

Friday 17th December 2021

"Jesus said, "I have come so that you can live life in all its' fullness" John 10:10

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Weekly Worship & reflection

All are invited to turn to
God



Dear Families,

What a term! Staff and children have been extremely busy, we have had trips, competitions, performances along with a full curriculum with added sport and music! No wonder we are all exhausted and ready for a well-earned rest, especially the children who have worked so hard to regain some lost learning. We hope the class newsletters give you a flavour of what we have been up to!

The disruption to education has caused us all to be a little less resilient and our stamina has suffered, we hope you all enjoy a well-deserved rest. Although we were unable to share our performances in real life (IRL, is a new term along with metaverse) you will be able to access them online. Most importantly, the children have had Christmas fun. Mr Ward is working away on those and Mr Hall was our in house director! We hope you enjoy them once online you will be informed!



Our Christingle service this week, has reminded us that everything has a time, a season and light is what we seek in these uncertain times. May the light of the children, the light of the Saviour, the light of your faith, whatever it may be, guide you at this time, help heal loss and light your path. At this time of uncertainty, knowing that we have a strong school community makes all the difference. Take good care of yourself and your family. Whatever you are doing this Christmas, we wish you a happy, safe, peaceful time,

With love from all of us,
Mrs Smith

Thank you to for your donations for the raffles. The children from each class have picked at random the winners and we have contacted you by text message.

Coronavirus Update

The Department of Education daily communication has alerted us to some of the changes:

"From 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 has been introduced. All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take an LFD test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate."

We are in the process of updating our risk assessments and contingency plans in response to government changes which are supposed to cover all eventualities from outbreaks, to bubble closures and remote learning once more.

Due to responding to more government changes, we are setting one of our INSET days and the Queen's additional bank holiday starting from January with two INSET days instead of one, so children will start back on Epiphany, the Thursday 6th January. We look forward to seeing you then. The storm is not over yet, and as we strive to keep each other safe, it is good to know we can do so together. Thank you for your support.

Important Reminders

The last day of term is Tuesday 21st Dec 2021 at 1:30pm and children return on Thursday 6th Jan 2022

If you have a new contact number/email address or new medical information please could you kindly inform the office.

Christmas in the Parish of Poplar

- SUNDAY, 12TH DECEMBER**
ADVENT EVENSONG
5PM, ALL SAINTS
 - WEDNESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER**
CAROL SERVICE
6PM, ALL SAINTS
 - THURSDAY, 16TH DECEMBER**
CAROL SERVICE
6PM, ST NICHOLAS
 - CHRISTMAS EVE**
CRIB SERVICE
2PM, ALL SAINTS
MIDNIGHT MASS
11.30PM, AT BOTH CHURCHES
 - CHRISTMAS DAY**
MASS
11AM, ALL SAINTS
 - SUNDAY, 26TH DECEMBER**
ST STEPHEN'S DAY MASS
10AM, ALL SAINTS
- parishofpoplar.org



Well done to all of our Stars of the Week!

Nursery	Zayah & Aria
Reception	Mia & Ava
Year 1	Richie & Brooke
Year 2	Dulcie & Daniel O
Year 3	Lyra & Freya
Year 4	Lexie
Year 5	Ronnie & Mckenzie
Year 6	Jessica & Emanuella

Well done to all of our Kindness Leaves

Reception	Maddison & Jesse
Year 1	Ezrah & Ezekial
Year 2	Ryan & Beau
Year 3	Lyra & Adam
Year 4	Micah & Riley
Year 5	Aarnan & Archie
Year 6	Aliana & Alyssa

Christmas Bauble



Winners

- Nursery: *Lyna & Hunter*
Reception: *Tiwatope & Elijah*
Year 1: *Gavin & Amelia*
Year 2: *Noelle & Parker*
Year 3: *Shawn & Freya*
Year 4: *Peter & Lacey*
Year 5: *Natalie & Stanley*
Year 6: *Aliana & Moses*



Runners up

- Nursery: *Giorgio & Rahela*
Reception: *Jesse & Maddison*
Year 1: *Ezekiel & Sophia*
Year 2: *Tommy & Aaliyah*
Year 3: *Mia & Isambard*
Year 4: *Micah & Mya-Rose*
Year 5: *Dejaun & Tasha*
Year 6: *Ellie & Joel*

Nursery

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your children have enjoyed our first full term together. We were very excited about this term as it is the run up to Christmas. They have been fantastic at learning all our nativity songs, we have been into the hall to perform and be filmed! The children really put their all into it as you will hopefully soon see. We have also been doing lots of Christmas crafts which we hope you will enjoy. During R.E we have been learning all about the story of the first Christmas and who we like to give gifts to and why.

