents Evenings on school Cloud

6th October – INSET Day – school closed

9th October – Book Looks for parents in school hall

13th October Year 6 Class Mass in school hall – 9am Year 6 parents welcome

20th October – Half Term break

November

3rd November Year 5 Class Mass in school hall – 9am Year 5 parents welcome

December

1st December 1st - Year 4 Class Mass

4th December – School Closure

6th December – KS2 Advent Reflections at SJB

12th December – Nativity performance 1 for parents of YR and half of the Year 1 class

13th December – Nativity performance 2 for parents of Y2 and half of the Year 1 class

21st December – End of term – early closing 1pm

