



10th February 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

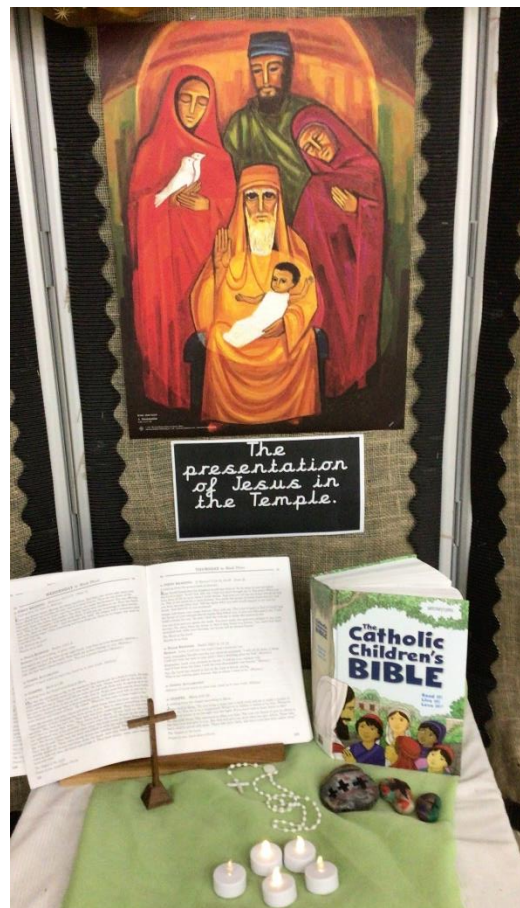
Welcome to this week's newsletter. What an exciting week we have had once again and I have been so impressed to see the achievements the children have made in their reading, writing and maths and across the entire curriculum.

This week we heard Jesus telling the disciples that they must share their saltiness, their light and the truth about God, in order to build the Church and the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. Even a single candle that burns in an unlit room will prevail over what would otherwise be pitch darkness. Similarly, the light of one person, living life to the full, as God would have them, has the potential to make a huge difference to the world around them. This is exactly what the children at St Hugh of Lincoln do and they raised their voices heartily in Monday's Collective Worship as they sang: 'This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...'

And so, it is already the final week of this half term and in true St Hugh's style, you will see how busy and fruitful a week it has been. I wish you all a very happy and healthy half term break and a lovely weekend!

God Bless everyone!

Mrs Grace



Reception

This week, Reception have been exploring how to keep themselves healthy. In particular, they have been learning about the importance of a balanced diet. The children enjoyed exploring some of the foods from Miss Scott's cupboards and checking the nutritional 'traffic light' system on the packaging to find out how much fat, sugar and salt were each item contained. They sorted her a collection of 'treat' foods that she can still enjoy.... but not too often! The children and staff have made a pledge to make sure that they eat at least 5 portions of fruit and vegetables and 6-8 cups of water every day! The children have also thoroughly enjoyed learning about how to take great care of their teeth and have been practising cleaning a giant set of teeth for 2 minutes!



Year 1

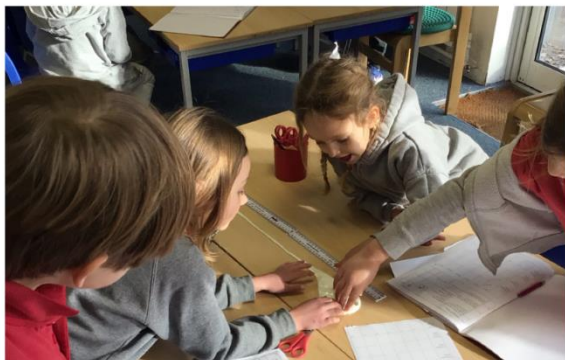
Throughout this term, we have been comparing materials. We have:

- Described some of the physical properties of everyday materials, such as whether an object is rough/smooth, hard/soft, waterproof/not waterproof, or transparent/opaque.
- Made simple comparisons between these different materials.
- Sorted the materials into groups according to their properties.
- Raised questions about the properties of slime and answered these questions by carrying out a comparative test.

We now know:

- Some materials float and others sink in water and that some heavy objects float, and some light objects sink.
- Some materials allow a lot of light to pass through them, some allow only a little light through, whilst others do not allow light to pass through at all.

What fantastic scientific skills and knowledge we have learnt. Well done Year 1.





Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about measurement in their Maths lessons this week. They were learning how to measure in metres and centimetres. They had good fun measuring items around the school, especially the length of the school hall.



Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed a lovely, bright sunny day at Butser Farm, a great end to our Bronze and Iron Age topic. This wouldn't have been possible without the support of the parents who gave up their days to accompany us – thank you.

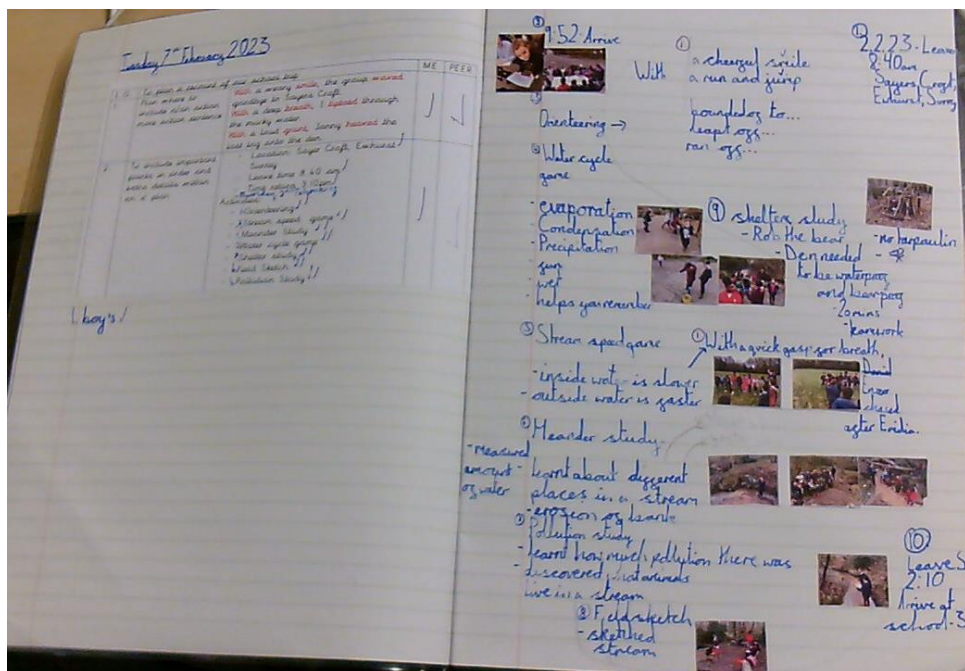
We took part in lots of activities including bronze age jewellery making – we used plyers to make our own rings and bracelets. We watched a demonstration on how to make a wattle fence and then had a go in teams at creating our own; we did an amazing job.

We visited Bronze Age and Iron Age roundhouse, we loved exploring the Iron Age roundhouse and seeing how things had changed since the Bronze Age. We were also able to handle artefacts from the Bronze and Iron Age.



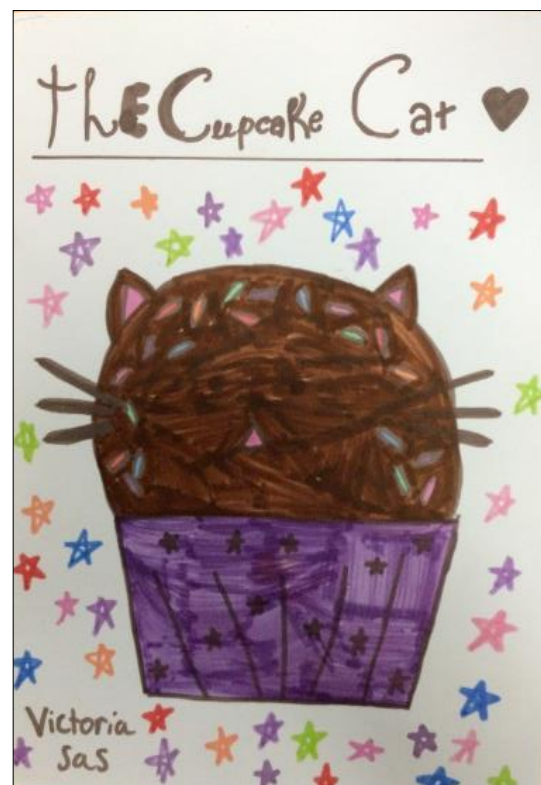
Year 4

The year 4 children have been creating an 's' plan to recall all of the important events from their recent Sayers Croft visit. They enjoyed using pictures from the trip and putting them in chronological order. They also planned in some action sentences to include within their recount which they were drafting next. It was lovely for the children to use talk to help recall different highlights from the trip from each other and use this to add detail to their plan. Children also used their work completed on the trip itself, one example being the field sketch whilst on the bank of the river.



