

The Saints Federation

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

Newsletter

24th November 2023

St Andrew's

In Comelites we have been diving deeper into our class text Tin Forest and have been exploring the problem of plastic pollution. We researched and wrote non-chronological reports and have enjoyed thinking about the thoughts of the main character within our diary entries. In maths we have begun to divide and multiply. We are thinking hard about the inverse relationship between these operations and have been working on our factors and prime number knowledge. In RE we have been looking at Christian and Islamic art and the similarities and differences within each faith. We thoroughly enjoyed our Children in Need fundraising, last Friday, as part of our courageous advocacy. Our favourite thing this week has been the commencement of the Christmas play and Mrs Sexton and Mr Dunscombe have particularly enjoyed the spontaneous singing of carols.

In Butterflies we have written a story based on the Hodgeheg and have created our own character and problem. In maths we have been learning to add and subtract and we are developing our use of different strategies. We enjoyed learning about Diwali and created diva lamps by folding paper. This week we have begun a new class text, The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch, and we have been learning all about letter writing. We are also enjoying our preparation for the school Christmas play.



Hapton

It has been yet another busy fortnight in Ladybirds Class! In Science, we have been exploring the uses of everyday materials as well as carrying out our own experiments to test absorbency. In Geography, we discovered that whilst we are enjoying warm, sunny days in Summer, people in India are instead experiencing a season of continuous wet monsoons! As part of our courageous advocacy work, we joined forces with Rockets Class to raise money for the British Red Cross by holding a jumble sale. Thanks to the generosity of our families and friends, we raised a grand total of £74. 86!

The Rockets have also had another busy fortnight. In maths, we have been increasing our confidence with formal multiplication methods. We have also been modelling prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers using counters and cubes in order to become experts in our understanding. In art, we have explored complementary and harmonious colours; we have considered where and why artists use these in their own work. We have researched some key artists and experimented imitating their styles. Well done to the Rockets and Ladybirds for their great efforts raising money for the British Red Cross!

Online Safety

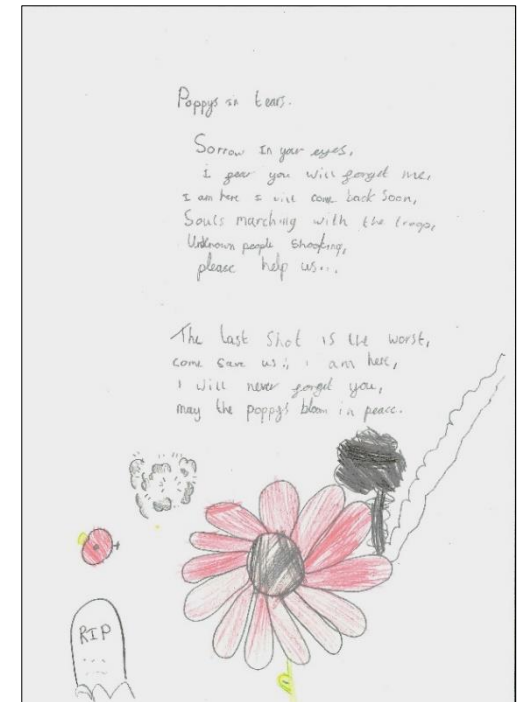
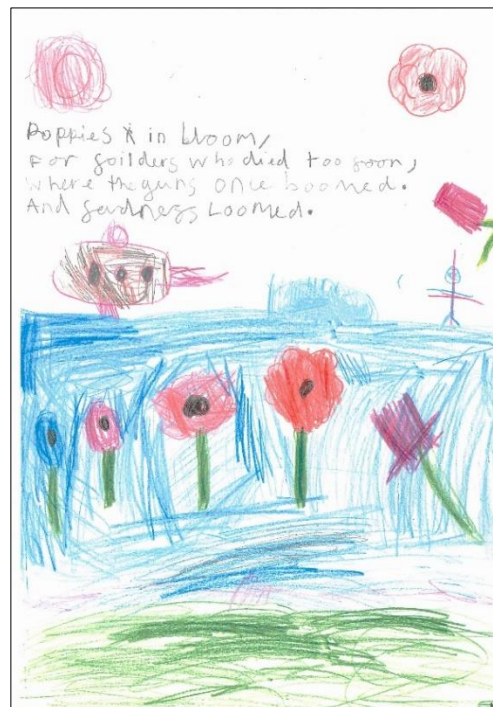
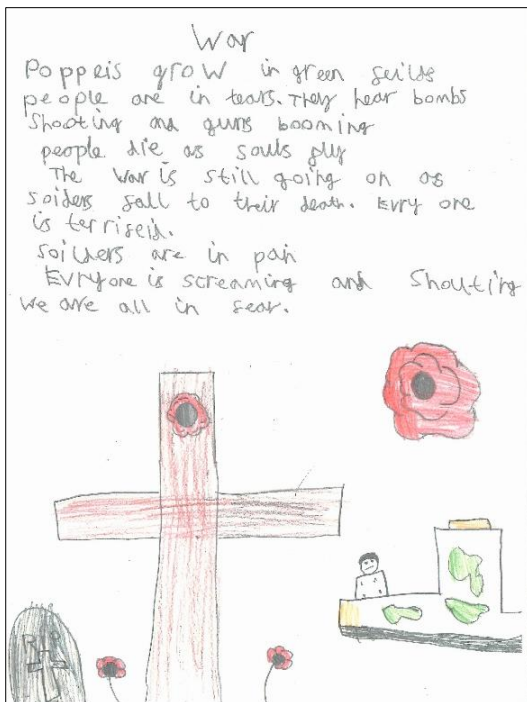
So many households nowadays have an 'artificial intelligence software assistant' – one of the most common is 'Alexa'. Alexa can be found on all Amazon Echo devices as well as on smartphones and tablets. It is even starting to be integrated into clocks, speakers and TVs. It can be extremely useful: Alexa, call my brother; Alexa, read me the news; Alexa, tell me when the Battle of Hastings took place; Alexa turn on my light. With its growing presence, it is worthwhile knowing all about it and any associated online safety considerations. Read on to find out everything you need to know about Amazon Alexa.

