



Together with Jesus, we grow in love

## Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023 and what a great start it has been at Holy Family! We have had lots of fantastic trips and also visitors coming into the school. Our children have enjoyed dressing up as rockstars for NSPCC number day and parents have been welcomed in for Children's Mental Health Week.

### EYFS

This half term we have been learning about celebrations including the celebration of Chinese New Year! We have role-played in our Chinese restaurant and tasted Chinese food.

We have explored water, mud, grass and snow through our story 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. We have learned to retell the story and also found out about real bears and where they come from using non-fiction books.



We have talked about our own favourite toys and teddy bears and role-played having a teddy bear's picnic. We are visiting the Credit Union playground for a teddy bear's picnic to end our half term.



**1F** This half term we have enjoyed a Winter walk and have begun to learn about the different types of plants. We have learnt about the city we live in, in relation to the countries of the UK and have explored drawing inspired by the artist Henri Rousseau. We have been learning subtraction in maths and have moved on to numbers to 20. In English we have been enjoying learning our new story 'The Tin Forest' as well as learning to write a diary.



**RSHE**—We have had a great start to the new year where we have focused on 'Going for goals' in Get Set for Life. All year groups have focused on setting personal goals, identifying barriers and the importance of having a positive mindset. They have also been learning about inspirational people who, despite facing many setbacks, managed to keep going and achieve their goals. We have also celebrated Children's Mental Health Week and talked about the importance of connecting with others. Parents and carers were invited to a coffee morning to meet the pastoral team and discuss any concerns and worries.

Next term, Tuesday 21st February, is International Mother Language Day where we are asking everybody to come to school dressed in a way that represents your cultural background or heritage. If your children have a storybook written in their home language, please bring them in on that day.



#### 4B

This half term, year 4 have started weekly basketball lessons and have learnt lots of new skills. We have also loved learning all about Shackleton's journey to Antarctica in English lessons. We attended a song-writing workshop with musicians from Liverpool University and have carried out science experiments to investigate states of matter!



#### 3L

Year 3 have loved learning about the Stone Age this half term and enjoyed their trip to Calderstones Park where they became hunters and gatherers and learnt about the Neolithic Calder Stones. We have also learnt lots about Animals including Humans in science and enjoyed making our own healthy soup in DT. We also enjoyed a trip to the Apple Store where we became coders.





### Attendance

This half term 6D won the attendance pizza party for the best attendance and the runners up were 2H. This is the second time both classes have achieved this.



All the pupils are trying hard to make sure that they are in school each day (and on time)

and attendance for most pupils is very good. Keep up the hard work and we will do even better next half term !

**Year 5G Y5** went on a trip to Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral to learn about the role of the Bishop. In maths, the children learned how to complete long multiplication and developed their division skills further. They are now learning about fractions.



In English, the children have been reading Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief. The children created their own captivating, action-packed quest tale.

Each week the children have been swimming and taking part in Judo lessons.

**6D** In 6D, we have been really enjoying reading our novel Running Wild which is set in a rain-forest in Indonesia. We have also benefited from a visit from a maya archaeologist called Dr Diane who allowed us to look at and explore her artefacts. We've also been honing our basketball skills with our weekly sessions



### Dates for your diary:

21st February Mother Language Day—dress in a way which represents your cultural heritage

2nd March 2nd World Book Day—wear your pyjamas!

31st March Easter holidays begin school finishes 1.30pm

17th April Pupils return to school

### 6L

This half term, 6L have been inspired by the beginning of Running Wild and have created wonderful recounts about a tsunami. We have also been learning about the Maya civilisation and loved our informative session with Dr Diana - the only Maya archaeologist in the UK!

