

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 6th January 2023

Happy New Year!

A very happy new year to you all. It has been lovely welcoming the children back into school this week and hearing all of their exciting news. In worship this week we have been thinking about the Feast of Epiphany. Linking to our school vision, children were asked what they could learn from the kings, who are the 'stars' that they could follow and how they can shine.



A message from Rising Stars

Happy New Year from Angie, Sally and all the children at Rising Stars.

Come and join us for lots of fun, laughter and games both before and after school. Information leaflets with all our details are available from front office.



Advent Window

A huge thank you and well done to Mrs Lusvardi and her Art Club team: Florence, Sofia, Alex, Alaia, rose, Minnie, Julian, Eleanor, Teddy, Lewis, Orla, Anya and Ava who designed the villages' 24th Advent window. The villagers' reactions on Facebook was fantastic: "That is a finish with a 'bang'", "Very Artistic", "Bringing home the story of Christmas", "Amazing", "Awesome", "Wonderful for our community to have the input from the children of Kirkby and Great Broughton School," amongst many others! Thank you all.



Welcome to our new starter

We have been delighted to welcome Yustyna to our school this week. Yustyna is from Ukraine and is currently living in the village. She has already settled in beautifully and made lots of new friends- even teaching them how to count in Ukrainian! What a lovely community we live in to make her and her family feel so welcome, we are proud to be part of it.

Ласкаво просимо до нашої школи



This Term's Learning

A new term brings exciting new learning. Here is a little taster of what we will be learning this term.

Reception

The children in Reception have enjoyed their first week back of the new term exploring the season of Winter. We have shared non-fiction books to discover facts about winter weather and changes to expect in nature. We have talked about migrating birds and those that stay in our garden and have been making bird feeders to help look after them. We are very much looking forward to experiencing first hand the fun of a snow day at school when we will be ready in warm clothes and boots to build snowmen on our school field. We are keeping a close eye on the long range weather forecast!!

Years 1 and 2

This half term, Year 1 and 2 are learning about all things London! Our topic will begin with the Great Fire of London and we will be linking this to our Art topic as we create textured landscapes of a similar theme. We are also learning about materials within Science and have started this nicely by discussing materials and their uses in different objects.



Reception making bird feeders



Still Life Art



Year 1 Artists

Years 3, 4 and 5

This half term is going to be jam packed with lots of fun and exciting learning in years 3,4 and 5. Our History topic this half term is Crimes and Punishments. We will be learning about the history of crimes and punishments in Britain and how it has changed over time. We will also be learning about how the police force was brought about and how their roles have changed over time. This half term years 3 and 4 are starting swimming on Tuesday mornings and Year 5 will be learning the Ukelele! It is class 4's turn for Wisdom of the Woods (Class 3's next half term) .

Year 6

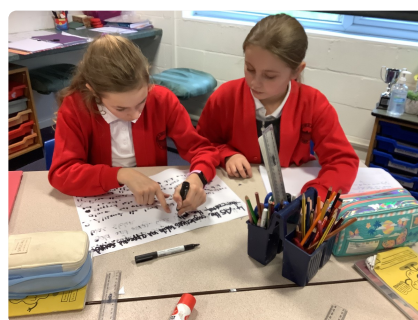
Children in year 6 are already engrossed with our History topic this half term - Ancient Maya. We have already found out a little bit about the civilisation, so when you see us, ask us to tell you some facts!

Did you know year 6 children are computer programmers? We are building on our knowledge from year 5 to create exciting projects using a programming tool called Scratch.

We have inspiring art and DT projects to look forward to as well this half term, so keep an eye on the school newsletter and we will share some pictures of our finished projects with you soon.



Paired work in Year 2



Paired composition



Using 'Learning Grids'

Ukulele in Year 5

As part of our aim to encourage children to shine in different ways, Year 5 have started Ukulele lessons with Miss Plant from the County Music Service this week- kindly funded by the Henry Edmund Trust. We hope to extend this to other years so everyone in school gets the opportunity to learn an instrument at some point in their school life. Year 5 loved their first lesson!



Well-being in School

As a school community we are committed to ensuring that positive mental health and well-being of both pupils and adults is given the highest priority. It is our ethos and greatest hope that everyone is able to 'shine' for themselves and for others. Therefore each half term we will be focusing on one area from the 'Five ways to well-being.'

This half term our focus is: **be active**

Our recently appointed 'Well-being Warriors' alongside our year 6 play-leaders will be working with classes in school to deliver some pupil-led active sessions.

If your child does anything active out of school that they are proud of, then please get in touch- perhaps with a photo, and we would love to share this with our school community on a future newsletter.