This half term we have been reading "the very hungry caterpillar" book we all love this book as it great for numbers and sequencing, and enables us to do lots of art. We have painted the story and have it hanging in our class! We also had a go at story mapping which the children were really good at and started to step our story as well. The children were also able to re tell the story in detail.

We have and will be continuing with name writing as the children become more confident our focus will be on pencil grip.

We hope you and your family have a happy and safe break and we will see you in 2022!

Mrs Simpson and the Nursey Team



Reception

This half term Reception have been solidifying their friendships and practicing kindness. We learnt the story of The Gingerbread Man and used this to help us unpick the basic structure of writing instructions and wrote our own instructions on how to make Gingerbread Playdough!

The children have consolidated their understanding of the composition of numbers 1-5 and are beginning to confidently identify one more from a given number. We have been using number frames and our fingers to help us with our counting, and Reception have become subitizing superstar! As Well as this we have been learning about shape; specifically, the properties of some 2D shapes, and exploring positional language.

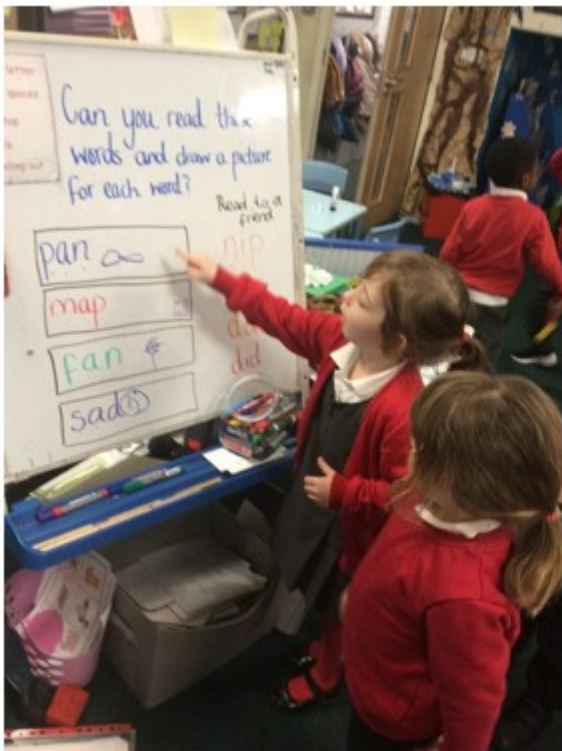
We have already covered 15 phase 2 phonic sounds and are enthusiastically practising our blending and segmenting skills. This term we began our guided reading sessions of taught sounds and the children have really enjoyed being able to read books to their adults and peers in Reception. Thank you for your support in helping your children to learn their sounds and supporting their reading for pleasure at home. Please continue to support your child by encouraging them to consolidate their phonic knowledge and develop their skills further by logging onto Bug Club and reading books matched to their ability.

In our RE sessions, we have been focussing on the celebrations of Diwali and Christmas. This term we have been thinking about equality, empathy and developing a sense of who we are. We have enjoyed reflecting on attributes that makes us special in our own unique way, as well as those that unify us all.

We hope that you are as proud of the children as we are with their fantastic learning; they all have been working extremely hard but most importantly we have also had the most amazing fun and have laughed together plenty!

Have a fantastic and safe holiday and a lovely Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all after the holidays.

Miss Jacob, Miss Walker and Miss Sheen



Year 1

Dear Parents,

The second half of the Autumn term is always busy with the build-up to Christmas but in Year 1 we've managed a balanced mix of learning and Christmas fun.

Our class story this half-term 'The Robot and the Bluebird' enabled the children to explore how we are all worthy whatever our circumstances and how helping others should be a focus in our daily lives.

In Maths we have been honing our skills in recognising whether a number or amount is more than, less than and equal to skills another number or amount as well as learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes and their properties. We focused on shape in our art work too exploring the work of Piet Mondrian and the snail collage by Henri Matisse. Our RE focus was the Christmas story along with the giving of gifts; we learnt how Jesus was a special gift from God while we also learnt that some gifts, such as friendship and kindness, can be given freely.

