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Autumn Term Update

Dear Families

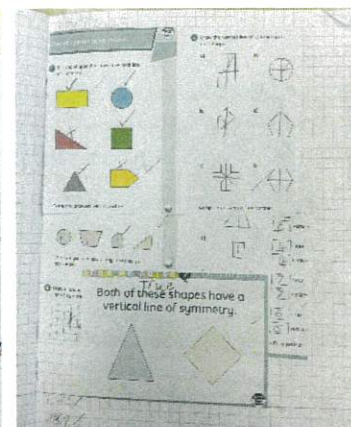
Welcome to our Autumn Term Newsletter – I hope you enjoy the update!



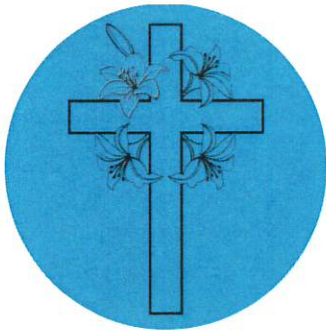
This term, **EYFS** have been learning all about different festivals, celebrations and special days. In their topic sessions, they have discussed events that the children celebrate; special days in their lives; and specific celebrations or special days such as Diwali, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day. When focusing on Diwali (the Festival of Lights), children have been making diva lamps using clay and beautiful rangoli patterns using colours and flowers.



Year 1 and **Year 2** (Class 1) have started to learn about shape. **Year 1** have been grouping and naming 2D and 3D shapes, whilst **Year 2** have been counting vertices and sides, as well as identifying lines of symmetry.



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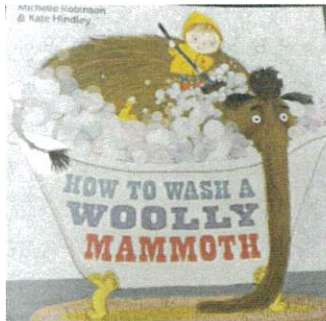
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In English, all of the children in **Year 1** and **Year 2** (Class 1) have started looking at the book called 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'; they are really enjoying creating sentences with imperative (bossy) verbs.

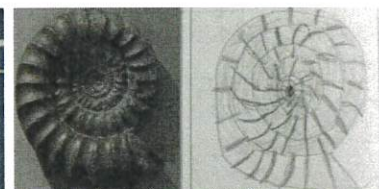
The children are also enjoying science this term, especially the experiments - they have tested materials to see which would be the best material to build the three little pigs' houses with.



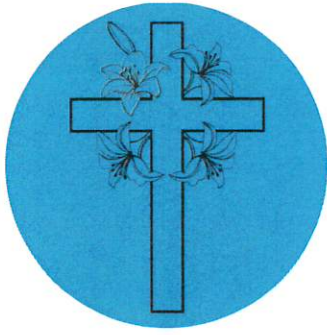
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Class 2) have been experiencing life in prehistory during their history topic of 'The Stone Age to the Iron Age'. The children have especially enjoyed recreating cave paintings, which depict Stone Age life and society.



In Science this term, within their unit of work on 'Rocks, Fossils and Soils', Class 2 have taken on the role of palaeontologists; learning what fossils are and how they are formed, as well as identifying fossilised remains. They even had the chance to experience how patience is key when extracting fossils from rocks (using chocolate chip cookies for simulation!)



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Since the summer term, Year 6 children have been working alongside one of our school governors, Mrs Rita Temperton, on a project linked to supporting a local charity; the chosen charity being the Isle of Axholme Foodbank.

Over the course of their project, the children worked with Mrs



Temperton, discussing issues such as life post-Covid, as well as the cost of living crisis and how these, amongst others, may have affected families and communities. They applied mathematical skills and knowledge at various points in their project and also showed great empathy and maturity along the way.

The group were particularly proud when they were able to present Mr Paul Taylor, a representative from the Isle of Axholme Foodbank, with the Harvest donations – a huge thanks again to all who kindly donated.



Finally, our **School Council** members had the privilege of attending the service of the Blessing of the Poppy Cascade alongside Reverend Paul Wilson and members of the local community. This being their first 'official engagement', they did fantastically well reading out poetry that they had created and explaining what they had been learning about in school to mark the period of Remembrance.

Kind regards

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