

Year 6 -

Last half term, the children thoroughly enjoyed our topic on WWII. They enjoyed learning about: rationing, evacuation, the Blitz and the impact of the war in Coventry and Blackpool. Some brilliant replicas of gas mask boxes were created by the children during DT. We also had lots of fun learning to dance to 'The Lambeth Walk', 'We'll Meet Again' and 'Run Rabbit Run'. It was great to see the children waltzing together and performing line dances: well done Year 6 for immersing yourselves in the topic!

It was lovely to see so many parents/ carers at parents evening at the end of last half term. If you were unable to make it please contact the office to arrange an appointment after school one day.

Our new topic, this half term is 'Where does all our stuff come from?' The children will be learning about where products travel from and how they are made. During our P4C sessions we will be discussing fair trade, emissions and common good. Through Art and DT the children will be design their own textile material and designing a mini item of clothing to create based on different cultural cloth.

This half term, the children are fortunate enough to be going to Stanley Park, on a Friday morning, to take part in outdoor adventures. Let's pray for the sun to shine! On Tuesday, SJV, as part of the Blackpool Catholic School Family, will be joining with other schools at a Lenten liturgy at St John Vianney's Church at 6.00pm. Next Friday, school are celebrating World Book Day, where we are looking forward to seeing the children (and staff) dressed up as book characters. We will be doing lots of fun and exciting activities all about books.



School are proud to be taking part in the 100 Million Minutes Reading Challenge. The children will have plenty of additional reading opportunities in school and we would be very grateful for any extra reading that your child can do at home. Every minute counts!

Many thanks for your continued support, Mrs Bennett and Miss O'Keeffe

Year 4 -

We've had an action packed start to the new half term in Year 4. On Wednesday's we are engaging in the Blackpool FC Community Trust's Fit 2 Go programme. We began this last week and really enjoyed our first session. Each Wednesday will involve a classroom based activity about how we can lead a healthy lifestyle, followed by a different physical activity as part of our PE lesson in the afternoon. Please remember to have your PE kits in school every Wednesday!

4L have begun their swimming lessons on a Tuesday afternoon at Palatine Leisure Centre. Please remember to bring in your swimming kit and that we return to school at 3:45pm each Tuesday.

Finally, we are enjoying our new curriculum topic (Shake, rattle and roll) in which we are investigating volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. We have already produced an information text in Literacy about Mount Vesuvius. It would be wonderful if you carried out any research of your own on this fascinating topic at home to bring into school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Wills and Mr Lord.

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been awarded £1,000 from The LA's Ward Budget to purchase books for our children's school library. This is wonderful news and will help to stock the shelves further for our little readers.



Come and join our gardening club! Every Tuesday 1-3pm on the Parish Field.



Cathy Batterworth,
Chair of Governors.

Staffing Update

Welcome to...Mrs Clarke 
Many of you will have already met or spoken to Mrs Clarke in the school office. She is settling in to her new role nicely and enjoying getting to know you all!

Welcome back...Mr Horton and Mrs Lord
We are happy to have Mr Horton back with us in school after his operation. He is recovering well and looking forward to being back in the classroom. Mrs Lord returns to us as a new mummy. She will be back working at school on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and we are all very pleased to see her.

Congratulations to...Mrs Fitzpatrick
Many of you will know Mrs Fitzpatrick from Breakfast or After School Club. Mrs Fitzpatrick will be joining the nursery team which she is really looking forward to.

Goodbye...Mrs Wardle 
We have now said goodbye to Mrs Wardle who worked with us for many years in our nursery. We wish her all the best in her new role.

After School and Breakfast Club

A polite reminder that the Parentpay booking system automatically cancels any sessions not paid for within 2 hours. Please ensure your account is in credit in order to prevent this from happening.

Residential Visits 2018

We are getting closer to our residential visits and final payments will be due shortly.

YEAR 5 HOTHERSALL LODGE:

4th instalment £25—09.03.18

YEAR 6 YORK

4th instalment £40—29.03.18

We would appreciate it greatly if you would ensure that you are up-to-date with all your payments. Thank you for your cooperation.