My Body was our Science topic; we learnt how our body functions and the important role our senses play in helping us in our daily lives. We also compared our movements with those of a robot!

The class topic 'Memory Box' is always one of my favourites; I enjoy sharing with the children photos, toys and memorability from my childhood despite having to add an extra year to my time line each year! A big thank you for your help and support in making the memory boxes; the children so enjoyed sharing them with the class and it was lovely to see all the different ways in which the artefacts and memories were displayed; I hope they will be something that they can keep and add to over the years. This week the children have enjoyed a selection of Christmas crafts, as well as Christingle and Christmas lunch; they have also done a great job of learning the Christmas carols and songs and I am sure you will enjoy watching them on the video of all the Christmas performances.

So, with Christmas approaching we near the end of another term and what for me is the end of my teaching career. After over 36 years in teaching, the last 30 of them at St. Saviour's School, it is time for me to say goodbye; I am very fortunate to have had such an enthusiastic and lively group to remember as my final Year 1 class at St. Saviour's and I wish them continued success. This is certainly not the way I envisaged saying goodbye so I will definitely be back early in the New Year to say a proper farewell.

A Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings to you all. Have a relaxing and safe holiday.

Mr. Rowland, Mrs. Davidson and Miss Gosling



Year 2

What a half term it has been in Year 2! It really has flown by and the children have been incredibly busy in all of their learning and Christmas preparations. We are all in need of a good rest and a recharge of our batteries over the holidays.

In English the children have been using the story of George's Marvellous medicine to write character descriptions, poems, instructions and witness statements. The children thoroughly enjoyed the text and wrote some truly disgusting poems about things that they would put in their own medicines!

We want to say a big well done to all the children and to you the parents for their fantastic effort and practise for the phonics check which we completed in November. It was great to hear all the children read the words on the check and you should all be very proud of them.

In maths the children have covered addition and subtraction and money. We have taught the children different ways for working out two-digit addition and subtraction, including drawing their own number lines and using the column method. We will keep practising this in class, particularly when it comes to exchanging!

Science has been a food-based science project where the children have been learning to become little MasterChef's. We learnt about how to store and handle food correctly and made our own vegetable muffins, which didn't look the part but I was told tasted really good.

The children learnt the story of the birth of Jesus in R.E. and have also learnt about kindness and how it is shown around this time of the year, by themselves but also through the work of charities such as The Salvation Army.

We hope you enjoy the videos of the children and their Christmas performance and the Christingle service. We also wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to more fun learning in January!!!

Mr Dunford and the Year 2 team.



Year 3

We have had a fantastic start to Year 3, and an Autumn term full of fun learning. The Children have been enhancing their skills whilst tackling all of the new learning in the Year 3 Curriculum (and catching up with Year 2 topics!). Our half term started with the introduction of our 'Gods and Mortals' topic, delving deeply into the mythology of Ancient Greece across our subject areas. Our text 'Odysseus' has provided a solid base for the children to write their own creative myths, following the adventures of Odysseus and his soldiers as he attempts to get back to Ithaca after the battle of Troy.

Phox: My favourite thing this term has been learning to sing Sha La La It's Christmas - because it makes me feel happy & ready for Christmas time!!!

Lyra: I have really enjoyed writing my own myth in English and my own version of The Firework Maker's Daughter because it made me feel like I could be an author!

Freya: I have really enjoyed all of the learning so far in Year 3 - it has been really fun!

We wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas, and are looking forward to the Spring term in 2022 :)

Year 3 Team



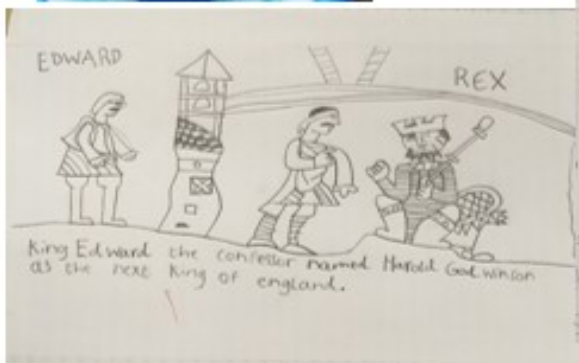
Year 4

The children in Year 4 have done a lot of learning this half term. Around our book, *The Tinderbox*, we have practiced diary writing in role, and the class have written informative newspaper reports. We have been fully immersed in our topic 1066, and we now have plenty of expert historians in the class! We know all about the Bayeux Tapestry, and even had a go at making a version of our own!

