



The Saints Federation

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

Newsletter

14th February 2024

Hapton

Over the last fortnight, Ladybirds have enjoyed listening to the amazing adventures of the BFG as part of our English work. As well as writing some detailed character descriptions, we have also enjoyed drawing pictures of the BFG himself.

In RE, we have been learning about how the story of Rama and Sita led to the celebrations of Diwali and we also made our very own Diva lamps. We enjoyed sang a Diwali themed song in music and used chime bars to re-create the tune. In art, we have created our very own Henry Moore inspired statues using clay.

In maths, we have begun to explore 3D shapes and their properties. We have also discovered that some 3D shapes have names that are a bit of a mouthful to pronounce including pentagonal prism, tetrahedron and octahedron!

The Ladybirds have worked extremely hard this half term and all of the adults who work alongside them are very proud of what they have achieved. We hope you enjoy your well-earned half term break!

In Rockets, within English we have been learning how to scare our reader and develop suspense. We've worked hard on using the five senses, creating scary settings and using the weather to reflect the mood of our writing.

In maths, we have been working with fractions. We've been using fraction towers, fraction strips and bar models to represent problems and we have started working out calculations involving fractions.

In science, we have learnt about how astronomical beliefs have changed over time. In many ancient civilisations, philosophers believed the Sun, Moon and planets orbited Earth. Of course, we know the Heliocentric model debunked this ancient theory!

All Saints

In Dragonflies, we have enjoyed learning about springtime. We have learned all about the different types of flowers which spring up at this time of year, including snow drops and primroses. As part of this learning, we did still life sketching using real flowers. On Shrove Tuesday, the school council organised a pancake breakfast which was so tasty! We also learned why we eat pancakes and how this signifies the beginning of the period of Lent.

In English, we have been reading the book 'BFG' by Roald Dahl. We focussed on how the character of the BFG is described in the story and used this to write our own descriptions. We had to use lots of grammar features such as dialogue and amazing adjectives. We also thought carefully about how his personality shapes how he is as a person. In Maths, we have been learning shape, including naming 2D and 3D shapes and their properties such as the number of vertices and types of angles of each shape.

In Asteroids, we have been busy writing our narratives. We all wrote some amazing narratives, which were detailed and demonstrated our amazing English skills. This week, we have been looking at the different types of recounts (such as letters, diary entries and biographies) and will be writing a recount based on the events we have found out about in our book 'Viking Boy'.

In Maths, we have been looking at fractions. We have been converting improper fractions into mixed numbers, mixed numbers into improper fractions. We have also been using our understanding of factors and multiples to simplify and order more tricky fractions.

As part of our learning in History, we got to find out all about Viking crime and punishment! We have all decided that if we were Vikings, we definitely would make good choices! We have now concluded our learning of Earth and Space in Science by looking at the different theories about how our solar system works and which famous philosophers and scientists were instrumental in what we know today.

We hope that you all have a lovely, well deserved half term break!

St Andrew's

What a full half term it has been! Comelites have worked so hard this half term on developing their written work for narratives. They are really enjoying the class text, Viking Boy and can be very persuasive when it comes to requests for reading a little more than planned. In maths, Pythagoras have moved on to fractions and have been looking at equivalents and common denominators. Archimedes have moved on to division and the use of efficient methods to divide. We are all realising how important it is, to keep practising those times tables as they are the foundation for so much maths. Our computing lessons have been the highlight of the week for many of the children where they have been learning to create digital images. In history we continue to delve into the Viking and Anglo Saxon relationship, which definitely wasn't always hospitable. We are all looking forward to a well earned break next week.

In Saturflies we have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday and Lent. On Shrove Tuesday we enjoyed making pancakes, reading books about pancakes including 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' and 'Mama Panya's Pancakes', and learning about why we celebrate Shrove Tuesday. In English we have started to explore the book BFG by Roald Dhal. Last week we focussed on the character of the BFG, looking at his appearance and comparing this with his personality. This week we described what has happened in the story so far and the setting of the BFG's home. We are looking forward to exploring the story more after the half term break. In maths we have been learning more about 2D and 3D shapes, including the number of vertices, sides, faces, lines of symmetry and types of angles of each shape. Have a great half term break with your family and

Snapchat - Snapchat is a popular instant messaging app, with a 13+ age restriction, which allows users to send images, videos and text to people on their friends list. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages after they have been viewed; however, this content isn't as temporary as many people believe – with some users saving screenshots or using another device to take a photo of their screen. Read this week's online safety guide to find out more about Snapchat.

We would like to say 'Thank you and Good Luck' to Mrs Tinsley in the office at All Saints. Mrs Tinsley will be leaving the federation on Friday. She has given so much to the federation in her time with us, much of it behind the scenes but so instrumental in our smooth running. Mrs Tinsley – our thanks and best wishes with your next project.



Save the Date – Federation

Term 3

2024

WB 12.02.24 Parent Consultation Meetings
16.02.24 Last day of Term 3

Half Term Break – school closed 19th – 23rd February 2024

Term 4

26.02.24 School reopens to pupils and staff for Term 4
07.03.24 World Book Day
11.03.24 Science Week
15.03.24 Comic Relief – non-uniform day
18.03.24 YrR & Yr6 – weighing & measuring – St Andrews
22.03.24 Federation Easter Day
25.03.24 Easter Church Service - All Saints - 09:15
25.03.24 Easter Church Service - Hapton - 14:30
26.03.24 Easter Church Service - St Andrew's - 14:30

Break up Easter Holidays – 27th March – 12th April

Attendance Matters!

	Number of pupils with 100% attendance	Whole school attendance
Hapton	4	94.66
All Saints	9	93.19
St Andrew's	3	94.15
Whole Federation		94

