



We are all so excited to only have to wait a week until all the children return to school. I wanted, once again, to express my appreciation to those of you who have been supervising remote learning from home during the lockdown. The staff and governors understand the challenges, and what a juggling act this has been for many. The children have been producing some wonderful work so thank you for the part you've played in encouraging them to always do their best. The critical worker and vulnerable children we've had in school have also demonstrated a fantastic work ethic and we are very proud of their achievements. As always we have been supported by the wider school community. This week I would like to particularly like to thank Rev Fremmer and Liz Scott who have worked throughout the pandemic to keep our connections with St Wilfrid's as strong as possible. One of the hidden joys of the pandemic has been the number of individuals and companies who have supported us and found time to show kindness. Kindness is our core value this week so we were delighted when Mr Norton spread a little happiness when he offered all our in school staff a slice of pizza kindly donated by Dominoes. Thank you. We have lots to look forward to this week including World Book Day. Miss Cornish has asked the staff to tell her about their favourite book. I have narrowed it down to 5 books but the final cut is proving impossible! I hope you all have chance to read your favourites over the week.

Year 2 - Animals and Habitats

This week, Year 2 have made a super start to their new topic called 'Wriggle and Crawl'. They began by investigating animals and habitats from all around the world which linked back perfectly to our previous topic on Explorers! The children were brilliant at matching a range of animals to the four habitats (grassland, ocean, forest and arctic) and created some beautiful posters to show off their new knowledge. Later in the week, they then focussed upon the camel and began to think about why it was suited to living in the desert. The children found out some great information about a camel's humps, hooves, skin and eyelashes! Great work Year 2!



Engagement Stars

We are very proud of the efforts children and parents are making to continue learning. We know everyone is doing their best to attend and take part in lessons.



Last week's Engagement stars were:



Year 5

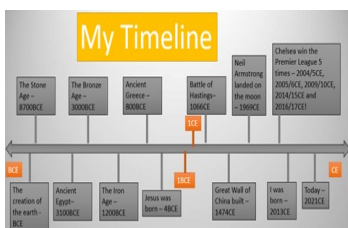


Year 4



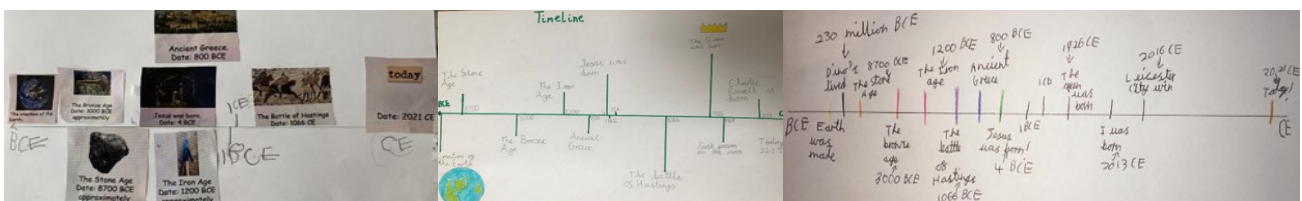
Year 1

Year 3 – Ancient Greece












This half term, Year 3 are learning all about a new topic called 'Gods and Mortals'. Within this topic, the children will be learning all about the history of Ancient Greece.

To begin their learning, Year 3 became Historians and worked out when this time period was. They learnt what chronology means and they made a timeline, divided into BCE (Before the Common Era) and CE (Common Era). They plotted key events and time periods in history that they have already learnt about. This week Year 3 also learnt about the differences between Athens and Sparta in Ancient Greece and had the chance to dress up! They chose a side and designed a shield so they could join in with the Peloponnesian war!



Year 6 - Easter Story

Year 6 have begun a new unit called Salvation in R.E focusing on the importance of Easter for Christians. This week we have been re-capping the Easter story. Here is Zain's retelling of the Easter story.

	Jesus was travelling to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. As he got in Jerusalem people covered the ground with their clothes and palm leaves. They shouted Hosanna and that Jesus is the king.
	Some people didn't like it that Jesus was popular with the people. One of these people was Judas. Judas is paid by the priests to betray Jesus.
	Jesus had a last super with 12 of his disciples. He looked sad because he knew he was going to die the next day. He said he knew someone was going to betray him. Judas knew it was him and so walked out.
	Jesus had predicted that his disciples would betray him. He had said before the cock crows I will have been betrayed 3 times. His disciples didn't believe it. Later on the Jewish council asked his disciples if they knew Jesus. Peter said no three times before the cock crowed.
	The Jewish council wanted Jesus to be guilty. The only thing they could find him guilty of was saying he was the son of God.
	Jesus was nailed on a cross. It went dark and Jesus asked why god had abandoned him. In the darkness Jesus died.
	Two days after Jesus's body had been put in the tomb Mary <u>Magdalene</u> went to visit it. The tomb was open and Jesus's body was not there. Mary then saw a man outside the tomb he told her he was Jesus.
	Jesus came to the disciples after he had come back to life. One of the times he came back was when they were fishing. Jesus asked them if they had caught any fish they said they hadn't. He then told them to put their nets on the right side of the boat which they did and they caught a lot of fish. They then ate the fish with Jesus.
	Jesus told his disciples to spread the word of God throughout the world. Jesus was then taken up to heaven.

World Book Day

Thursday 4th March



We might not be able to be together this year but we are still going to get involved.

We will focus our last days of Remote Learning on loving books!

