

St Margaret's CE Newsletter

February 2020

Welcome Back

I hope you and your family have had an enjoyable half term holiday. It was lovely to welcome the children back to school yesterday in assembly where we talked about the priceless nature of love and gave thanks for those who love us. We talked about the season of Lent and how small sacrifices might bring happiness to others around us.

During Lent this year we will be thinking about God's creation and the things that we can do to give thanks for it and the things that we might sacrifice to help the planet.

Thank you

The half-term began with a wonderful Christingle celebration led by some of our older children – thank you so much for your generous donations.

Enriching the Curriculum

Children continue to access a range of wide range of enrichment activities. We have continued our partnership with Dream Big Sports, who are providing 5 after school activities each week as well as specialist PE lessons. This is enabling children to receive first-class sports tuition and providing increasing opportunities for children to engage in a wider range of sporting activities and access more competitive sporting events. Last half term, teams took part in dodgeball, chess and football competitions. Other enrichment opportunities have included a visit from the Creepy Crawly Show for children in KS1 classes and a Roman themed day in Devon class. In addition our mini-mentors have visited the Oldham Youth Mental Health Conference and an event with a speaker from the Sophie Lancaster Society.

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World Book Day

On **Thursday 5th March** we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. KS2 children will be taking part in drama workshops throughout the day linked to the book 'The Lorax'. This will culminate in a performance at the end of the day. As a result we will **not** be encouraging the children to dress in 'Book Day costumes' as they will need to be able to move freely during the workshops. However, children are invited to wear non-uniform in exchange for a £1 donation to Book Aid. KS1 and Early Years children are invited to dress up either as a character from their favourite book or in their pyjamas ready for a bedtime story. Again children are asked to donate a pound which will be sent to Book Aid (the official charity of World Book Day.)



In addition this year we will be holding a 'Book in a Box' competition (see details below); if children choose to participate in this competition this will be counted as homework points for the half-term, i.e. children will only need to complete 70 points on their homework sheet if taking part in this competition.

Book in a Box (for World Book Day)



Decorate a box to represent a favourite book.

This piece of homework is worth **30 points** and will need to be ready for Thursday 5th March.



Any other news

At the end of last half term we wished Miss Slater well as she commenced her maternity leave; we are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Campbell this half term.

As usual, this week your child will bring home their class newsletter and their homework challenges for the half-term. As well as the homework challenges linked to topic learning, your child also has their reading record to regularly update and weekly spellings to learn. In addition to the homework challenges children also have access to the Purple Mash and Times Tables Rockstars online learning platforms. Purple Mash has a wide range of resources should you wish for your child to gain more practice in core maths and English skills at home. If you are unsure what your child could benefit from most then please ask their class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

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