Have a look at the brilliant 'Wellbeing Warrior badge' designed by Charis.



Important Reminders

Please could we remind you of the following:

- Snacks for breaktime should be **healthy** please eg fruit/veg sticks or non-sugary snacks like breadsticks. No crisps or sugary snacks. Thank you. (Fruit is available for all children in YR, 1 and 2).
- If you choose to allow your child to wear smart watches to school, please ensure children are aware that they are used only for telling the time and they are the children's own responsibility. They are not allowed to be worn for PE.
- Please ensure long hair is tied up
- Please do not send your child to school if they have a high temperature: [Children told to stay home from school if sick amid flu, Covid and scarlet fever - BBC News](#)
- For administrative purposes, when paying for after school clubs please send any money and the slip together.

Many thanks

Parents' Forum

The Spring Term Parents' Forum will be held, as discussed at the last meeting via Zoom on 25th January at 6pm. Please could you complete the form below to let us know if you will be attending and if there are any areas you would like to be added to the agenda. Many thanks

<https://forms.gle/8RrewyuYswxb1ugr8>

	<p>Child's Name *</p> <p>Your answer</p>	

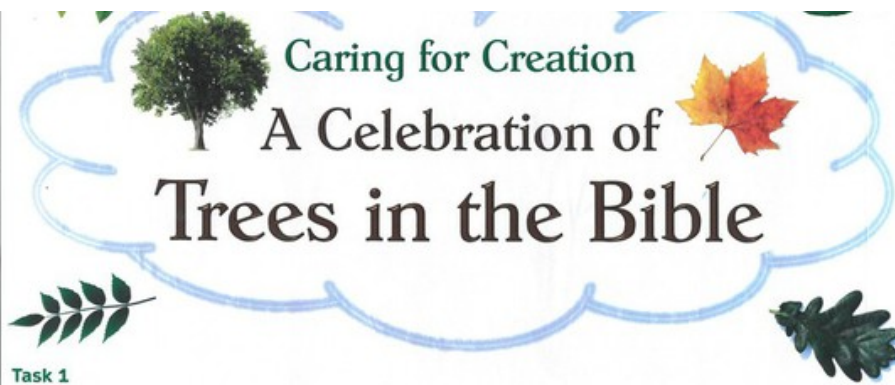
Parent Forum 25th January 6pm via Zoom

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Tree Competition

A reminder that anyone who would like to enter St Augustine's competition has until next Friday to bring in their entries. Remember - prizes to be won! Something to keep you busy on a rainy weekend!

Completion Date
 End of the first week in January for your newspaper report.
 Look after your seedlings until next Autumn 2023.



Task 1

Write an interesting article as though you are a journalist writing for a local newspaper.

Choose from one of the following topics:

- 1 Trees mentioned in the Bible
- 2 The importance of trees to humans through the ages
- 3 Cutting down trees on a large scale (deforestation) and the harm this causes to the environment
- 4 The biodiversity of a woodland ecosystem
- 5 Famous trees

Accompany your article with illustrations, photographs, drawings, leaf prints, bark rubbings etc.
Give your newspaper a name.

Task 2

Collect a seed, berry or nut such as an acorn, horse chestnut (conker), apple pip or hawthorn berry etc.
Decorate the pot appropriately.

Plant your seed, keep it watered and watch it grow.

They will be planted out at a later date.

Important:

Remember do not taste any of the seeds, nuts or pips as they could contain things that are harmful.
Always ask your parent to help you, especially when searching for seeds and never go on your own.
Always wear gloves to handle soil.

Dates for Diaries

- 9th, 20, 23 Jan, 3rd Feb Class 4 Wisdom of the Woods and Y3/4 after school club
Jan, 10th January Swimming Starts for Years 3 and 4
11th January Visit from parliament representative to Key Stage 2 and Year 6 workshop
WB 23rd Jan Y6 Bikeability
25th January 2023 6pm Parents' Forum via Zoom
Monday March 20th Spring parents' meetings
WB 8th May Year 6 Sats Week. Tests will take place Tues-Friday
5th- 9th June 2023 Y6 residential

Safeguarding at KGB

It is the role of all adults in a child's life to keep them safe and all staff in school have regular training in safeguarding and child protection. You can read our safeguarding policies on our website. In our school the designated person for safeguarding is Mrs McCormick (who should be your first point of contact if you have any concerns), and we have two deputy safeguarding leads: Mrs Borwell and Miss Atkinson. We are here to support children and families so please do get in touch if you have any concerns about a child's well-being or would like some support as a family.



Emma McCormick

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