

Year 6 Update – Friday 1st March 2024

This week sees the start of the second half of the year. Year 6 took part in a Mass with Year 1 on Friday for St David's Day. The children enjoyed learning more about St. David and the different things that he did throughout his life. We learnt about his last sermon where he said;

‘Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do.’

This is still a very important maxim in Wales.



Religious Education

In R.E this week we have been working on our topic called ‘Unity’ We have been thinking about the importance of friendship and the different qualities that we need to have to make sure we are good friends. Year 6 also took part in a St David’s Day Mass on Friday with the Year 1s. It was lovely to see them take on important roles such as readings and being great role models to the Year 1 children. Well done Year 6!

Pre-learning

Next week we will be moving on to learning about what John’s Gospel tells us about gathering in Jesus’ name.

Mark 10 Mission



SATs Preparation

This week we have started to prepare the children for their upcoming SATs by doing some practice papers. This is an opportunity for the children to familiarise themselves with the

maths, reading and grammar papers, to address any areas of weakness and to discuss exam technique; we know from experience that the confidence they will gain over the coming weeks from completing past papers will be invaluable come their exams in May. This week the children have completed an arithmetic and a reasoning paper.

English

This week in English we have been finishing some descriptive writing based on Mercury. The children had to focus on using prepositions and adverbials within their writing. They also needed to try and use diagrams to support their work.

Vocabulary:

preposition, adverbial, comma, expanded noun phrase, parenthesis

Pre-learning

Next week we will be moving on to the planning stage of a non-chronological report about Pandora. For homework this weekend we would like the children to watch the video clip below and make some notes about Pandora to bring with them to school next week which they can use when planning their report.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBGDmin_38E

This website also has some useful information about some of the creatures and features of Pandora.

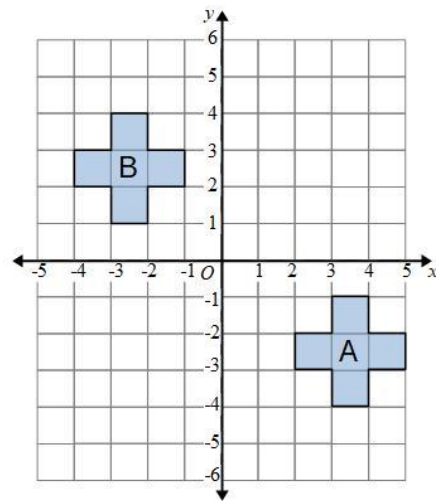
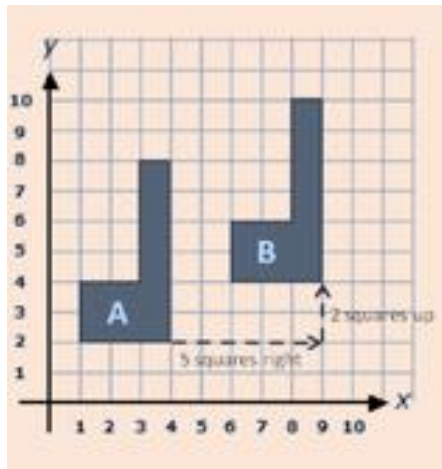
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World Book Day

This year on World Book Day we will be supporting a charity called Children with Cancer UK. This charity has been chosen by staff in our Year 3 classes. They would like the whole school to take part by donating via The Gateway. On Thursday 7th March there will be a 'Cosy and Comfortable Day' where the children are invited to come to school wearing their pyjamas, a onesie or an oodie. They will take part in many book-related activities throughout the day whilst wearing their pyjamas. The reason for the link to pyjamas is many children undergoing treatment will stay overnight in hospitals and their familiar pyjamas can be a great source of comfort. During recovery, families can go through multiple pairs of sleepwear in a short space of time as their child will spend most of their time in bed or on a sofa. The donations will be sent to Children with Cancer UK after World Book Day.

Mathematics

This week we have been continuing with some of our work on position and direction. The children have been working on translation and reflection. The children have successfully written the translations of different shapes within four quadrants and then translated shapes according to a criteria. Please see the examples below:



Vocabulary:

Quadrant, up, down, left, right, vector

Pre-learning

We will be revising different topics next week including, long division and fractions.

Secondary School Transition Workshop

On Wednesday the children took part in a workshop which was led by Sam Marriott (our Education Mental Health Practitioner) During this session the children were able to discuss their feelings about the move to secondary school and any of the worries that they might be experiencing. There was a lot of reassurance given to the children about the changes that they might experience when moving on to their next school and Sam was able to give the children lots of practical advice and techniques that the children can use for support.

Five Ways to Wellbeing

GIVE

Visit the chapel at least once this week and offer a special prayer for someone during this Lenten period.



Other Information

- Please can you check that your child has plimsolls for school. These are needed as indoor shoes so that we are not walking in mud etc into our classrooms.
- Booster sessions will continue to take place on a Friday afternoon 3:35-4:45. The children are able to bring a healthy snack to have before this session begins.

- The Art exhibitions where you will be able to go and view your child's self portrait will take place next week:

Padua- Wednesday 6th March

Lisbon- Thursday 7th March

You will be able to purchase their pieces of art, more details to follow about how you can do this.

- Lisbon will continue to go swimming every Monday afternoon. The children can wear their joggers to school on this day.
- There is a foodbank donation day on Thursday 7th March. There will be a box on the back playground for any donations that you would like to make.
- Parents evening will be taking place on:

Tuesday 12th March 6pm-9pm

Wednesday 13th March 3:50pm-6:30pm

Please book your appointments via School Cloud.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 6 Team 😊