

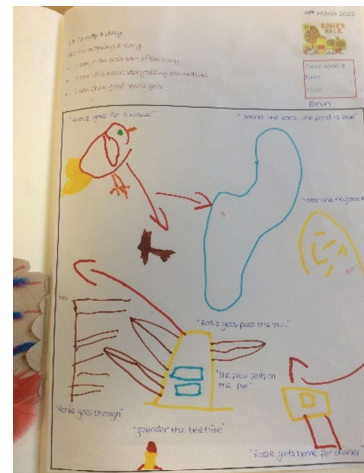
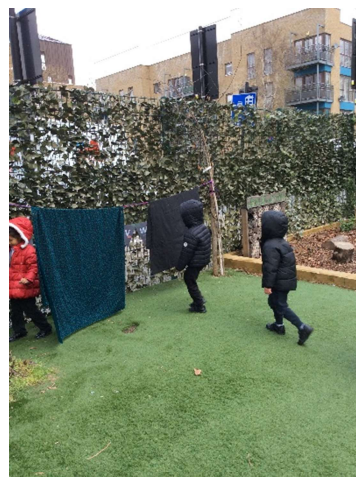
# NURSERY

Dear parents and carers,

We hope that you and your children have enjoyed this half term. We have been learning the story of Rosie's Walk which we all love. The children have made some lovely Rosie's and we have also been out in the garden to step out our story using props! This term the children have really surpassed themselves with their story maps, they have been amazing! We have also been using 'Rosie's the hen' in maths where the children have been moving her around the class and deciding if she is on, under, behind, next to or in front of objects in class.

During R.E we have been learning all about the story of Easter and how we feel about what happened to Jesus. The children really enjoyed this story and were really good at expressing their ideas.

We wish you all a very Happy Easter.



# RECEPTION

What a fabulous and busy half term we have had. Our class book 'Supertato' was a huge success and after experiencing a suspicious break-in, in our Reception class..... and discovering a mysterious letter from the elusive The Evil Pea, the children produced amazing wanted posters and made the most cunning jelly traps to re-capture The Evil Pea. Mwahahahaha

In maths we continued deepening our understanding of numbers 1-10 and focused on learning to write our numbers the correct way around, counting forward as far as we can (accurately) and counting backwards also. We looked at 1 more/ 1 less and simple addition. We also looked at 3D shapes, learning their names and looking at the properties of shape. The children particularly loved our learning about patterns. They have been recognising, identifying, and creating their own patterns. The maths learning this term has been incredible and we are all very proud of how focused and enthusiastic the children have been. Keep it up Reception!

Another fan favourite this term has been P.E. The children have loved the opportunity to experiment with different ways of moving, develop their football skills, and refine their throwing and catching skills!

*I have enjoyed learning how to throw balls through a hoop – David*

*I have enjoyed maths and also enjoyed guided reading – Jesse*

*I have enjoyed making jelly traps, it tasted like cherry! – Dolly*

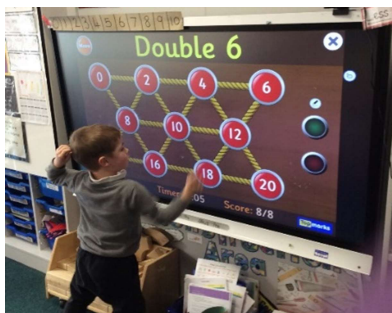
*I have enjoyed drumming, learning how to drum properly -Elijah*

*I have enjoyed P.E, learning how to control the hockey stick - Albert*

*I have enjoyed reading bug club books – Alena*

*I have enjoyed the traffic light game in P.E - Mia*

*I have enjoyed making jelly traps – Indigo*



We hope that you have a restful and enjoyable Easter break. See you next term.

# YEAR 1

We have had a fun this half-term learning about different animals and their habitats as part of our Paws, Claws and Whiskers topic work along with being creative making our own story books based on the book 'Croc and Bird' by Alexis Deacon. We loved learning about what type of animals hatch from an egg and really enjoyed watching something hatch. The children listened to a non-fiction text about tigers and then had the opportunity to write their own non-fiction report about tigers, act it out as presenters and present it to the class. We had a lot of fun and it really showed off the children's acting skills.

We have also had an amazing time in Maths where it was full of experiments. We have been getting to grips with Measurement: Length, Mass and Volume and are now able to use measuring equipment such as, rulers, scales and measuring jugs accurately.

Science Week gave us an insight in to what it is like to be a scientist as well as finding out about invertebrates and how they camouflage into their habitats. We loved learning about insects and the children have taken their science knowledge into break time and have actively looked for invertebrates within the school grounds.