In maths, we have strengthened our understanding of length and perimeter. In science, we have explored fair tests through our focus subject – Brilliant Bubbles. Everyone had a chance to stand inside a giant bubble!

In PHSE, we have been exploring our difference and what makes us special alongside differences people have in their thoughts and feelings in P4C. In RE, we have been learning about what it means to follow God as a Christian. The children have missed doing their nativity and the usual performance for parents this year, but they have effortlessly learnt the words to our songs and performed them like stars!

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas break and a great new year!



Year 5

The pupils in Year 5 have worked incredibly hard this half term: being creative, persevering when they have found new concepts challenging, sharing and discussing ideas and challenging themselves. During this half term, we have immersed ourselves in the topic 'Space'. Some of our favourite activities were constructing the 'Solar system' to scale using toilet rolls (each sheet was 10 million km) and visiting a virtual online planetarium.

In maths, pupils have had a curriculum focus of multiplication, perimeter and area. In English, we have loved reading our class book 'Cosmic' and they have designed persuasive posters and written gripping newspaper reports.

Each week as part of 'M-Set' with Paula Manning, Year 5 have explored, discussed and debated topics around 'Mental Health. We have taken great pride in being the curators of a 'Brain museum' in the cabin.

Over the last week, we have had plenty of (Covid-friendly) Christmas 'craft' fun and we have been rehearsing our Christmas songs: 'All I want for Christmas is you' and 'Children go where I send thee'. We cannot wait to show all of our parents, carers and family members our performance! Since September, all of the children have made fantastic progress and they should be extremely proud of themselves, as we certainly are!

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas!

Miss Daly, Ms Atiya, Mrs Briscoe and Mrs Khan :)



Year 6

Year 6 have had an enjoyable and educational second half of the Autumn-term. The children have had a challenging time with both building on their prior knowledge whilst tackling all of the new learning in the Year 6 Curriculum. The children have continued with all of the routines and procedures we have put in place to keep them safe. Our half term started with the introduction of our 'Hola Mexico' topic, looking at different aspects of Mexico, including the Ancient Maya Pyramid at Chi. During Maths we have been learning all about the four operations, looking at short and long division, multiple, factors and prime and square numbers. We have moved on to fractions, from equivalents, simplifying, improper fractions and mixed numbers. We have been enjoying Louis Sachar's 'Holes' as our model text and inspiration to our writing in English. The children particularly enjoyed our work with light and shadows in Science, as well as learning about bending and reflecting light.

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We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a well-earned break, so everyone comes back refreshed and ready for the new year and new term. Thank you, Year 6 team.

"My favourite learning this term has been the light experiments in Science, I really enjoyed 'Pouring light'." Aleksandra.

"I really enjoyed getting the opportunity to sing with Mr Daggett and the choir at the All Saints' carol service." Joel.





Happy Birthday



Azaria	03 Dec 2016	Reception
Chloe	04 Dec 2012	Yr4
Ella	05 Dec 2012	Yr4
Jacob	07 Dec 2013	Yr3
Adeola	09 Dec 2013	Yr3
Aaliyah	10 Dec 2014	Yr2
Yasin	12 Dec 2011	Yr5
Tasha	12 Dec 2011	Yr5
Berk	12 Dec 2012	Yr4
Lacey	13 Dec 2012	Yr4
Shyamak	16 Dec 2010	Yr6
Reagan	18 Dec 2011	Yr5
Mya-Rose	19 Dec 2012	Yr4
Muhammad	20 Dec 2015	Yr1
Henry	23 Dec 2017	Nursery
Shawn	23 Dec 2013	Yr3
Frankey	24 Dec 2015	Yr1
Dolly	24 Dec 2016	Reception
Sabiha	26 Dec 2013	Yr3
Noelle	28 Dec 2014	Yr2
Gavin	29 Dec 2015	Yr1
Mia	29 Dec 2014	Yr2
Beau	30 Dec 2014	Yr2
Rayleigh	31 Dec 2010	Yr6