Some of the poems and pictures produced by All Saints pupils for Remembrance Day

All Saints

Dragonflies have been having lots of fun with their new book *The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch*. After reading the story for the first time, we used role play to retell what happened to poor Mr Grinling and his lunch. Lots of the children wanted to play his fluffy cat Hamish! We then looked at the character Mr Grinling in more depth and how he felt when the mischievous seagulls devoured his yummy lunch Mrs Grinling made him. In maths we have continued with addition and subtraction using lots of different methods to build our confidence. Preparations for our Christmas production are in full swing now, but we have also been busy with science experiments, computing tasks and learning all about advent and the Nativity. A very exciting visitor also came into school and talked to us about Hedgehogs and how to look after them. A very big thank you to all who donated cat food for the sanctuary. It is very much appreciated.

Asteroids have been reading *The Tin Forest*. We have been thinking about the old man, and how he is passionate about looking after the world around him. We researched the impact that plastic is having on our environment, especially our oceans, and used this to write some really thought provoking fact files. We have also been looking at persuasive writing and developing our use of emotive language to engage the reader. In Maths, we have consolidated our understanding of addition and subtraction. To support this, we have been focusing on using the stem sentence "I know this because..." to really think deeply about the problems we are solving. We are now moving on to looking at multiplication and division. Our big question in RE, "How has belief in Christianity and Islam impacted on music and art throughout history?", has really got us thinking about legacy and the cultural impact religion has had on both local and global communities. In History, we have discussed why people chose to settle in certain locations, and debated and discussed these reasons and what we would need if we were an Iron Age clan.



Attendance Matters!

	Number of pupils with 100% attendance	Whole school attendance
Hapton	9	94.93
All Saints	16	91.87
St Andrew's	8	93.15
Whole Federation		92.82

Save the Date – Federation

20 th November	Flu jabs – St Andrews
23 rd November	New Reception Intake Open Day – all sites
23 rd November	Flu jabs – Hapton 13:30
4 th December	Christmas Performance – 14:00 & 18:00 - Hapton
5 th December	Christmas Performance – 14:00 & 18:00 – All Saints
11 th December	Christmas Performance – 14:00 & 18:00 – St Andrew's
13 th December	School Christmas Lunch
15 th December	Christmas Church Service 09:15 - Hapton
15 th December	Christmas Church Service 14:30 – All Saints
18 th December	Christmas Church Service 09:15 - St Andrew's
19 th December	Christmas Extravaganza Trip
20 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term
Term 3	2024
4 th January	School opens to pupils and staff
4 th January	Eco Week across the Federation
11 th January	Yr6 & YrR – Weighing and Measuring – St Andrews
15 th January	Yr6 & YrR – Weighing and Measuring – All Saints

Destiny

Trapped,
Surrounded by none other than death.
We tried to scream,
Nothing.
For destiny has decided,
That thy shall dwell,
For we have fall,
In Flanders fields.

Do not grief,
When we shall leave,
destiny taking us in her hands,
to heaven.

