

Year 4 Update

Friday 15th May 2026

REMINDER: Please make sure that your children are continuing to practice their times tables at home using TTRS.

RE

- This week we have been learning about why May is a special month for Mary. The children have learnt the Hail Mary in sign language.

Pre-Teaching:

Next week, children will be considering why Christians say Mary is the Mother of the Church and Queen of Heaven. They will also look at different ways that Mary has been depicted throughout history.

English

This week children edited their stories about travelling to a magical place. They had to ensure they had included prepositional phrases, fronted adverbials and used pronouns to avoid repetition of names. They needed to use dialogue with correct punctuation. We hope to share our published books with Year One children next week.

Pre-teaching:

- Next week, we will be completing assessments for Writing and Reading. The children will complete a more independent writing task about a magical pebble. They will demonstrate that they can independently edit their work to check punctuation and spelling, as well as making any edits to improve their sentences.

Maths:

- This week, we have been exploring negative numbers and where we may find them in everyday life. The children calculated through zero.

Pre-Teaching:

- Next week we will be completing end of half term assessments in arithmetic and reasoning.

Key Vocabulary			
RE	English	Maths	Science
Our Lady Mary, Mother of the Church Mary, Queen of Heaven	Entertain Adverbs Inverted commas Dialogue Noun phrase Prepositional phrases Fronted adverbials pronouns	Negative Positive Zero Scale	vibrations sound pitch volume Hertz Decibels

Homework:

Rosary	The Third Glorious Mystery Due: Tuesday 19 th May
Maths	Due: Tuesday 19 th May

Forest School

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Today's sessions started with two different team challenges. The first one involved the whole class and the object was to not clap at the same time as someone else in the circle. It is a game to develop active listening skills and patience. For the next challenge, the children had to work in smaller groups. Each team was given a wooden ring with five strings attached and a tennis ball. The children had to work together by holding the strings and attempting to keep the ball balanced on the ring without touching it! It was quite a challenge and required a lot of effective communication, focus and problem solving. Once the individual teams became comfortable with keeping the ball balanced, Emma invited them to be creative and invent different challenges for themselves.

Next we gathered at the log circle to listen to Emma tell the story of 'How the Dragonfly Came to Be'. The children tried to guess the animals that came to visit God in the workshop from Emma's descriptions. At the end, they were excited to work out that all of the different body parts were put together to make a dragonfly.

For the rest of the session, lots of children in both classes took on the creative project of making their own dragonfly out of paracord. This involved tying a special knot called a cobra knot continuously over two parallel lengths of cord. It was a challenging activity and the children listened carefully to the instructions and showed a lot of persistence. They were very happy with their finished dragonflies and proud of their efforts. Other children were inspired by the story and used clay and other natural materials to make dragonflies (as modelled by Emma during her storytelling). Some children were interested in the watercolour paints and 'gallery' of 3D of minibeasts displayed as a stimulus. There were some lovely paintings of butterflies, ladybirds, and centipedes, as well as other creations. Children in both groups chose to make dens together using the skills they have learnt. One child in the morning was very proud of the den he was constructing, which other children had joined in with along the way, and he exclaimed, "We figured out that together we can do anything!"

To finish, the children learnt a new song called 'Booma Lena'. This is a traditional song and 'warm-up' vocal from the Baka community and the song translates to "My heart is happy".

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Best wishes,

Carrie and Emma

Reminders

- Next week, 18th-22nd May, is **Walk to School Week**. As a school community we are encouraging all families to walk, cycle or scoot to school.
- The new date for the Year 3 & 4 sports afternoon will be held on **Thursday 21st May**. Parents are invited to watch from 1:30 - 3:30pm. Children should bring a hat and have sun cream applied in the morning, if it is hot weather. All children must have a water bottle in school.
- We will be celebrating Our Lady's month on Thursday 21st May with our annual Mary Procession. This will take place at 9.15am. Please see the newsletter for more details.

The children each need to bring a flower in the morning, to lay around Our Lady's statue. Parents, grandparents and friends are very welcome. If you would like to join us for this celebration, please wait on the Key Stage 2 playground on the morning of the procession.

Have a lovely weekend,

Catherine, Emma & Rachel