

Year 3 Update 3.5.24

RE

Crowning of Mary

The Mary Procession will take place on Thursday 9th May at 9.15 on the Key Stage 2 Playground. Families are welcome to attend this special event. Each child will lay a flower around Mary's statue before one of the oldest and youngest children crown her.

In order for us to celebrate the occasion, please could you provide your child with a flower to lay at the foot of Mary's statue.

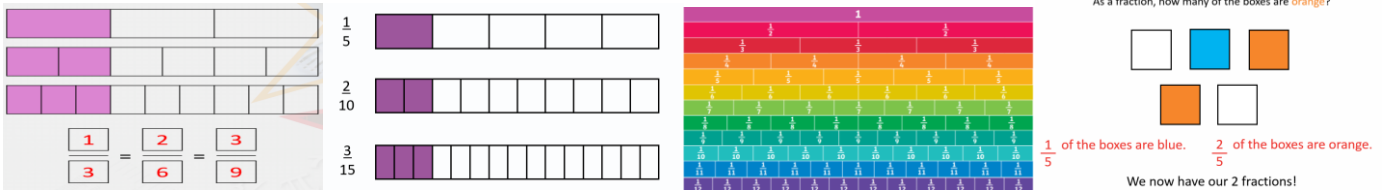
In RE, the children have continued their new topic, Energy. This week the children have been looking at the events of the Ascension. They also reflected on ways a disciple can be like Jesus for example putting others first. Next week, they will learn about what happened to the apostles at Pentecost.

Key vocabulary: Ascension, disciple, apostle, Holy Spirit, Pentecost, The Glorious Mysteries.

Maths

This week the children have continued to learn about fractions. They have been learning to identify equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions.

Key Vocabulary: equal, equivalent, denominator, numerator, unit fraction, non-unit fraction, equal, share, divide, half, quarter, third, greater, less, compare



When fractions have the same **denominator**, the **greater** the **numerator**, the **greater** the fraction.

When fractions have the same **denominator**, the **smaller** the **numerator**, the **smaller** the fraction.

English

In English, we continued reading our text, 'Finger Eater' This week the children wrote a character description on Gudrun and also made a prediction as to how Gudrun will defeat the finger eating troll. The children have also been learning about the key features we need to include in an informal letter ready for their final piece of writing next week.

Key Vocabulary- prediction, features, informal

Science

This week the children were learning about what plants need to grow and how different plants adapt to their environment. They also planted their seeds using the different environments they chose last week. Next week, they will continue their observation of plant growth and learn about why plants are so important to us.

Key Vocabulary- Plant, adapt, survive, photosynthesis, growth, function, stem, leaves, soil, nutrients, life

Key Dates:

- **Mon 6th May** Bank Holiday – school closed
- **Thurs 9th May** Ascension Day – Crowning of Mary at 9.15am - see above and school newsletter for details.
- **Sports Afternoons: Weds 22nd May** KS2 **Padua** classes **Thurs 23rd May** KS2 **Lisbon** classes 1.30 - 3.30pm - parents welcome. This is weather dependent.

Sports Afternoon: This year for sports afternoon we are inviting the children to wear a **t-shirt** in the colour of their house team as in KS2, the children do not sit in class groups, but rather in house teams. St John Paul – yellow, St Kizito – red, St Hildegard – green and St Teresa – blue.

- **Thurs 23rd May** - Foodbank donation day

Five Ways to Wellbeing



BE ACTIVE / KEEP LEARNING

May is the month of Mary. At home and / or in your class, say a prayer to Our Lady every day to help us think about May being her special month and to thank all our mums for everything they do for us.

Mark 10 Mission

A poster for the 'Queen of May Mission'. The background is a close-up of a statue of the Virgin Mary wearing a crown adorned with flowers. The text is overlaid on the image. The title 'Queen of May' is in large white letters, with 'Mission' written in a red cursive font below it. The main text reads: 'May is the Month of Our Lady. We particularly ask for her help and prayers this month. Your Mission is to honour Mary by crowning her statues with flowers. You can also hold a May procession to celebrate Mary together as a school or class.'