

Year 2 Update – 26.4.24

The children have had a great week at school this week and have all been working very hard. Please can you check if you have any **school library books** at home, if you do please can these be returned. The children had a special assembly on fire safety this week, in this they learnt the importance of knowing their address. Please practice learning your address with your child at home so they are prepared in case of an emergency!

Forest School

This week the children have been lucky enough to have two Forest School Sessions and during Monday's session they celebrated Earth Day. Here is an update from their Forest School teachers:

“Today we introduced our motto: Knowing me. Connecting with my community. Caring for our Earth. Our motto encapsulates all that we hope to do while we are at Forest School. We are learning what kind of people we are, exploring our feelings and needs, learning to work with one another and our place in the world as custodians of our planet. We will keep coming back to this throughout our sessions. Our first group activity was our game Hunter, Fox, Mouse. Next, we invited the children to take part in some mindful Forest Bathing. We practiced using Deer Ears and listened to Emma with our ears facing forwards and backwards. It was amazing to explore how our ability to hear changed as we changed the positioning of our Deer Ears. Our next sense that we focussed on was our sense of smell. We learnt how to open up our nostrils to improve our ability to smell and then used our nose to smell a variety of different leaves from different plants. The children were surprised at how different they smelt and how some plants had very strong smells, whilst others hardly smelt at all. We gathered at the log circle to hear Emma tell the story of the Glass Cupboard: a tale about a kingdom that lives in peace due to their magic glass cupboard. For the rest of the session, the children followed their own interests and needs. As well as those that enjoyed our usual experiences, such as the mud kitchen, minibeast exploring, slack line and den building, we had some opportunities for creativity and discovery today. We ended the session with a thanks of promise to the Earth and a new song Earth, Stone, Feather and Bone, which we even managed to sing in two parts. It sounded fantastic.”

RE

This week we started our new RE topic – Spread the Word. We thought about how messages are passed on and in what ways messages can be communicated to others. We also thought about the messages the women who discovered the empty tomb gave to the other disciples.

Next week, we will be looking at the Holy Spirit and the Ascension.

Vocabulary: resurrection, response, message, good news.

English

This week we have focused on grammar. We have looked at turning nouns into plurals using s, ies, and es and the children have looked at exceptions to this rule. We have also looked at the four sentence types: statements, exclamations, commands and questions and the children have had go at sorting examples into these.

Next week, we will be starting our work on persuasion.

Vocabulary: plural, singular, command, statement, exclamation, question.

Maths

This week in maths the children have been introduced to the column method for subtraction. The children have learnt how to 'exchange' a ten when there is not enough ones in the ones column to complete a subtraction. The children have also solved some word problems using the column method.

Next week: we will be moving on to a new topic looking at measuring length and height

Vocabulary: metres, centimetres, ruler, metre stick, length, height, measure, smaller, taller, longer

Art

Our new Art topic this term is called 'Exploring the World Through Mono Print'. Last week the children did some wonderful observational drawing using stills on the whiteboard. This week the children will be using their drawing skills to draw 'small items' by carefully looking and observing e.g. paper clip, 5p piece, lego brick etc

Extra information:

- PE days this term are **Wednesday and Friday for Lisbon** and **Monday and Wednesday for Padua**.
- Forest school dates for this half term are: **Thursday 2nd May, Monday 13th May, and Monday 20th May**.
- **Thursday 9th May** is Ascension day – parents welcome at 9.15 for our celebration. Please can children bring in a single flower for this event, see the April newsletter for more details.
- Here are links to some online learning tools relevant for Year 2 children:
[1-minute maths app | White Rose Maths \(whiteroseeducation.com\)](#)
[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#)
[ictgames | | html5 Home Page](#)

Thank you for all your support,

Bella, Eley and Aimie



TAKE NOTICE

Take notice of the different displays around our school. What do the displays tell us? What do they help us to learn?

Do you notice any words and phrases that you might find in the Bible?

I Am The Vine

Mission

There are many powerful ways for you to connect with Jesus. You can speak to him from your heart, read a part of the Gospels or encounter him in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Choose at least one of these ways to stay connected to Jesus, the true vine.