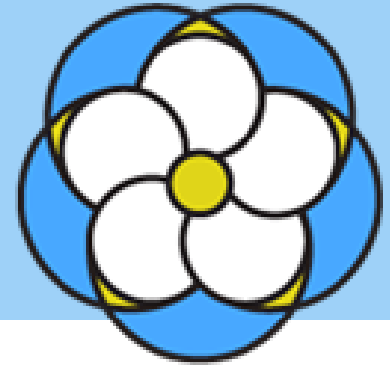


St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 5 – 19th November 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all of the parents and teachers for some very productive consultations this week.

We are pleased that so many children have had some very positive praise for their progress this term. Everyone is feeling the benefit of our updated heating system in the Academy, we will be so glad of warm classrooms as we move into the colder months and it is great to be able to have plenty of fresh air and warm environment to learn in.

The children have been thinking about “Resilience” this half term and we like to encourage them to look for examples of this within their lives. These are some of the books that you might be able to find in the local library to back up the message for younger readers:

After the Fall by Dan Santat, *Lubna and Pebble* by Wendy Meddour, *Whistle for Willie* by Ezra Jack Keats.

Older readers might enjoy: *El Deafo* by Cece Bell, *Out of My Mind* by Sharon M Draper, *Hatchet* by Gary Paulson.

We were privileged to have our first whole school assembly with Reverend John on Thursday (albeit via Teams). He engaged so positively with the children and shared a song and prayers whilst encouraging everyone to think deeply about our theme of resilience through the story of Job. We can't wait to see Rev. John next week, we hope he will bring his guitar again!

The Prefects are very proud of their new badges and are working hard to make a success of their roles of responsibility within the Academy. We are really impressed with the dedication that we see in our Year 6 children providing such good role models for the others to aspire towards.

With best wishes

Mrs Lindsay Hanger
Interim Head Teacher

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CELEBRATING LEARNING

*Congratulations to our
Stars of the Week:*

Week ending 5th November

3Athens – Ellen W

3Rome – Isla C

4Merida – Robert H

4New Orleans – Layla-Rose McK

5Beijing – Harvey McW

5Mumbai – Summer M

6Cape Town – Katie H

6Casablanca – Amy H

and, for the week ending
12th November

3Athens – Devon B

3Rome – Katie-M P

4Merida – Mia S

4New Orleans – Edward L

5Beijing – Isaac B

5Mumbai – Jack L

6Cape Town – Olly W

6Casablanca – CJ B-J



LEARNING AND CURRICULUM NEWS

Autumn Term Curriculum Calendar

Curriculum vision: The curriculum here at St Mary's Church of England Junior School is an avenue for discovery and knowledge of the wider world. We will use clear purpose, audience, engagement, interaction and oracy to drive learning of a wider curriculum with an outcome of 'showing what we know' - a display of knowledge and celebration of learning through high aspirations, courage, resilience, positive relationships and God's love.

<u>Week commencing</u>	<u>Mission and values/ Christian Distinctiveness</u>	<u>SWWK</u>	<u>Learning purpose</u>
6 th Sept	Courage	History and Geography	<u>We are Humanitarians and World Explorers</u> Links to class names and embracing diversity – teaching others about your city and country
13 th Sept 20 th Sept 27 th Sept		History and Geography	<u>We are Humanitarians:</u> Sharing learning journeys so far (within year groups). Discussions/debate – what is progress? How can I see progress in my own learning?
4 th Oct 11 th Oct		Science	<u>We are Scientists:</u> On earth and beyond Creating a science fair of extraordinary experiments
18 th Oct (half term homework project) 1 st November		Reading	<u>We are Storytellers:</u> Using a variety of traditional storytelling methods to present to the rest of the school
8 th Nov 15 th Nov	Resilience	History and Geography	<u>We are Humanitarians:</u> Virtual game shows and online quizzes
22 nd Nov 29 th Nov		Science	<u>We are Scientists:</u> A journey of crucial discoveries (display boards)
6 th Dec 13 th Dec		Religious Education and Music	<u>We are Humanitarians:</u> Is Christmas celebrated around the world? How is it the same/different? If not, then what? Embracing diversity.

*Please note that music, RE and languages will continue to be taught weekly.

