

Friday 28th May 2021

Year 1 Update

Dear Parents,

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This week we have been recapping what we have learnt this half term about Pentecost and Eastertide.

Next half term we shall be following a scheme provided by CAFOD which addresses Catholic social teaching – in Year 1 the focus will be upon our Neighbours both near and across the world. Our study of another faith will focus on Sikhism.

English

We have been continuing with our work using ‘An Alien Tea on Planet Zum Zee’ by Tony Mitton and Guy Parker-Rees. We have written descriptive words to describe our Aliens and then written these into sentences to form short paragraphs about our aliens. The children did really well and were able to share their writing with the class in order for them to guess which alien they were describing. The children used pictures of aliens to create a short narrative in the style of a diary entry describing a mini alien adventure.

Maths

This week in maths we have been continuing with the first steps of division looking at equal and unequal groups and remainders. The children have been able to share different amounts and predict if there will be a remainder or not.

Science

This week we identified wild flowers and plants and learnt about where they grow and how they are different from flowers that we choose to plant in our gardens.

Next term the focus will be on ‘Seasons.’ This could be something you can discuss at home over the half term holiday.

General information

The Trim Trail is not to be used by the children before or after school.

We are very impressed with the children in Year 1 that have followed the school rules in accordance with the Trim Trail. Well done for not playing on this before or after school and thank you parents and carers for your continued support with following our school rules.

On **Thursday 10th June**, we are holding a special Geography and History themed ‘*London Day*’ at St Anthony’s. This is an event that has been endorsed by the Mayor of London for several years.

The children will get the opportunity to take part in a range of History and Geography based lessons and activities. It will be a chance for them to celebrate London's unique history and heritage.

The children are invited to come to school in a costume (there are some ideas below) depicting a historical London character or building. It would be fantastic if the children could find out a bit about their chosen historic Londoner or landmark. To share in class on the day. Children can use items of clothing they already have, use recycled materials or come with props.

Person, place or object. It's up to you!

Each class in the school will be allocated a different historical figure and famous London landmark. Each class will create their landmark that will be joined with the rest of the work from the school to create a '*London Landmarks Riverbank*' along the Year 3 corridor.

We hope the day will highlight to the children how important it is to explore and conserve our local history as well as places that they can visit in the capital free of charge!

Travel

If you are travelling to another country during the half term break, please be aware that the Government has set out rules to follow for travel and quarantine guidelines for countries on the Red and Amber lists. It is important that you inform school if you are intending to travel as we need to be aware of quarantine measures and the impact this may have on your child returning to school.

Covid cases

If your child displays any Covid symptoms this bank holiday weekend and you take them for a PCR Covid test it is vital that you inform school of any positive cases using admin@stanthonys.herts.sch.uk

Please see below for information for this week's Wellbeing Challenge.

We hope you have a fun and restful week over half term and we look forward to welcoming you back in June for our final weeks in Year 1.





5 Ways to Wellbeing

Weekly Challenge 8

This week we will be focusing on

'Take Notice' and 'Connect'.

In the letter to parishioners from Cardinal Vincent read out during Mass last weekend, he spoke about 'shared care for the gift of God's creation.'

Over half term, please think about the choices we make regarding travel, waste and recycling.

Talk to your families about ways to look after our world and make a positive difference to our surroundings.

Why not make a poster to help others remember the Cardinal's message?