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'Learning to change the World'

'Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God'

Micah 6:8

Curriculum Newsletter - Term 1 Week 8

Welcome to the third instalment of our curriculum newsletter. It has been a very enjoyable term with so much great learning taking place. It has been great to see this learning taking place and I know it has set a good foundation for terms to come.

It has been particularly impressive to see the children's curiosity to ask questions and use information they currently have to help them in their new year groups. 'States of Being' awards continue to be received for a range of learning and many classes have worked hard to produce their ambitions in order to answer their enquiry questions.

As always, it would be great if you could use the newsletter to prompt discussions about your child's learning. Enjoy your half term!

These are three words of the week from across the school. Does your child know what the word means? Perhaps you could have a discussion about them.

Three words from classes this week are: **Teetering** **Sentiments** **Sacrifice**

Year 3 have been very busy this term. In recent weeks they have been scientists by exploring the question, '**Does everything make a shadow?**' During the investigation, children predicted which items would make shadows before making observations about how each object interacted with light. The experiment sparked curiosity and deepened their understanding of how shadows form!

Also in Year 3, as Theologians during Term 1, we have been thinking about what it means to worship, and taking a look at the places of worship of different religions.

The children loved learning all about how a church looks on the inside and about what holds symbolism for Christians, such as the cross, candles and the stained glass windows. The children were lucky enough to spend a morning visiting St Stephen's church where priest Reagan welcomed and showed them around, highlighting the features of the church.

Year 3



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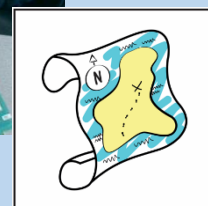
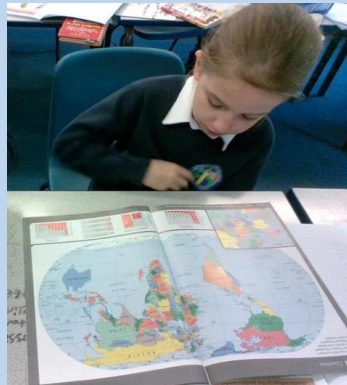


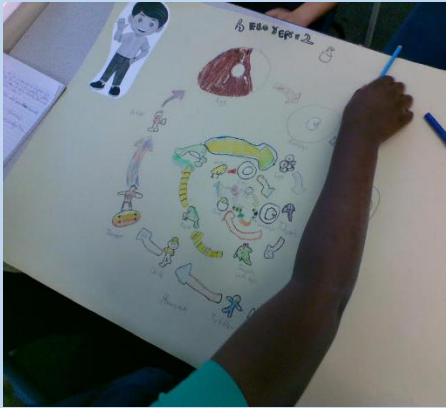
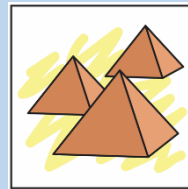


Year 4

In Year 4, the children have started their new enquiry, engaging in a fantastic food tasting session. There were some very interesting reactions. Building on this, the children have been geographers by using maps and atlases to identify place knowledge in order to help them understand where Greece is in the world.

Additionally, the children have been both technologists and writers using the new spelling programme – Spelling Shed. There has been fascination with this programme and the children are becoming increasingly confident.



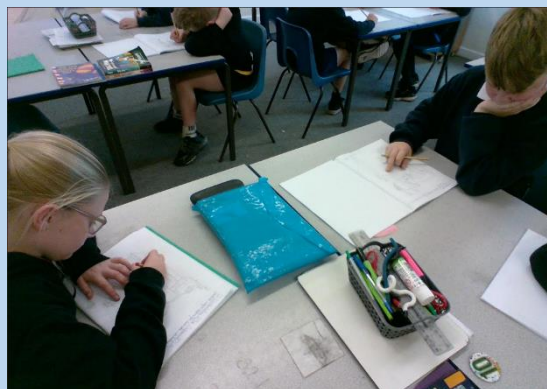


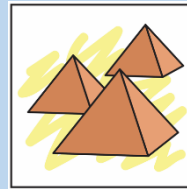
'Being scientists'

Year 5 have been busy in the second half of this term. The children worked hard to plan and deliver their ambitions for **'What makes us all the same?'** The children revisited their learning journey about different plants, animals and humans before they produced some fantastic speeches and shared these with Year 2.

Being Historians

In recent enquiry lessons, Year 5 have been historians by exploring Anglo-Saxon life including how they lived when they came to Britain. They used their understanding to recognise how houses were built, gender roles and the place of children in families.

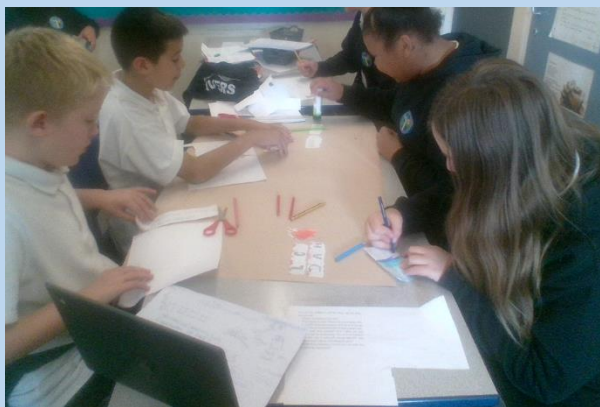
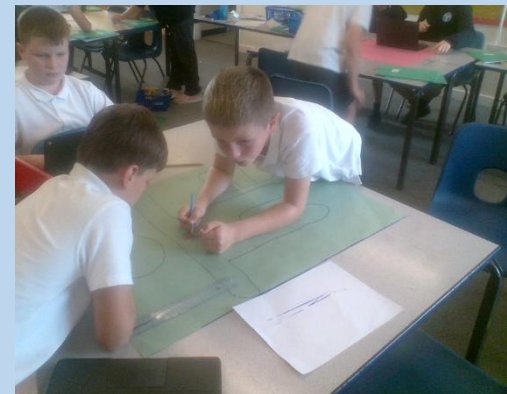




Year 6 - 'Being scientists' and 'Being historians'

In Year 6, as part of our enquiry the children were taught how nutrients and water are transported around the body. To demonstrate how these nutrients are absorbed in the digestive system, skittles and water were used to show the diffusion.

Year 6 have also been busy preparing for their ambition which parents have been fortunate to watch this week. The children prepared a presentation to answer the enquiry question **'How has our understanding of the Human body changed over time?'** Using a range of different resources, the children have been using creativity to produce pieces of work that they are all extremely proud of.



Class learning - Please also check your child's class page for learning updates.

Facebook – Keep a look out for whole school events.

