

## The Saints Federation

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

### Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Hapton** ... .. It has been another few busy weeks in Ladybirds; we have continued to enjoy our work based on *Where the Wild Things Are* and have written some amazing poems filled with similes and alliteration! We have also been learning about the history of flight and practising our songs ready for the Harvest Festival celebrations in church. In science, we made our very own bug hotels and have placed them in the school garden. Fingers crossed that our first visitors will turn up very soon!

In the Rockets class this week, we have been further exploring our class novel, *Wolf Brother*, and writing some newspaper articles. We have been focusing on formal language, speech and the features of newspapers. In Maths, we have been looking at negative numbers on a number line and solving some tricky word problems. In Art, we have explored shape and tone using the medium of charcoal to express feelings.



**All Saints** ... .. Dragonflies have very exciting English lessons around *Where the Wild Things Are*. We have been creating our own *Wild Things*, using alliteration, similes, and adjectives to write poems and perform them. We are now retelling the story in our own words making sure we use exciting vocabulary and creating story maps to help us.

In Maths, we are coming to the end of our place value topic and have embedded our knowledge of hundreds, tens and ones and partitioning numbers in different combinations. We are moving on to addition and subtraction using number lines and other resources to help us.

In topic, we have continued our learning on biodiversity and micro habitats looking at the importance of bees and worms! Amelia Earhart has been our focus in History and we have been looking at the importance of God to Christians. Receptions have been busy working on their letter formation and starting to write sentences. They have been concentrating on the numbers 1 to 5 and looking at past and present and land and sea. We are also getting ready for our Harvest Festival with a very funny scarecrow theme!

In Asteroids this week we finished our Place Value assessments and are well underway with Negative numbers. The scores have demonstrated good progress and with the most recent quiz I have been impressed - so very well done to you all! In English we are continuing our *Wolf Brother* story. We have finished our independent narrative (all have been very fascinating to read) and have used great figurative language to keep the reader's interest. We are now exploring chronological reports, thinking about what questions a reader will want to ask and providing that information. In science we have been investigating reflecting, we took objects and noted characteristics of materials to determine which is best for reflecting light. In computing we looked at copyright and attribution, thinking about intellectual property, licences and plagiarism and applying it to real world scenarios. We looked at pre-historic tools in History, predicting what they were used for and their other possible applications.

Asteroids class should now have their TTRockstars login. I am pleased to see them excited and eager to log in and play! They should remember it is a personal competition and should not compare scores and progress to others.

**St Andrew's** ... Butterflies have really enjoyed exploring, acting out and writing about the story 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We have drawn our own story maps and written about what happens in the story. We have also created our own Wild Things and wrote a poem to describe them. In Maths, Reception have been furthering their understanding of numbers to five, looking at one more and one less through different activities and songs. Year One have been continuing to explore place value, increasing their understanding of numbers to twenty and how to partition numbers into tens and ones.

We have loved learning about how people first attempted to fly and how aeroplanes have changed overtime. We have made our own aeroplane out of cardboard boxes and worked together to paint it by mixing colours and adding different patterns such as dots and stripes. Butterflies have had a great time sitting in the aeroplane and acting the take-off, being up in the air and landing the plane. In RE, we have been learning about some of the many ways God helps us and thinking about how we can help others at school and at home.

In Satellites we have been learning about survival in the Stone Age. We debated whether it was more important to hunt, make a shelter, search for water or make some clothes. In art we have been exploring cave pictures. We are particularly enjoying our exploration of musical notation, we particularly like to clap out crotchets and quavers (not the cheesy ones). We can't wait to start playing our recorders-Mrs Sexton and Mr Dunscombe have purchased earmuffs in preparation! In Maths, the children have continued to work hard at their understanding of place value, with some of the rounding proving to be quite tricky - but we got there! Our class novel, Wolf Brother, is really gripping and has inspired the pupils to write their own narratives based on a similar theme using lots of description. We look forward to enjoying more of the book over the next few days.

Comet class have been continuing their work on narrative writing. Using grammar features such as adverbial phrases, speech and figurative language, we have been learning the skills of show, not tell and developing our authorial voice. The children have been taking our novel, Wolf Brother, and innovating their own writing based on the events and themes from the book. In Maths, we have concluded our work on place value, and have really cemented our understanding. We have also been able to look at negative numbers and how we can work out addition and subtraction across 0. We have had many opportunities to problem solve and are really enjoying having a go at Nrich challenges.

In Science, we have looked at how light travels and causes shadows. We have been hypothesising how shadows are created and have designed our own investigations into it. In History, we have learned how people in the Stone Age had to develop and improve their tools and how they had to adapt to survive. We have developed our understanding of chronology and how we order events in history. We have enjoyed exploring drawing with charcoal in Art and playing the recorder in Music. In RE, we have looked at philosophy and answering the question "is believing in God reasonable" as well as our Harvest work around the story of Ruth and Naomi.

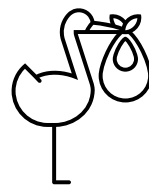


# Attendance Matters!

	Number of pupils with 100% attendance	Whole school attendance
Hapton	11	94.70
All Saints	22	92.89
St Andrew's	14	92.07
Whole Federation		93.22

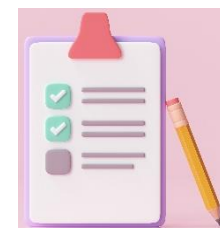
## Save the Date - Federation

WB 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultation Meetings
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Church Harvest Festival, all welcome – 14:30 - Hapton
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Church Harvest Festival, all welcome – 09:15 – All Saints
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Church Harvest Festival, all welcome – 14:30 – St Andrew's
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of Term 1
<b>Half Term Break – school closed 23rd – 27th October 2023</b>	
30 <sup>th</sup> October	School reopens to pupils and staff for Term 2
1 <sup>st</sup> November	New Reception Intake Open Day – all sites
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Reading Café, all welcome 14:45 – all sites
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Village remembrance ceremony 10.45am for silence at 11am. St. Andrew's
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



We have had some very exciting news this week. Mrs Emma Pryke and her husband have welcomed baby Freya to their family. She arrived at the end of last week weighing 7lb 4oz. We send all of our love and best wishes to Mrs Pryke and her family.

This afternoon there will be a questionnaire coming home with the pupils. Please could you complete and return to the office by the end of next week. If you would like it to remain confidential, please place in an envelope marked for the attention of Miss R Price, or alternatively an envelope can be provided to you by the school office.



Check out the fantastic Thorpe Woodland Adventure Centre Trip photos below