RE has been very exciting during this half term as we indulged straight into Easter. We learnt about many different elements relating to Easter for instance, how hot cross buns had a connection to Easter. After investigating, we had a taster session involving hot cross buns. Talking about eating, we have also been learning about various religious stories that relate to the story of Jesus on the cross, such as the story about the Monkey King and the mangoes, where the children even had the opportunity to taste some mangoes in class.

Apart from all the learning, we had fun too dressing up to celebrate Book Day and Comic Relief. As we approach the Easter holiday, we have been learning about the significance of Holy Week and reflecting on the importance of this Christian celebration.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter from Year 1!

Miss Atiya, Mrs Davidson and Mrs Gosling

"I loved learning about how the Monkey King became a bridge for his other monkeys and I loved eating the mangoes as well" -Amara-Ros

"It was fun being a reporter and reporting about the facts we collected about tigers."- Alex



# YEAR 2

This half term the children have had another packed few weeks with plenty of learning. It has been brilliant to see the progress that the children have been making in all areas of their learning ahead of next half term's SATS.

In English the children have really enjoyed the learning that they have been doing around the story of Rapunzel. The story was revealed to the children slowly over the course of the half term and they enjoyed the different twists and turns to the story as it differed to the original version. The children used some fantastic adjectives in their writing including the adjective impudent which means to be rude. We have also been really impressed with the progress that the children continue to make in their reading. Children are moving through the different levelled books that we have and are working towards their goals for their reading papers in Summer 1.



R.E. involved the children answering the key question of 'What Christians believe God is Like' with the focus of forgiveness being the main point and how the father in the story of The Prodigal Son forgave his son after he left and spent all his share of his inheritance.



In maths we have learnt about 2D and 3D shapes and have finished this half term with fractions. We will continue to practise fractions after the holidays as this is quite a challenging concept for the children to understand. Keep practising the timetables with the children as the progress they are making here is wonderful and it really helps when solving other mathematical problems.



Science looked at forces and how different things move and the forces that are involved in this. We looked at making our own toy rockets, flying fish and how scooters move.

Castles has been the theme for our humanities learning and their different features. We spoke about the history of castles and naming their features. We then looked in more detail at different towers and tunnels from around the world.

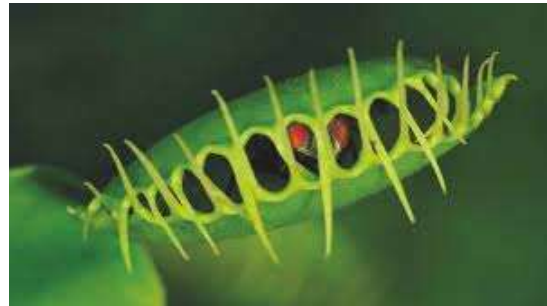
We hope that the children have enjoyed the learning this half term and that they have a good rest over the summer ready for the summer term. From all of us, have a wonderful break and a Happy Easter.



# YEAR 3

We've had a fantastic half term in Year 3, learning all about predators and the animal food chain. Some fun facts that we have collected:

- Predators are found on every continent and environment in the world: hot deserts, icy polar wastes, rainforests, jungles, mountain tops, valleys, forests, oceans and lakes.
- The biggest living predator is the blue whale. It measures over 30 metres in length!
- Jellyfish, snakes and wasps have special mechanisms that stun or poison their victims.
- The Venus flytrap, sundew plant, pitcher plant and bladderwort plant catch flies and insects for their prey. Yum!
- Some tropical pitcher plants are even large enough to catch small lizards and mammals such as rats!



Teddy: I have enjoyed being a mentor for children in the Nursery this half term, and I hope I have been a good role model for them. I am proud of my skills in Art, and I have also enjoyed learning all about Orcas!

Jaciara: My favourite Maths topic was multiplication & division because I liked practising my times tables - especially on Times Tables Rockstars!

Isambard: I am proud of myself for many things this half term: for mastering perimeter, area and fractions in Maths; for reading aloud in class, and for my progress in swimming.

Kaira: I am proud of myself this half term for being focused and pushing myself to be the best that I can be across all the subjects. My favourite day at school has been Thursday because we get to go swimming and that makes me so happy!

# YEAR 4

We have had a fantastic half term in year 4, progressing on to fractions in maths. The children have done really well to build on their previous knowledge of fractions, retaining all the important terminology, and using all their new-found times tables skills to help with equivalent fractions.

We have been developing our narrative and persuasive writing while reading *The Demon Dentist* in English. The children have rewritten the opening chapter from the book and they have really made it their own, it has been fantastic reading these and sharing them with the class. We have also developed our persuasive writing skills, with the children writing a letter to persuade the book's lead character to brush his teeth. It has been really fantastic to see that some of year 4 have been using their new knowledge to spot persuasive language being used in advertising campaigns outside of school.

