

Newsletter 16th September 2022

Dear parents and carers,

It was fantastic to welcome Father Rob into school to celebrate our first Mass of the year which was also his first opportunity to meet the children. The children behaved beautifully and sang heartily – a credit to the school.

This week's Gospel from St Luke about 'The Lost Sheep,' teaches us about reconciliation. The idea of forgiveness being both offered and accepted and relationships being restored, is central to the whole concept of Christian faith. It is at the very heart of our teaching here at St Hugh of Lincoln. It is something we all find difficult but the children are learning that it is not only important to seek forgiveness by saying sorry but it's equally important to forgive and to be forgiven.



On Wednesday, parents were welcomed into school for our first workshop of the year, which was all about our new approach to teaching phonics – Read Write Inc. It was expertly delivered by Miss Bye and Miss Scott. Thank you to them and to all the parents who joined us. We hope you enjoyed it and for those who couldn't attend, the slides and information shared will be on the website soon in the 'Parents' section. The 'Reading After Phonics' Workshop for parents and carers will be running 21st September at 4pm in the school hall, booking details to follow.

On Monday the school will be closed whilst we all remember the extraordinary sacrifice of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and her humble response to the call to serve. This is something that all of us can learn from. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

The children have been creating craft in memory of the Queen.



Year 3

Racing cars!

As part of the science topic, 'Magnets and Forces' Year 3 worked together to investigate how changing the amount of force affects how toy cars can move on flat surfaces. Great team work and cooperation could be witnessed and excitement could be heard as the cars travelled further than the children had expected!