Year 5

In DT, this term, Year 5 have been creating their very own pop up books. They created a story themselves or used a well-known fairy-tale and added a pop up or a slider onto each of the pages. The class were very creative and came up with some wonderful designs; they were eager to take them home to show their families.



Internet Safety Day

Year 5 and 6

This week is internet safety week so year 5 and 6 took part in a virtual live assembly together with other schools across the country. They then took part in a quiz at the end about internet safety and why it is important to stay safe online.



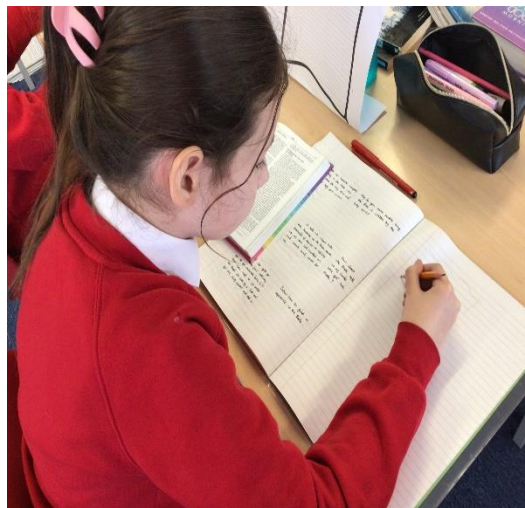
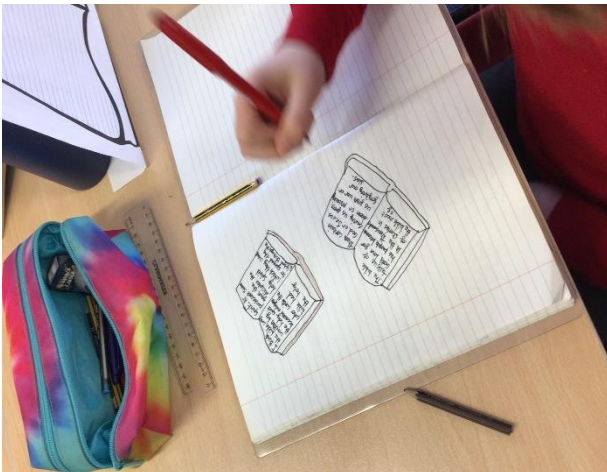
Year 6

This week, Year 6 have finished their topic of Sources and have been creatively responding to what they have learnt.

"I think people say the Bible is written by the Holy Spirit because everyone who wrote the Bible has the Holy Spirit within them and they are using it to spread the Good News of God."

"I am going to use the Bible more to help me to make tough decisions in my life."

"Gospels mean Good News and the Bible is full of the Good News of God and his word."



On Tuesday, Year 6 went on a walk around our local area to see what we are doing to protect our environment. As part of our geography assessment, we are going to be writing up what we have found and make recommendations of how we can improve.



Curriculum Team / Science Fair

The Curriculum Team ran an assembly with Mr Davies today about the Science Fair the school will running on Tuesday 14th March. They gave details of the home learning competition along with a live demonstration of an experiment the children might like to try at home. They also explained where the information about the competition could be found on the school website. This is available at: <https://www.sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum+Team&pid=148> and is at the bottom of the page. The school was mesmerised as the group showed them how precipitation occurred using food dye, oil and shaving foam. It was great to see the curriculum team demonstrate and explain clearly this scientific process, and how this could be a fantastic home project that could be submitted for the competition. Well done Curriculum Team!



Children's Mental Health Week 2023

This year's theme is Let's Connect.

This week, our Wellbeing Leads in Year 6, led a Collective Worship based on the theme of Let's Connect. Connections are vital to our wellbeing and mental health. In fact, 'connect' is one of the 5 a day for wellbeing, so it is a very fitting topic for this year's mental health week.

Connections are all about the healthy relationships. Feeling like you belong can promote a positive self-worth and is excellent for wellbeing and self-esteem.