Each year group will arrange for different book related activities and children will receive a WBD book voucher. See 2021 £1

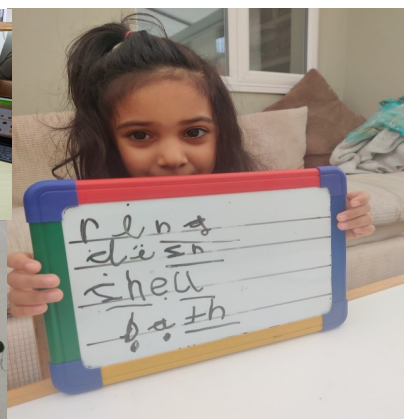
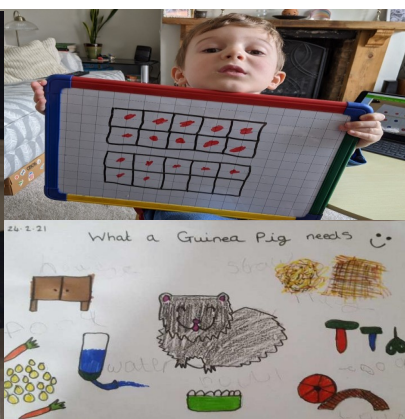
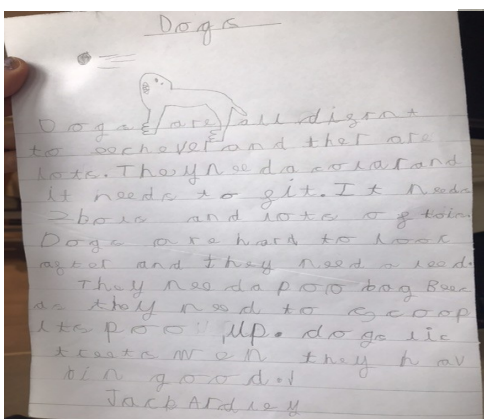
Books [HERE](#)



WBD have also released a range of Audio-books for all ages. These are free to listen to on the WBD website and can be found [HERE](#)

Foundation Stage - All About Pets

This week the children in Foundation Stage were very excited to start our new topic all about 'Pets'. The children have read lots of non-fiction this week to find out different facts about pets and how to look after them properly. In maths, the children have enjoyed exploring teen numbers and learning about tens and ones. We have continued to learn different phase 3 diagraphs this week in our phonics lessons and how to apply them to reading and writing simple words and sentences. We have really enjoyed seeing lots of photos of the children's family pets this week and hearing all about them!



Year 1 - Enchanted Woodland

Year 1 have had a great week back to their learning with the start of our new topic "Enchanted Woodlands". We set the children some challenges over the half term linked to the new topic and this week we asked the children to go on a walk through a woodland and take photographs of what they could see. It was lovely to see the children outside exploring and that signs of Spring are now starting to show. We cannot wait to welcome the children back to Year 1 on Monday 8th and we are really excited about our "Enchanted Woodlands day" on Wednesday 10th March where the children can come to school dressed as either a traditional tales characters, a woodland creature or a fairy/elf!



Year 4– Road Trip USA

Spring 2 and Year 4 have begun their new and exciting topic of Road Trip USA. We started with a virtual engage afternoon – quite different from any engage day we have had before!

Here is what Sam and Jack have to say about the new topic.

This term our new topic is called Road Trip U.S.A. We are excited to learn about American history. We are also looking forward to learning about their famous buildings, people, places and Native Americans.

In our first lesson we learnt many new facts like ...

New York City (NYC) is the largest city in America however it is not the capital.

NYC's population is 1 million less than London!

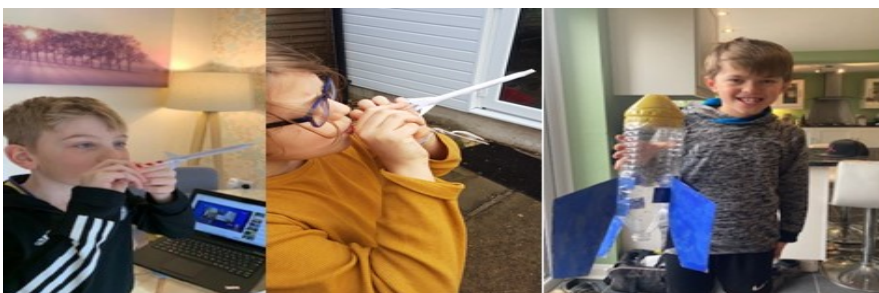
The President of the USA (Joe Biden) lives in The White House which is in Washington DC which is America's capital city.

San Francisco has a famous landmark called The Golden Gate Bridge this is painted every year (which takes a whole year) so as soon as they finish, they have to start again!

We hope to learn lots more about The United States of America in this great topic.

Year 5– Rocket Building

Year 5 are continuing their topic on Space this half term and were set the task of creating powerful rockets that could shoot up into the air at high speed without using a drop of rocket fuel. There were two very popular designs. One involved a little bit of origami and a straw, the other involved using an old plastic bottle with some water inside and a bike/foot pump to increase the pressure inside. These models were incredibly impressive and none of us were quite prepared for how fast and high these rockets propelled into the sky.



Year 6

Owen and Aaron

Year 5

Micah and Noah

Year 3

Chloe

Year 2

Sophie, Filip and Harry

Year 1

Sterling, Martha and Hugo

Foundation

Eleanor, Betsy, William and Matilda

Reading Raffle



We had an amazing response to the restarting of the Reading Raffle. Well done everyone who read last week. Last week's winner was:

Isaac in 3L

PE Stars



Children will be awarded a Sport Card for demonstrating sport values such as fair play, resilience, respect, sportsmanship, teamwork, inclusion. PE teachers will be awarding children for these skills. Pupils doing PE at home can send photos, videos or write a message to their teachers about what they've done in PE. This weeks winners were:

Charlotte FSC
and
Tom 5P