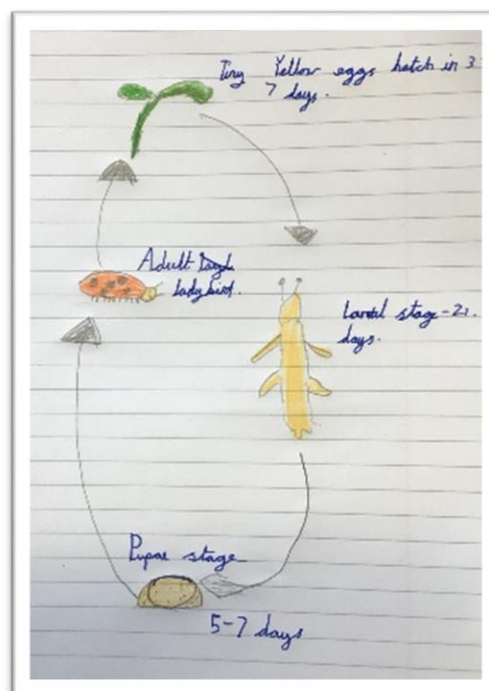
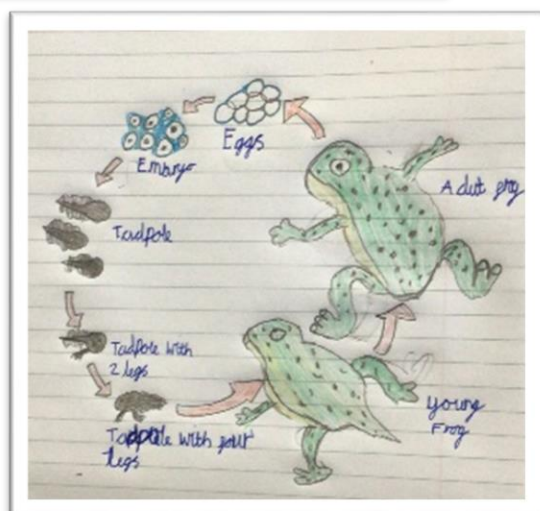
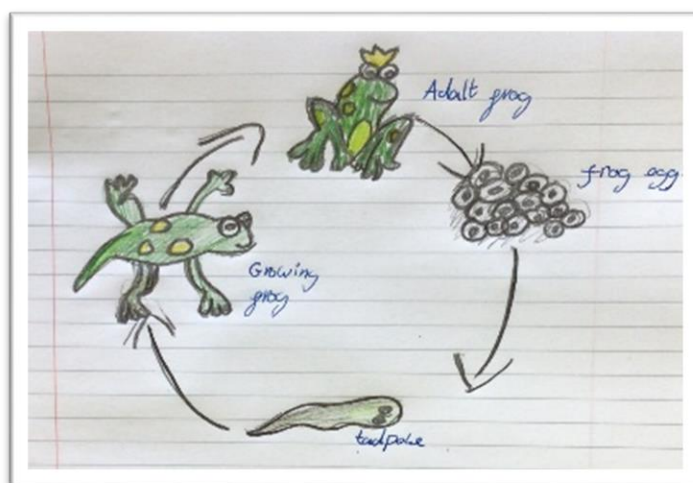
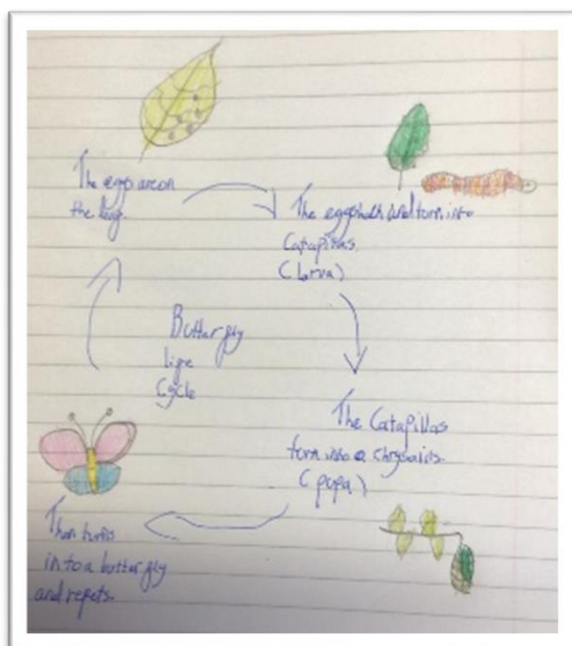
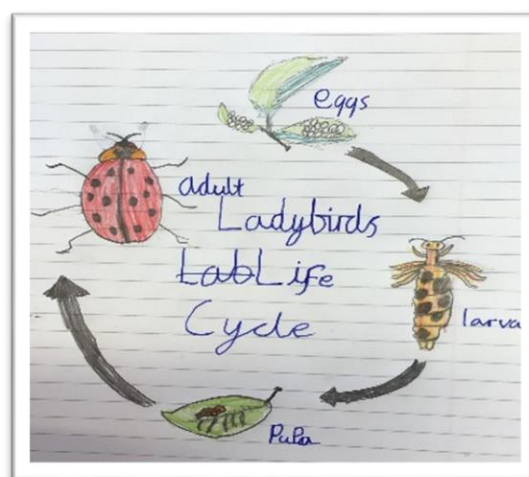
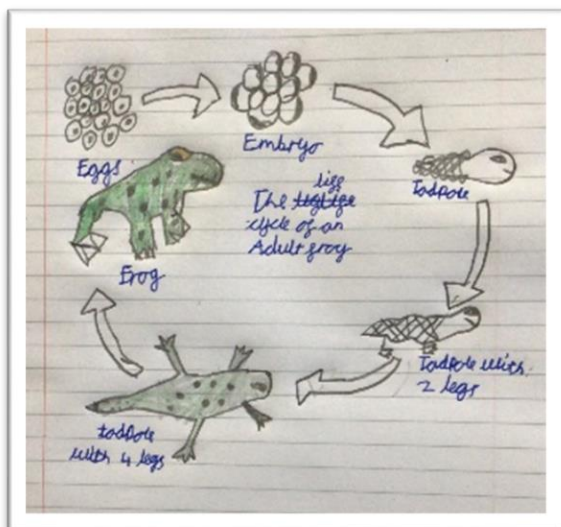
Year 4

St Teresa of Calcutta have been having lots of fun exploring patterns when block printing within art this week. They made impressions into a polystyrene block, using tools to carefully press out simple designs. They then carefully applied a thin layer of ink to the block before pressing it down firmly on their sheet. In total three excellent designs were created and these ranged from space inspired stars and planets to hieroglyphic symbols that linked with our Egyptian learning. We were proud of their excellent listening which led to some beautifully presented work. Well done year 4!



