

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

- Year 6 Lisbon have continued to learn about the second creation story
- They have been discussing the imagery from three key events: the garden, the tree of knowledge and the serpent.
- Year 6 Padua have studied the Gospel of John and how it links to the story of creation from Genesis.
- They created a key to show the connections between the two scripture passages

Vocabulary: original sin, Garden of Eden, metaphorical, literal

Pre-Learning

- Year 6 Lisbon will be looking at the passage from John's Gospel
- Year 6 Padua will start to study the Nicene Creed.

Mathematics

- This week we have been looking at $\times$ and $\div$ by 10, 100 and 1,000 and applying these rules to word problems.

Vocabulary: decimal place, tenth, hundredth, thousandth, increasing, decreasing

Pre- Learning

- Next week we will be looking at different mental math's methods for the four operations.

English

- Year 6 Padua have started to draft the opening of their version of Night of the Gargoyles.
- Well done to the Year 6 Padua children who did some extra planning and story writing of their own at home this week!
- Year 6 Lisbon have created their own creature for their story and considered its appearance, habitat and characteristics

Vocabulary: adjectives, metaphors, planning, editing,

Pre-learning:

- The children will continue to plan and write their own story next week.

National Poetry Week Homework

- To mark National Poetry Week, which starts on Monday, we would like the children to learn a poem that they could perform in our UKS2 assemblies on Thursday mornings throughout the year.
- The children can choose any poem of their choice to learn off by heart.
- This is beneficial for improving their oracy skills.

Science

- This week the children learnt about warm-blooded vertebrates.
- They started to compile a comic strip about the characteristics of mammals

Vocabulary: warm-blooded, bird, mammal, body temperature

Pre-Learning

- We will continue with this work next week.

Lives Not Knives and Online Safety Session

- Year 6 had an important and informative talk with Jack from the Herts Constabulary 'Lives Not Knives' team on Tuesday.
- He discussed a whole range of issues relating to these topics and the children were really engaged and asked some very insightful questions.

Year 6 Information Evening

- Thank you very much to those who attended our information evening last night; we hope you found it useful.
- If you weren't able to attend, we will ensure your children receive the handouts that were provided over the next few days.
- Here are the addresses for the websites we recommended last night:
 Maths Bot: <https://mathsbot.com/>
 Bookfinder: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/book-recommendations/bookfinder/>
 Grammar Monster: <https://www.grammar-monster.com/>
 Pobble: <https://www.pobble.com/>

Other information

- There will be swimming for Year 6 Lisbon on Monday 30th September
- We will be attending the St Michael's Football and Netball Tournament on Friday 3rd October. Please give permission for your child to attend on the School Gateway.

- Please ensure you have returned the reply slip for the Isle of Wight trip whether your child is going or not – if you need another form let the office know as soon as possible.

Wishing you a great weekend

Kind regards

The Year 6 Team