

## National Teaching Assistant Day

Today is National Teaching Assistants' Day.

This is an opportunity for us to recognise the invaluable role our TAs play in children's lives up and down the country.

At St. Anthony's we are hugely fortunate to have dedicated and committed teaching assistants, many of whom have worked at our school for several years.

It is impossible to list the number of tasks our teaching assistants perform daily.

They are there for the children in the classroom to help them with their work. They are there in the medical area when they feel unwell. They are there on the playground during playtimes. They are there at lunchtimes when the children are eating. Many of our TAs work with small groups of children or on a one-to-one basis.

They play a vital role in the children's progression.

Thank you to all our brilliant teaching assistants as we celebrate you today.

### Religious Education

- The children have been learning about the parable of the Prodigal Son.
- The children discussed how the father showed unconditional love for his son.
- We also discussed the nature of forgiveness and how we believe in forgiving those who may upset or hurt us.

**Vocabulary: unconditional, prodigal, forgiveness, Beatitudes.**

### Pre-Learning

- Next week we will be learning about the Beatitudes.

### Mathematics

- This week we have been ordering decimal numbers and negative numbers.

**Vocabulary: decimal place, tenth, hundredth, thousandth, negative, positive**

### Pre- Learning

- Next week we will be looking at adding and subtracting negative numbers.

### English

- This week the children have concluded editing their suspenseful narrative.
- They then explored the scene from 'The Night of the Gargoyles' where the watchman meets with the museum manager.

- We discussed how through their dialogue we can move the story forward by describing their body language and actions while the conversation is progressing.

**Vocabulary: adjectives, metaphors, dialogue**

**Pre-learning:**

- Next week the children will start writing this dialogue.

**Science**

- This week the children learnt about cold-blooded vertebrates.
- They started to compile a fact-file about one animal from each of these three groups (fish, amphibian and reptile).

**Vocabulary: cold-blooded, fish, amphibian, reptile, body temperature**

**Pre-Learning**

- Next week we will be learning about warm-blooded vertebrates.

**Homework**

- Please see Teams for information about this week's homework.

**Other information**

- There will be a Year 6 Information Evening on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 5:30pm.
- There will no swimming next Monday for Year 6 Padua as both classes are going to St Michaels and All Angels Church for an orchestral performance by students from Wesleyan College who are visiting the UK from Australia.
- We will be attending the St Michael's Football and Netball Tournament on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Please give permission for your child to attend on the School Gateway.
- After-school football is on Tuesday and Netball is on Thursday.

Wishing you a great weekend

Kind regards

The Year 6 Team