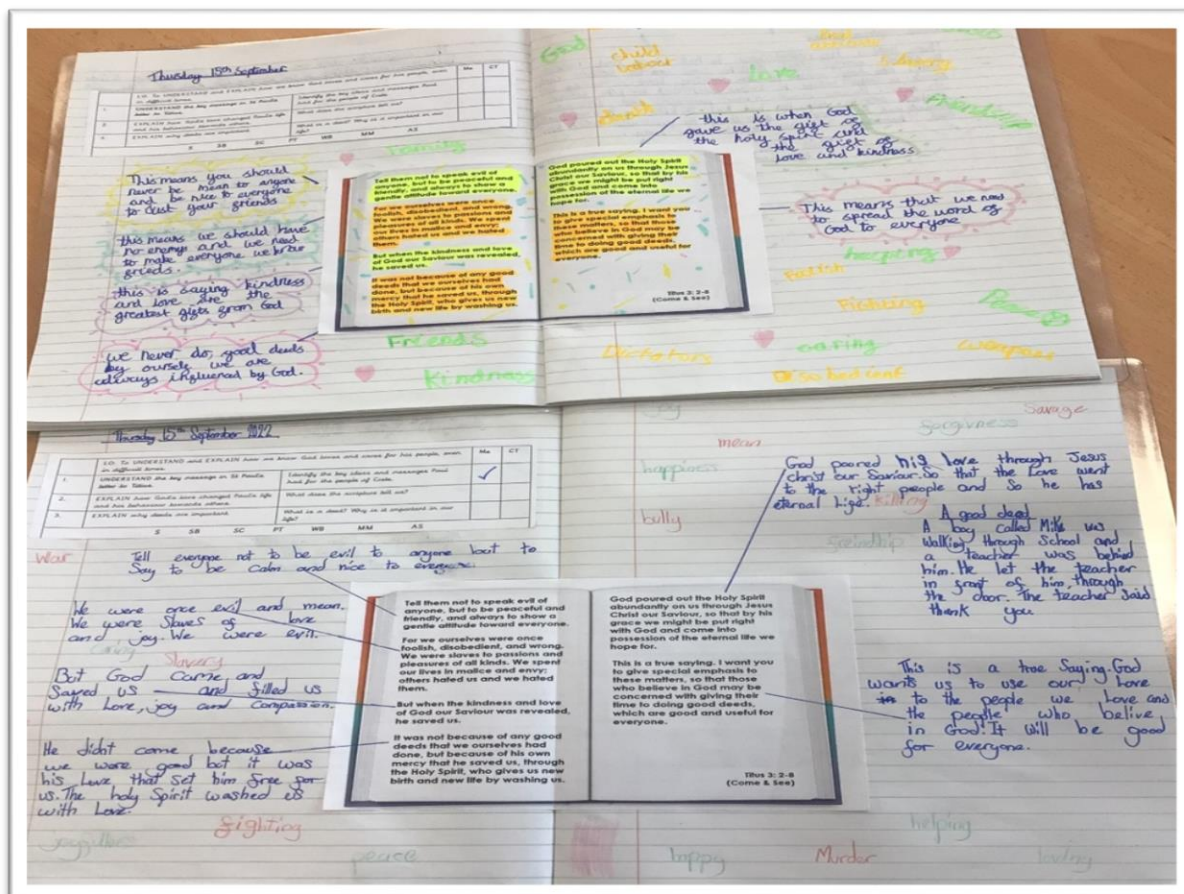
Year 5

In year 5 this week, we have been looking at life cycles in Science. The class researched their animal and drew the different stages of the life cycle making sure to draw it in a clockwise direction, with arrows and labelled to explain what is happening in each stage. The class worked really hard on their presentation and did a brilliant job creating their life cycle diagrams.