What can you do at home? It is better to connect in person if at all possible, but any connection is better than nothing. For a child it might be spending time with a grandparent, playing with a friend, joining a special interests group, playing a board game with the family, going for a walk and so on. Click on the link below to find more resources for families to use to support mental health. Children's Mental Health Week www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

World Book Day

With just under 1 month to go until World Book Day we wanted to share this year's creative competition with you all. We would love the children to turn a wooden spoon into their favourite book or character. Prizes will be awarded for the most exciting creations. There will be a prize per class and one for the overall whole school winner. Please support the children to make their own creation at home. The children's creations can be brought into school on **Thursday 2nd March. The school will supply every child with a wooden spoon.**



For Home Learning Phonics/Early Reading Read Write Inc. - Virtual Classroom films

Please see below the links for each phonics group to complete at home. Please set aside 10 minutes to watch the film with your child at least three times a week. Please find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop or tablet. Please praise your child as he/she joins in with the lesson.

Reception- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/8mZ9Qxxm/rLg3mfb3> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/jrxFCb3d/x5i67hzy>

Reception Mrs Iles' Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/UnFLPnXp/52KOKBWB>

Purple Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/tbHeJF9e/69E3RACJ>

Pink Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/OONSqFzb/4mPI7JgE>

Orange Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/lhKxyl14/6uvlX9Ye>

Yellow

Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kwkrbOHJ/sJnCGz5g> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/qNinIOVh/ObpENJZL>

Blue

Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/M7nN6HpQ/L1GQMXu4> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/IQ4aHaYZ/pt0Kiook>

Staffing Updates

It is both with sadness and joy that we announce that Mrs Lewis will be going on maternity leave. Her last day with us will be Friday 31st March. Mrs Lewis is a fantastic teacher who always puts the needs of the children at the heart of her teaching. We will miss her very much while she is away but we know how wonderful and exciting the future will be for her as she welcomes a new little one to her family.

Miss Emily Wisdom will be joining our team after the Easter break and will cover Mrs Lewis' maternity leave. Miss Wisdom is an experienced teacher who currently works in another local primary school. She will teach on Wednesdays and Thursdays in Year 3 and on Fridays in Year 5.

Mr Luke Addison will be joining the team as a Learning Support Assistant after the half term break. He comes with lots of experience of teaching drama to young people and he has also taught English as a foreign language overseas.

On Fridays, from now on, Mrs Pickard will teach the morning English lesson to Year 2 and then Mrs Avery will teach the class for the rest of the day under the direction of Mrs Pickard. Mrs Rose will continue to teach the class for the rest of the week.

We currently are very lucky to have two excellent students training with us until Easter.

Year 1: Miss Bethany Manners from Teach South East

Year 6: Miss Brydy Ault from St Mary's University

Parking

This week we have unfortunately had a few complaints regarding parents parking and blocking peoples drives in Five Oaks Close and Elmgrove Close. Can we please remind parents to be considerate when parking.

Dates for your Diary

February

20th February - Monday – Return to school

March

2nd March – World Book Day - special lunch on **3rd March**

W/C 6th March – Book Looks for parents during this week

15th March –Inset day

21st and 23rd March - Parent Consultation Meetings – on School Cloud 3.30pm-6.00pm

Year 5 Parent Consultations 21st and 28th March – on School Cloud 3.30pm-6.00pm

Friday 31st March – End of Spring Term MUFTI day in support of our Lenten charity– early finish 1.00pm

Reception Learn and Share sessions:

Please arrive at 2.45 via the main entrance (by the office) where you can collect your child from their YR classroom to share their learning with you in the school hall. The session will finish by 3.15.

The next session will be on Friday 26th May 2023

Class Masses

We are delighted to announce that Class Masses are well underway this term. They will be celebrated by either Fr Rob or Fr Nick and parents of the children in the class are invited to attend. Here are the dates:

Y4 Mass Thurs 9th March @9.00am in hall

Y5 Mass Thurs 16th March @ 9am in hall – **new date**

Y3 Mass Thurs 23rd Mar @9.00am in hall

Y2 Liturgy Thurs 27th Apr @9.00am in hall

Y1 Liturgy Thurs 25th May @9.00am in hall

YR Liturgy Thurs 22nd June @9.00am in hall

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, Mrs Pickard or Mr Davies or dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk as soon as possible the same day.