Attendance this term

N -	RC -	RM -
94.5%	95.9%	95.5%
1Ha -	1Hu -	2H -
97.4%	94.4%	95.7%
2W -	3K -	3Mc -
96.8%	97.2%	97.7%
4L -	4W -	5BD -
95.2%	94.9%	95.8%
5T -	6B -	6OK -
95.1%	96.9%	95.9%



Nursery Places—September 2018

Applications are now being accepted for 3 year old places in our nursery from September 2018. As we have been fully booked this year, we would recommend that you do not wait to apply—we aim to allocate places in April. Application forms are available from the school office and these should be returned, completed, with a copy of your child's birth certificate and baptism certificate if they have one. Thanks.

Nursery -

In Nursery, we have enjoyed returning to school to some sunny (but cold) weather! We are having great fun taking penalties using the goal post and practising our balancing skills on our new climbing frame. The home corner has been changed into a 'Vets'. We have been dressing up as vets and caring for the pets. Over the next few weeks we are looking forward to learning about how to care for pets and hopefully arrange some visits from people who work with animals. If any parents are involved in this kind of job (vets, groomers, dog walkers, guide dogs, kennels etc.) and would like to come into Nursery to tell the children about what they do, please come and see us-it would be great! We will also be reading lots of animals stories, making pictures and writing about animals. We will be preparing for Easter and thinking about new life too. We are going to be very busy!



Mrs Willingham and Mrs Couzins

Year 5 -

This half term in Year 5 we will explore the topic 'Footprints' which is focussing on our world and if it is being damaged by the things we do. Through the topic children will look closely at environmental issues and endangered animals. The timing of this topic follows on perfectly from the wonderful 'Ladauto Si' work completed in RE where the children explored how the earth is our common home, given to us by God and how we can each have a role in making it the best it can be!

The children are continuing the 'Bounce Forward' programme and are thoroughly enjoying developing their resilience skills in an exciting and creative programme. Please can we remind all children, that they will now have to complete the 'Accelerated Reader' quizzes after each reading book but this can only be done in school.

We are completing daily maths tasks each week based on the end of year expectations - the children are working extremely hard each day to improve their previous score!

Keep up the excellent work Year 5!

Mrs Bancroft, Mrs Dickinson and Miss Talbot

Year 1

Our new topic this term is 'Busy Blackpool'. We will be learning all about what our town has to offer and what we can see around where live. We will be improving our geography skills through map reading, sightseeing and many creative writing opportunities. We will be linking our topic to lots of other lessons like maths and writing in order to really expand our knowledge of Blackpool.

Year 1 are very excited to dig deeper into this topic and we can't wait explore where we live!

Mr Hardwick and Mrs Hulme



Reception -

Our new topic is, 'People Who Help Us' and the children are really enjoying their new role-play areas. In RC we have a Police Station and in RM we have a Vets. Check out the pictures on our school blog. It has been a very frosty start to this term and the children have been fascinated by the ice and snow - we have been looking at the changes Winter makes to our environment. We are having a visit by a Pet Groomer, the Police, the Lollipop Man/Lady and even a CPR Specialist! We can't wait to hear all about their wonderful jobs. Just a reminder to please ensure your child has their PE Kit in school and NO earrings are to be worn on Mondays.
Miss Crawford and Mrs Mahoney

Year 3 -

To finish off our DT topic last half term, we completed our puppets and our puppet theatres. We were able to write scripts and act out a story that we had written. Mrs Martin and Mrs Blyth commented on how resilient the children were with a needle and thread-not the easiest of tasks for the impatient!

The children have really enjoyed making their puppets and have made some very creative creatures!

Well done, Year 3.

Miss McElhinney and Mr Kenny



Year 2-

Can you believe that it is nearly March? Where has the time gone!?

This terms topic is called What a Wonderful World. We explore both the Ancient and Modern Wonders of the World. The 7 Modern Wonders are the Taj Mahal, Great Wall of China, Colosseum in Rome, Christ the Redeemer, Chichen Itza in Mexico, Petra in Jordan and Machu Picchu in Peru. Have you ever been to any of these places? If so please can you send in a photo or email school and we would love to put you on our world map!

Homework will slightly change to include examples of SATS reasoning questions in Maths. This is where the children will see a word problem to solve. Therefore for some of the questions they need to say how and what they did to get the answer (They can't say they did it in their heads!) This is because some questions are for two marks, one for the right answer and one for explaining how you got it.

Reading again will change in that there will be more text and comprehension. This is where they read a passage then answer questions on what they have read. Some will be a sentence to explain an answer or some will be a tick box - examples to follow in the homework!

We thank you for your continued support with our journey in Year 2, if you have any questions please come and see either of us.

Thank you Miss Hornby and Mr Walsh.