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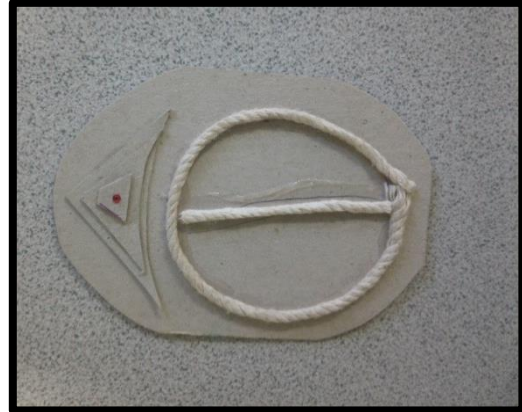
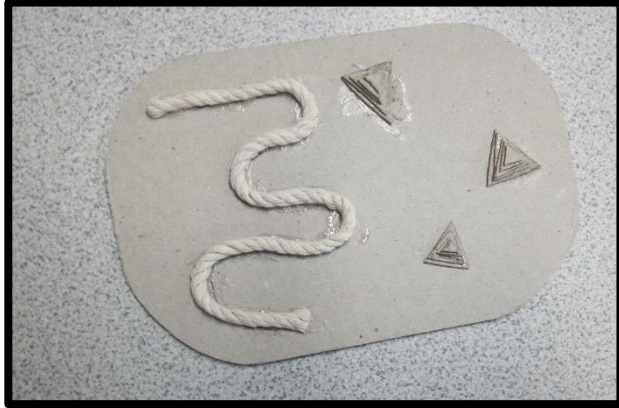


Class Learning Blog – 5 Beijing

Look at what we have been learning this week...

In our topic work in Beijing class we have been looking at the Vikings. We have been making Viking brooches.

Firstly, we cut out card to the shape we wanted for our brooch. We then used card and string to create a 3d pattern on our card.

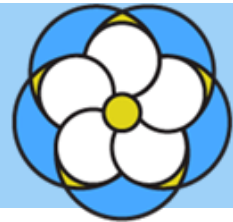


Next, we carefully covered the designs with silver foil and gently pressed down to reveal the pattern.



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We then used metallic paint to make the pattern stand out.



Finally, we decorated the brooches with some self-adhesive jewels.

We were very pleased with the results.



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Remembrance Day

Thank you to all the children at St Mary's who observed the two minute's silence so respectfully on Thursday morning. It was clear that they had understood the importance of the opportunity to remember the fallen and there were further discussions around this in class following our whole school assembly.

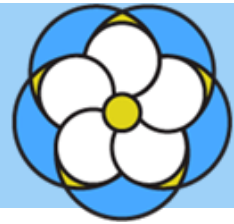
An extra big thank you must go to Mrs Anderson and her team of Year 6 helpers who made the beautiful decorations that were adorning the entrance to the school. Many staff and parents commented on how lovely they look.



Friends of St Mary's

Currently, we do not have a 'friends' group at the school, largely due to restrictions associated with the Coronavirus pandemic. It is our intention to begin looking into this in the new year, when hopefully, restrictions will have eased to an extent that we can have larger groups inside the school building. If you have previously been involved in a school friends' group, or would like to be involved in any way, please watch this space when we will hopefully have more information soon!

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Donations Welcome

We have recently set up for our new 'Temple Room' (a pastoral space to provide children with social and emotional support).

If parents/carers have any spare or unused, donations of any of the following these would be very gratefully received:

Cushions in good condition
Voile material or curtains
Beanbags
Board games
Small rugs

All donations will be quarantined before use.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who has supported Children in Need this year. We managed to raise £220.50 through our Non-school Uniform Day on Wednesday and through the sale of Pudsey & Blush Ears and Wristbands.



Fundraising for School

Please remember to use #easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping.

Over 6,000 shops and sites will donate to St Marys Church of England Junior School - Long Stratton at no extra cost to you - so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food or anything else. #ThisMeansMore than gifts for loved ones, it means donations that help make a difference!

Please sign up and help us raise more at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryscoejs/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=facebook&utm_content=rm-chts21-f1

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SAFEGUARDING

HEALTHY SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT IN YOUNG PEOPLE

It's important to understand what healthy sexual development looks like in children as they grow. Children's sexual development is shaped by their environment, experiences and what they see.

Every child is different and may become interested in relationships, sex and sexuality at slightly different ages. But as children get older, the way they express their sexual feelings changes.

Many sexual behaviours children and teenagers show as they grown up are normal and healthy, so long as they're not causing harm to others or to the children themselves.

This can sometimes be a difficult topic to discuss with others. The following link provides some guidance on what is appropriate or inappropriate behaviours for different age groups.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-health-development/sexual-behaviour>

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2021 – 2022 CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING...

Charity in the Spotlight

This year, Year 3 are fundraising for The Hamlet...



The Hamlet provide recreational, educational and social opportunities for children and adults with profound disabilities and complex health needs.



They believe that people with disabilities and complex health needs deserve to be valued for who they are. This means being given the chance to explore choice, communicate, unlock potential and take new opportunities.

The Hamlet work with babies to young adults at 29 years. This allows them, often over many years, to gain both trust and a real insight as to how best to create a person-centred plan to support each individual and their family.

