



Together with Jesus, we grow in love

## autumn 2 Newsletter

Welcome to the final Newsletter of 2022. This term has been filled with lots of learning and also lots of fun. There has been trips to the museum, Christmas craft morning and performances for all our classes. It has been wonderful to see so many parents and carers supporting the children and enjoying the lead up to Christmas.

### EYFS

This half term we have been learning about colours and nocturnal animals using the story 'Wow said the Owl' as our talk for writing focus. We have made owls in different media and read different stories about owls. We have used non-fiction books to find out information about owls and used them to label the parts of an owl. We have been exploring Autumn outside in our playground and the school grounds and observed as the weather changed to Winter.

We found out about Islam in come and see as our other faith topic. We talked about prayer mats and designed some of our own and tried on some traditional clothes. In come and see we have also been learning about birthdays. We explored our own birthdays and parties before learning about advent and the birth of Jesus. Our Christmas preparations are underway and we have decorated the tree and are counting down to Christmas Day.

We have been using our funky fingers table to strengthen our muscles in our fingers with colour sorting activities using the tweezers and cutting different patterns. We have role played in our post office and elf workshop and have enjoyed lots of fun activities outside.



### Luke 2:7

*"And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn."*

### 1F

This half term we have been focusing on sentence structure including our phonic knowledge and the new punctuation we have learnt. In maths we have been writing addition sentences by using the part whole model as well as looking at number bonds to 10.

In Come & See we have explored the concept of waiting in relation to Advent. We have learnt the Christmas story and performed this in our brilliant Nativity play!





**RSHE** It has been a fantastic start to the academic year where pupils have covered Say No to Bullying as well as Getting on and Falling Out topics for Get Set for Life. Pupils took part in Odd Socks Day and Anti-bullying week, where they showed their support in wearing odd socks and being a good friend in school. Our Peer mentors continue to do an amazing job, ensuring that all children feel included on the playground. Our pupils enjoyed Bible Tales theatre group coming to school and teaching us all about bullying and how to reach out. All pupils received training from NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe program where they learned about keeping safe and who to speak to if they have worries. We continue to champion Wellbeing at Holy Family and thanks to our dedicated staff and Educational Mental Health Practitioner, our pupils continue to feel supported through our Get Set for life curriculum and Wellbeing interventions.



**2H** Y2 have been hard at work this half term. In English we have been reading the text 'Meerkat Mail' about a meerkat who decides to go on a journey to a colder and wetter climate. From this we learnt the story and then planned and wrote our own journey tale.

In our science lessons, we have continued with the topic materials and have been planning and carrying out a variety of fun investigations to test the suitability of different materials.

In Art we have been finding out about a famous artist called Henri Matisse exploring the techniques he used when producing collages. We looked at his famous painting, 'The Snail' and created our own using our own col-



**3L**

Year 3 have had a busy half term learning all about the Egyptians. We enjoyed a trip to the World Museum and even saw some real mummies! This helped us with some of our writing in English too. We learnt about light in science and did experiments to check how reflective materials were and how to change the size of a shadow. We also worked hard to prepare for our Christmas performance and everyone sang and preformed so well.







## Year 5G

Y5 have been reading King Kong by Anthony Browne. The children have been developing their writing skills when learning how to write a tale of fear and diary entries. In maths, the children have been learning about multiplication. They have been using maths equipment to help them to multiply and divide by powers of 10.

The children have practised identifying and locating countries in Europe every week and now they can identify Spain, France, Poland, Greece, Italy, Germany, Sweden and Russia. They also know the four countries in the UK and the capital city of each country. In art, the children have been studying textiles made by Anni Albers. Her work inspired them when they developed their weaving skills.



## Attendance

This half term 6D won the attendance pizza party for the best attendance and the runners up were 2H who received a chocolate reward.



All the pupils are trying hard to make sure that they are in school each day (and on time) and our attendance has improved from last year.

Well done everyone and keep up the hard work!

## 4B

This half term, year 4 have been on an exciting trip to Chester. We discovered lots of interesting information about the Romans in Britain. In science lessons, we have learnt about digestion and conducted a very fun and messy experiment! Children have also been trying hard to learn their times tables with our candy cane challenge. Year 4 have had a great time continuing to learn ukulele and improve their swimming in weekly lessons!





## 6D

In 6D we have had a really busy half term. Not only have we worked hard to develop our English and maths skills, we've also visited the Western Approaches for our history and geography topics and the Cathedral for some lovely singing. Our creative side also came out in our DT and computing lessons where we've been designing lighthouses and programming crumbles to go in them! All that and we've squeezed in Christmas dinner and some singing in church.



## 6L

6L have had a great half term continuing to read 'Goodnight Mr Tom', learning about the Geography of WWII and visiting Western Approaches. We have enjoyed building lighthouses in DT and using our knowledge from Science circuits and Computing to make these light. We would like to wish all of our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## Goodbye and Good luck!

We are sad to see Miss Scott leaves us this term. She has supported so many children and their families in many ways. Miss Scott will be remembered very fondly by pupils, families and staff at Holy Family.



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OUR CHILDREN  
AND THEIR  
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## Dates for your diary:

4th January INSET DAY

5th January Children return to school

7th Feb Safer Internet Day

13th—18th February Half term holiday