

Year 6 Update – Friday 2nd February 2024

We have arrived at February already and we will soon be half way through the school year. Please find details of the activities the children have done this week as we head towards the spring half term

Religious Education

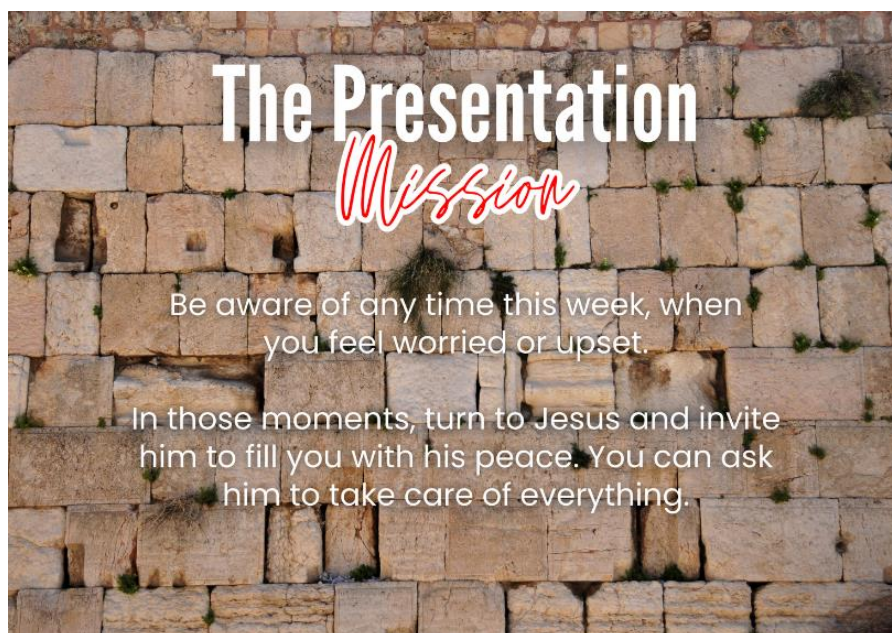
This week in RE we have been continuing with our learning on sources. The children have been learning about the New Testament and they have researched the four different Gospels. We have discussed how the different Gospels have similarities and differences and we have compared the story of the *Feeding of the 5000* in each one. The children have enjoyed working with their Bibles and are very confident at finding different references.

Today we have also celebrated Candlemas. We have discussed the story of when Mary brought Jesus to the temple and presented Him as her son. We learnt that we call this day Candlemas because Jesus represents a light and a symbol of protection, we learnt that around the world people will light candles to remember this special feast day.

Pre-learning

Next week we will be thinking about how the Gospels can help us to live out our lives.

Mark 10 Mission



English

This week we have been learning about the planet Venus. The children have read the information from our Planetarium book and they have then planned a piece of persuasive writing to persuade an astronaut to come and visit the planet. They have had to focus on using multi clause sentences and using commas in the correct places. Please see the example below:

Venus is often known as the sister planet to Earth because of their similar size. However, it is a very different place and requires far more exploration for us to truly understand its secrets. We need astronauts, with your expert knowledge and skill, to investigate how the planet came into being, whether any life could survive there and how the thunderstorms compare to those on Earth.

Vocabulary: comma, semi colon, subordinate clause, main clause, subordinating conjunction, coordinating conjunction

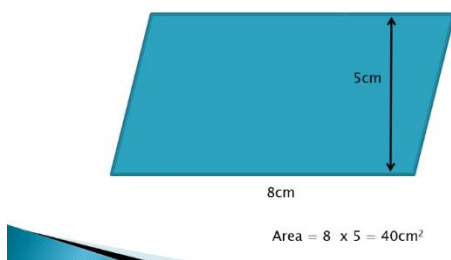
Pre-learning

Next week the children will be moving on to learning about the planet Mercury. They will be using fronted adverbials and prepositions to write a descriptive piece about what it would be like to see Mercury up close.

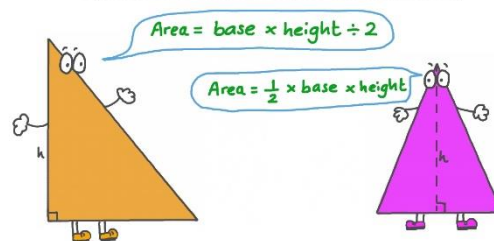
Mathematics

This week we have been learning about finding the area of triangles and the area of parallelograms. The children have had to measure the base and height of different shapes and then use a formula to work out the area.

The area of a parallelogram is base x height.



AREA OF A TRIANGLE



Vocabulary: base, height, units of measurement, perpendicular, parallel, right angled, isosceles, equilateral, quadrilateral.

Pre-learning

Next week we will be completing some work based on angles. The children will be estimating and measuring angles using a protractor.

Science

In Lisbon we have been completing an investigation to see whether the length of wires effect the resistance in a circuit. The children will be moving on to their Light and Shadows topic next week.

In Padua we have been learning about periscopes and how they work. The children created their own periscope and then enjoyed looking at how they work by looking above and around different objects. Next week in Science we will be learning about refraction and shadows.

Vocabulary: shadow, reflection, incidence, ray

Humanities

We continued with our Geography topic on climate change this week and the children completed their work about a young boy who lives on The Gambia and how climate change is affecting his life. Next week we will learning about how climate change has contributed to the rise of devastating bush fires in Australia.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6th February is safer internet day. The theme this year is all about ***'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'***

Throughout the week we will be completing different activities based on eSafety and discussing the importance of keeping our conduct the same in our every day lives and our virtual lives. There is a link below to the parents and carers page for more information.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

Other Information

- A reminder that it is now Year 6 Lisbon's turn to go swimming every Monday.
- Booster classes are on a Friday after school. On these days your child can bring a healthy snack into school to have before the class begins. We hope the children will find these sessions beneficial and enjoyable.
- Next week is children's mental health week; children will take part in activities in class.
- There will be a PFA Spring disco for Year 5 and 6 on Thursday 15th February. You can purchase a ticket for this on the School Gateway.
- **School will finish for half term at 3:30pm on Friday 16th February.**
- **School will resume on Tuesday 27th February as we are closed for a staff training day on Monday 26th February.**

Five Ways to Wellbeing

BE ACTIVE

Grow some seeds and monitor their progress each day. Could you work with others to create a small garden?

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Resources/Activity/Enchanting-miniature-gardens>



Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 6 team 😊