In science, we looked at teeth and eating. The year 4 children are now able to tell the difference between the teeth of a herbivore and a carnivore, and they are able to identify different types of teeth in the animal's mouths as well. Our love to investigate saw us soaking two eggs in vinegar overnight to see what effect acids had on the eggshell. We saw that toothpaste can help protect the enamel on the eggshell, just like it protects the enamel on our teeth from the acids in our food.

In RE we looked at forgiveness, and we had a lot of fun roleplaying the parable of the unforgiving servant. Year 4's acting was truly on form!

It was a shame to say goodbye to swimming, but we have enjoyed the cricket we have been doing instead.

This half term I enjoyed doing fractions and learning about the *Demon Dentist* in English and all of the experiments in science. I enjoyed doing football and art and learning about teeth and the human body and the digestive system. I also enjoyed world book day when I dressed up like Billionaire Boy. Alfie T

In the whole of year 4 I've enjoyed learning to get better in maths. I used to be a wannabe in times tables rock stars, but I got better and better. Here's the trick: you have to keep practising. I got my speed up to 2.33 which is a rockstar! Eloise

I really like the maths work and the English work at the moment. In year four I really like the publishing we are doing. I really enjoy the new equivalent fractions that we are doing. And I loved *Leon and the Place Between*, it was so magical. I really loved the *Tinder Box*.

Logan

This half term, I have enjoyed the new term of education like the new topics in science, English and maths. I have really enjoyed the new cricket games on Thursdays, and the violin and cello lessons on Mondays. I have also much enjoyed the opportunity of after school clubs. I have been very proud of being here in St Saviour's School this half term and cannot wait for the next term. I should add a very big thank you to Mr Wasyliv for being the best teacher. Biggest thank you St Saviours and staff here, from Habiba



# YEAR 5

Well done Year 5! During this half term, we have immersed ourselves in the topic 'Scream Machine'. We have located theme parks all over the United Kingdom, created timelines of the history of roller coasters and compared old and new roller coaster designs. Last week, we were given a 'budget' to design our very own theme park and on Thursday we worked in groups as a team to create our own roller coaster using our design and technology skills.

In Maths, pupils have had a curriculum focus of Fractions. We have been so impressed by the children's approach to this unit as some of the Year 5 fractions objectives are quite tricky! All of the class have tried their best and not given up, which is a commendable attitude towards learning. We are all now 'finding common denominator' experts! In English, we have loved reading our class book 'The Boy who swam with Piranhas' and all the pupils have written their own versions of the narrative, which are bursting with humour and direct speech.

We had an amazing Science week and loved our investigation 'Why are zip wires so fast?'. We had plenty of fun investigating friction, gravity and researching the thrill engineer Brendan Walker. We ended the term by creating bin bag parachutes to investigate air resistance and had a class competition 'The Great egg drop'.

As part of our Salvation unit of Understanding Christianity unit of work, our key question was 'What do Christians believe (What did) Jesus do to save Human Beings?'. We were incredibly impressed by the discussions and debates for the response to the question 'Who is responsible for Jesus' death?'. The children used evidence from the bible extracts to create pie charts of responsibility.

This half term, Year 5 have been fortunate enough to go swimming each week and it has been amazing to see all the progress the children have already made in the swimming pool! They have all worked extremely hard and tried their best in all curriculum areas. This was evident in their latest assessment scores! Keep it up please Year 5!

"I am most proud of my maths this term because I've learnt how to compare fractions" Rudy

"I loved going swimming because I feel like I have improved at backstroke!" Aneyah

We hope you have enjoyed the half term as much as we have. Have a wonderful and relaxing Easter break.

Miss Daly and the Year 5 team :)



# YEAR 6

Year 6 have had an enjoyable and educational second half of the Spring-term. The children have had a challenging time with their learning being both the Year 6 curriculum and all of the SATs Prep they have undertaken the last few weeks. Our half term started with the introduction of our 'Darwin's Delight' topic, looking at different aspects of Evolution. During Maths we have been learning all about Percentages, Algebra and lots and lots of past SATs papers. We have been enjoying R.J.Palacio's 'Wonder' as our model text and inspiration to our writing in English. We have been on our residential trip to Gorsefield, where the children took part in a variety of exciting activities. We have celebrated 'British Science Week' where our children enjoyed lots of different learning experiences and experiments. The children have been enjoying all of their work with the 'Bee Project' where in their companies they are in the process of producing products to sell to the public on April 20<sup>th</sup> (please see their advertising posters on the school gates).

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter and a well-earned break, so everyone comes back refreshed and ready for SATs. Thank you, Year 6 team.

"My favourite learning this term was the different activities we did at residential." Poppy.

"I really enjoyed all the different activities we did at residential." Ryan.