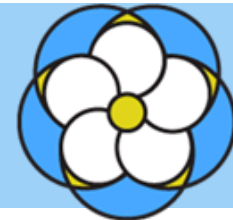
The History of The Hamlet

As a charity they support and enrich the lives of families, children and adults at two locations in Norwich. Established in 1972 by inspirational couple [Jack and Margaret Wymer](#), the charity has evolved from its beginnings as a Toy Library into a charity offering a range of services for children and adults from birth.





Today they offer a wide range of high quality services to support over 500 families each year from across Norfolk. These services promote integration and inclusion by breaking down barriers that often exist for people with disabilities.

You can find out more at <https://thehamletcharity.org.uk>

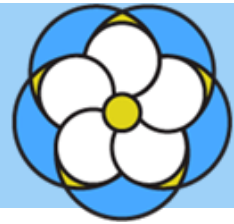
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Charitable Fundraising

2021-2022 Class Charities <i>(Please be advised that we continue to support additional charities such as comic/sports relief, children in need, jeans 4 genes etc)</i>			
LKS2 Class Name	Linked Charity	UKS2 Class Name	Linked Charity
3 Athens	The Hamlet 	5 Beijing	Nelson's Journey 
3 Rome		5 Mumbai	
4 Merida	Norfolk and Waveney Mind 	6 Cape Town	Finnbar's Force 
4 New Orleans		6 Casablanca	
London and After School Club	NSPCC St Mary's Church, Long Stratton		

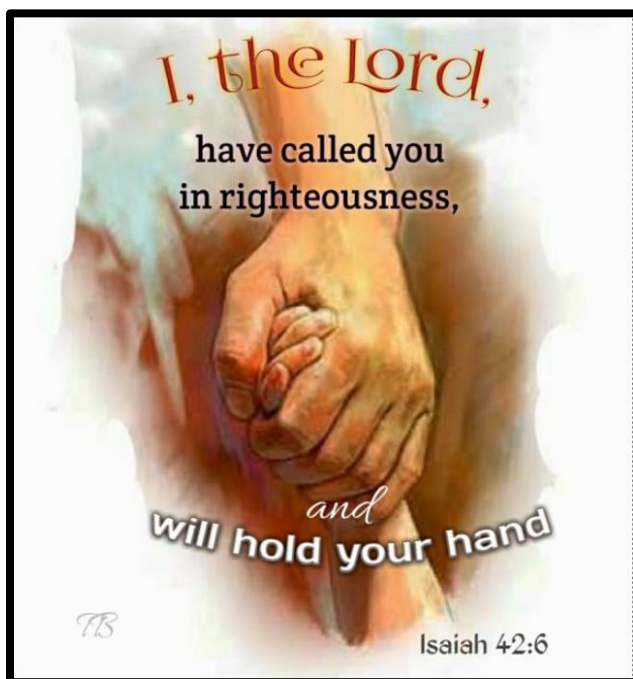
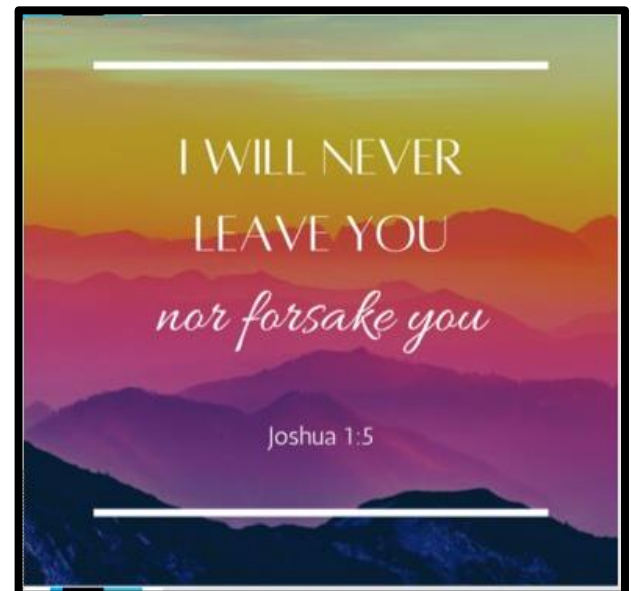
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CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVENESS

This half-term we are celebrating 'RESILIENCE'

We embrace challenges, feedback and set-backs in a positive manner - 'bounce-back-ability'.



Songs for RESILIENCE:

(click link below)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbszEOO_K5w (Echo – Elevation)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgkNB4g3gYM> (Rescue – Lauren Daigle)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7nqg8aqRmy4> (Don't Give Up – Shawn McDonald)

[Look Up Child, Lauren Daigle](#)



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