Wonderful Work:

Henry and Zachary Year 6 and Joe Year 5



Dear Peter,

I hope you are feeling better. I really miss you but I have to tell you something exciting. I have found a secret, mysterious garden. The grandfather clock strikes thirteen and I saw a door in the hallway. I walked through the door and stepped into the garden. The moon was shining and I could see plants and flowers and water fountains everywhere. The flowers smelled like fresh mint.

When I was there I saw a strange little girl, she looked like a servant from the olden days – I was a little bit scared.

I had to go back to my room but everything looked different near the clock – I thought I was dreaming.

I really want to go back to the garden to see if I can see the girl again and to see the flowers and trees. Do you think it is magic Peter?

Uncle Alan and Aunt Gwen do not know anything about it – it is all secret.

I want you to come when you have no measles and are better.

B.A.R





Rainbows

We are pleased to announce that we will be continuing our Rainbows program this term for children whose parents feel that they would benefit from participating in weekly support groups. These groups are for children who are undergoing change, loss or separation in their lives. The programme is recommended by the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton as an effective programme in schools. These support groups meet during the school day.



When something significant happens in a family, the entire family is affected. Even though death, divorce or other loss issues appear to be only grown-up problems, they have a profound effect on the children who are touched by such experiences. If a parent dies or a divorce happens or a painful loss occurs, not only do the parents grieve, but the children also. Children may find it extremely difficult to verbalise their feelings of grief because of their age and inexperience.

We have very sensitive, caring and trained adults who have said “yes” to helping these children put their feelings into words, work through their grief, build a stronger sense of self-esteem, and begin to accept what has taken place in the family. These adults are not counsellors nor therapists but what they do, and the programme followed, is therapeutic for those involved. The programme is suitable for all the primary age group but the sessions/groups are age appropriate.

If you consider that your child/ children would benefit from this programme then please write/speak to Mrs. Rose, or speak to the Class teacher, so that we can initiate provisional groups. Once you have expressed an interest, your child will receive their own letter and registration form. Should you have any queries then please contact Mrs Rose who will be co-ordinating the programme.

Home School Link worker

I'm delighted to announce that we now have a Home School Link worker. Mrs Barker will be working in this capacity to support parents, carers, families and pupils with a wide range of issues. Her role is shaped to support the needs of our school families in many different ways including liaising with outside agencies and giving help when completing forms and documentation.

She can be contacted on hslw@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk



Request for spare clothing and books

Reception would be extremely grateful of any donations of the following clothing items if they have been outgrown by your child/children:

- grey tights 4-6 years
- school skirts/dresses 4-6 years
- grey and white socks boys+girls
- girls knickers 4-6 years
- grey jogging bottoms 4-6 years
- PE shorts 4-6 years
- white/red polo t-shirts 4-6 years
- black plimsolls

Please drop off at the office or pass on to a member of the Reception Team.

Year R are continually developing their learning area to enrich the curriculum for the children. They have recently bought a reading shed to develop language and communication. We are looking for children's fiction or non-fiction book donations.

The specific topics that we are requiring books for are;

Art

Construction books (diggers tractors, building etc)

Sand and water related stories

Maths/counting books

Children's recipe books.

Music

Our World

If you think you have some books that would cover these topics that you would like to get rid of then please would you donate to our YR class.

Open mornings for parents joining reception class in September 2023

We are holding tours of the school every Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am for parents interested in applying for a space in reception class in September 2023. Please spread the word to any friends or families who you know who might be interested. Anything you can do to spread that word about our wonderful school would be greatly appreciated!

Bee-lieve Fun Day



Dates for your diary

21st September: 'Reading After Phonics' Workshop for parents and carers - 4pm in the school hall, booking details to follow.

23rd September 9am: Commissioning Service where children will receive badges for positions of responsibility. Parents of those children are welcome to attend. Email invitations will be sent out in due course.

W/c 10th October: Parents' opportunity to look at your child's books – details to follow

18th October and 20th October: Parents' Evenings on School Cloud 3.30pm-6.00pm – booking links will be sent out nearer the time.

Safeguarding contact reminder

We seek to provide a safe and happy environment for all children. This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place. If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, and report to Mrs Grace or Mrs Pickard or dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk as soon as possible the same day.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and a very peaceful Bank Holiday,

Mrs Grace
Head of School