



The Saints Federation

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

Newsletter

8th March 2024

Hapton

The weeks seem to fly by in Ladybirds Class! We have continued to enjoy our work on the BFG and last week wrote some Kenning poems about the gruesome, human-eating Bloodbotler!

In maths, we are currently exploring the relationship between multiplication and division and are representing this in a variety of ways including arrays, grouping and sharing, bar models, number stories and number sentences.

In DT, we have begun to design our very own castle drawbridges using working pulleys. We have even used a paint sponging technique to re-create the brick wall effect.

Science week is proving to be a real hit - this year's theme is time. We have been making time-related predictions including how many star jumps can we do in one minute and how long it takes to sing the 'Happy Birthday' song twice! Later on in the week, we will attempt to make some biodegradable plastic using glycerine!

Last week in Rockets we celebrated World Book Day by exploring the wordless picture book, Journey, by Aaron Becker. We wrote our own short stories based on the premise of the book - a young girl's drawing of a magic door which became a portal to a world filled with wonder, danger and adventure. Our own stories explored an array of spectacular journeys.

This week we have been fully-emersed in British Science Week. The theme this year is 'time'. We have learnt about the lifecycle of invertebrates, investigated reaction times, explored how the human brain works by illustrating a 'connectome' and built a pendulum timer.

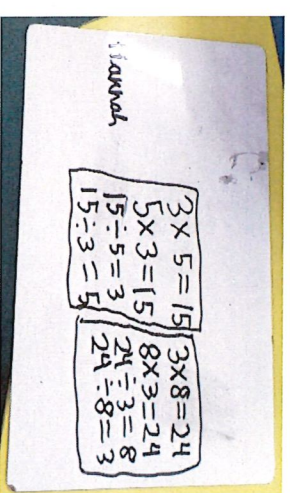
All Saints

Dragonflies have loved our recent focus on the story of the BFG by Roald Dahl. Last week we wrote poems about the BFG and the Bloodbotler in the style of a kenning poem which has its roots in Icelandic verse. The EYFS Children made some amazing snozzcumbers out of playdough, pasta, salt and herbs! We have been learning about multiplication and division in our maths lessons as well as doubling and sharing equally. Well done Dragonflies for all your hard work.

Asteroids have been busy with World Book Day. We looked at the story "The Journey" which is a wordless book. This was incredibly powerful as it gave us an opportunity to really use our imaginations to bring the story alive. We then created our own pieces of creative writing using the book as inspiration, as well as creating hats for characters in the book and developing our geographical literacy through plotting our own journey. We also created our own portals and doors which take us to our favourite books.

In Science, we have been celebrating Science Week. We have conducted several investigations which have explored a common theme of "time". We have created water clocks as well as pendulum timers. We have also been researching Katherine Johnson, who was an African-American mathematician who worked for NASA at the time of the Space Race.

In Maths, we have enjoyed growing our understanding of fractions, and have recently moved onto multiplying and dividing fractions. We have continued to use concrete resources to support our understanding as well as bar models for a more pictorial approach.



St Andrew's

In Saturdays we have enjoyed celebrating world book day and science week! On world book day we explored, wrote about and made hats inspired by, the book 'Journey'. We also plotted the journey on a world map that we thought the character in the book might have taken, labelling the seven continents and five oceans. To celebrate science week, we have completed lots of activities and experiments to explore this year's theme of time. During English lessons we have enjoyed researching about Mary Anning, who made famous fossil discoveries.

In Comeltes, as part of science week, we have been researching female scientists so that we can write a non-chronological report. In maths we are continuing to develop our understanding of fractions and how to add, subtract and multiply fractions. Our afternoon learning has included a comparison of Scotland to our local area, looking at physical and human features. We have also been growing plants and thinking about the structure of plants.

In Saturdays we have thoroughly enjoyed our science week learning, which has been all about Mary Anning and fossils. We were especially excited to link our learning to dinosaurs, which included an experiment where we made predictions about how to hatch a dinosaur and the link between birds and dinosaurs. Jurassic Park here we come! In English we have been writing non-chronological reports about Mary Anning and her discoveries. In maths we have been learning about equal groups, sharing and multiplication.

Last week, we all came together at St Andrew's to enjoy World Book Day, where we looked at 'The Journey' by Aaron Becker. We immersed ourselves in the wordless story and used this as inspiration for some creative writing, hat making and mapping. The variety and quality of writing the children produced made everyone feel really proud.

School Meals Price Increase

The cost of school meals will be increasing to £2.60 from 1st April. You may be already aware that this is the case across a lot of schools/catering services and not unique to us.

Please contact the school office if you believe your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium as this would enable them to receive Free School Meals.

Save the Date – Federation

Term 4

11.03.2024 Science Week
18.03.2024 YrR & Yr6 – weighing & measuring – St Andrew's
22.03.2024 Federation Easter Day
25.03.2024 Federation Music Event – All Saints
26.03.2024 Easter Church Service – All Saints - 09:15
26.03.2024 Easter Church Service – Hapton – 14:30
26.03.2024 Easter Church Service – St Andrew's – 14:30
27.03.2024 Last Day of Term 4

Half Term Break – school closed 28th March - 12th April 2024

Term 5

15.04.2024 School reopens to pupils and staff for Term 5
23.04.2024 KS2 London Trip & KS1 Africa Alive Trip
06.05.2024 School closed for May Bank Holiday
13.05.2024 Key stage 2 SATS week
21.05.2024 Sports Day 09:00-11:00 – All Saints
22.05.2024 Sports Day 09:00-11:00 - Hapton
23.04.2024 Sports Day 09:00-11:00 – St Andrew's
31.05.2024 Last Day of term 5

Attendance Matters!

	Number of pupils with 100% attendance	Whole school attendance
Hapton	4	96.01%
All Saints	10	97.76%
St Andrew's	1	96.39%
Whole Federation		96.72%