



## The Saints Federation

'Shine as lights in the world.' *Philippians 2:15*

### Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**All Saints** ... .. Dragonflies are enjoying our book 'The Hodgeheg' and learning about road safety through Max the Hedgehog. They particularly found it funny when Max started muddling up his words and as part of their homework, they very cleverly sorted out some jumbled sentences. The children have been working on a non-chronological report all about Hedgehogs and different facts that we have researched by using leaflets and online.

In maths we have continued our learning on addition and subtraction and finding different methods to work out the problems. We have used numicon, cubes, base 10, number lines, bar models, part whole models and column method.

In Topic we have been getting ready for our Remembrance Service on Friday, learning all about the meaning behind the poppy. We have also learnt about Guy Fawkes and Bonfire night, and we have been investigating materials that are absorbent. Reception children have been deepening their knowledge on the numbers 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 and subitising. They have also been working on their letter formation and writing sentences which have really impressed Mrs Pharoah.

We are now starting to concentrate on our Christmas production and parts and scripts will be sent out. Watch this space!

## Hapton ... ..

Diary writing has been the focus in our English lessons over the last week in Ladybirds Class; we have really enjoyed taking on the role of Max from our class story 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King Smith. In maths, we are currently focusing on addition and subtraction by increasing our understanding of fact families and how simple number sentences can help us solve much trickier maths problems. Along with Rockets Class, we are busy practising scripts and brand new songs for our Christmas Nativity performance- we can't wait for you to see the final product!

It has been lovely to see the Rockets return to school with lots of energy and enthusiasm towards this half term's learning. In English, we have been developing our understanding of free verse poetry by critically analysing author intent and identifying common themes and tones. In maths, we have been working on carrying out formal calculations accurately and developing our resilience when facing tricky problems involving more than one step. In science, we have started studying 'states of matter' by identifying characteristics of solids, liquids and gases.



An example of a paper firework that the Reception children made

**All Saints (Contd)** ... .. What a busy few weeks we have had in Asteroids class! Mr Woolcott has joined us and will be teaching us for the rest of the year! In Maths, we have begun looking at addition and subtraction. We have used rounding to estimate answers and using concrete resources to support our calculations. We are encouraging the children to explain their reasoning through using different methods, both concrete and abstract. In the coming weeks, we will be exploring more complex elements of four operations as well as dipping our toe into multiplication and division.

In English, we are exploring our new book, *The Tin Forest*. Through immersing ourselves in the text, we will be writing narratives and poetry. We have already got to know the opening of the book through our guided reading sessions, and have been using our prediction skills to think about how the story might develop. We will be using grammar features such as adverbial phrases, speech and figurative language to grow our skills of show, not tell and develop our authorial voice.

Our key question in RE is "How has belief in Christianity and Islam impacted on music and art throughout history?" We have been thinking about how emotions and feelings have been expressed through the Arts. In Science, we have begun our new topic "States of Matter" where we be looking at materials and their properties. We are continuing with our topic of Stone Age to Iron Age through exploring the development of Iron Age.

Just a reminder, PE will be on a Friday afternoon. Children need to bring their PE kit to school each day in case there are any last-minute changes. Swimming will be continuing for the remainder of the term.

**St Andrew's** ... .. In Comelites (see what we did there) we have begun a new class text called *The Tin Forest*, by Helen Ward. We have been exploring the illustrations and thinking about figurative language, which we used to write some superb free verse poems. In maths we are learning about addition and subtraction and are continuing to develop our understanding of the different strategies we can use for these calculations. In history, we are thinking about how to use historical evidence and artefacts to build our knowledge of the past. We looked closely at the Amesbury Archer discoveries to learn about the Bronze Age. In RE we have been thinking about how people use a variety of media to express feelings and messages. We finished our week with reflections for remembrance and visited the memorial in North Lopham to participate in the service.

In Butterflies we have been reading *Hodgeheg* by Dick King Smith. We have been researching all about Hedgehogs to create a non-chronological report. We have used leaflets and posters to help with our research. In maths we have been learning to add and subtract using lots of different methods like number lines, cubes, base 10 equipment, numicon and column method.

In topic we have been looking at different materials and what they are used for as well as why they are made of some of the materials. We have also been investigating the weather in the different countries of the UK and pretended to be weather presenters. In RE we discussed what it means to give gifts at Christmas and thought about a gift we would give Jesus. We have also been getting ready for our Remembrance Service at the church by creating some beautiful silhouette paintings. Our weekend is very much needed!

# Attendance Matters!

	Number of pupils with 100% attendance	Whole school attendance
Hapton	9	94.53
All Saints	17	91.28
St Andrew's	10	92.64
Whole Federation		92.82

## Save the Date – Federation

13 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccination 2023 – All Saints + Hapton
WB 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week, all sites
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Tempest individual photos – St Andrews 09:00, All Saints 11:00, Hapton 13:00
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Non-uniform all sites – donations please
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu jabs – St Andrews
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	New Reception Intake Open Day – all sites
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Flu jabs – Hapton 13:30
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance – 14:00 & 18:00 – Hapton
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance – 14:00 & 18:00 – All Saints
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance – 14:00 & 18:00 – St Andrew's
13 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Church Service 09:15 - Hapton
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Church Service 14:30 – All Saints
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Church Service 09:15 - St Andrew's



**Dragonflies with their 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrows'**

## Staying Safe Online

We know keeping children safe on the internet can feel a little tricky at times – this a whole new world to many of us born at a time when the only way to communicate with your friends on a phone involved finding a phone box and a 10p piece! We understand and will be attaching to our newsletters a series of resources to help you and your child with this. We're starting with how to be kind online. Remember, it's Ok to come and ask if you aren't sure or need any help. If we don't know the answer, we can try and find out for you!