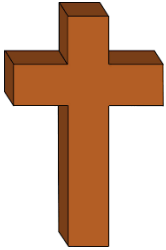


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We have packed lots into the end of this half term and have had a lot of fun! We are so proud of the progress the children are making across the whole of the curriculum and we are looking forward to all that the summer term has to offer. Enjoy a lovely Easter break!

Visitors from St Mary's Church



Last week we had a lovely visit from Reverend Nigel and Claire from St Mary's Church. They read us the Easter Story and showed us a wooden cross from the church, explaining what it symbolised. The children also got to see a Paschal Candle and were told that it is lit at dawn on Easter morning. The children listened brilliantly and had lots of interesting questions for Nigel and Claire. Nigel also brought his guitar and taught us two Christian songs which we all loved. We then treated them to a song from our Spring Assembly.

Spring Assembly

It has been a week of feeling proud of our lovely children. Their confidence, beautiful singing, and loud, clear voices were incredibly impressive during our spring assembly this week. They were brilliant at knowing when it was their turn to speak, supporting each other when talking in pairs, joining in with actions and giving their best smiles, even when they were feeling nervous. We always talk to the children about how normal it is to feel nervous, and that the adults get nervous too! We talk about the different ways our bodies react to nerves and that it looks and feels different for everyone but that everyone is there to support them and, even if we make a mistake, it does not matter. We could not be prouder of how well they stepped up to the challenge.



Curriculum

In Maths, we have been exploring the hundred square in more depth and have become experts at spotting patterns. We used it to practise counting on and back from any number, as well as counting in 2s and 10s. Next term, we will focus on counting in 5s, so it would be great if you could start practising this at home. We have also been ordering numbers from 1-100 and recapped the strategies we have learned for addition and subtraction, such as count on, make 10, and If I know this, then I know that.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

In English, we have been concentrating on our handwriting, making sure we form our letters correctly and that our ascenders and descenders are clear. We have also been learning how to use capital letters for names, places, days of the week, and months of the year.



In Geography, we have continued our work on deserts. Last week, we were asked to help solve a problem... Edinburgh Zoo had accidentally sent a penguin to the Sahara Desert and a camel to Antarctica! We learned about their adaptations and investigated whether they would be able to survive. We quickly discovered that they needed to swap.

In French, we have enjoyed exploring different places in Theo's town. We can say hello and introduce ourselves, count to six, and name the baker's, school, cinema, stadium, and ice rink.



Dates for your Diary

First day of summer term—Monday 20th April

Fun Run—Friday, 24th April

Break up for half term - Thursday 21st May

Teacher training day - Friday 22nd May

Return to school - Monday 1st June



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