

Hello Everybody,

Although it may feel like January has lasted for a thousand years I still can't believe we are nearly at the end of our first Spring half term. This half term we have been so impressed with the perseverance St Mary's children have been showing in their learning. I love popping into classes and seeing the way our children are excited to try new challenges and succeed in meeting their personal goals.

We love to celebrate the unique interests and talents of our children and are working hard to ensure that the curriculum provides opportunities for all of our children to thrive. Some personal highlights for me so far include year 5's glockenspiel skills, year 1's season pictures in science, year 6's careful consideration in RE, year 3's amazing knowledge in history, year 2's progress in writing, year 4's amazing art and reception's gymnastic skills. And who could forget the beautiful Chinese New Year Art created by Pre-School.

And if all that exciting learning wasn't enough, I cannot finish my January round up without mentioning the amazing Young Voices Choir who made us very proud when they performed in Birmingham earlier this month. One final shout out goes to our dedicated PTA who have just funded the new fish tank that has captivated all of our children and helped to make our school a beautiful place to be- thank you.

I Can't wait to see what February has in store for us! x

ATTENDANCE



This term we have got off to a fantastic start with our attendance so thank you all so much for your continued efforts in getting your children to school.

Just a reminder that if you have started to think about your summer holiday (I think we are all dreaming of a bit of warm weather!) please book these during the school holidays.

As our attendance policy is now well established, we are moving towards the point where we feel that parents have had fair notice of the guidance around attendance. We may therefore begin fining those who miss more than ten sessions of school. This is not something we take lightly as our relationships with families are so important to us.

If you feel you need any support with attendance and lates, please do not hesitate to contact us.

WORSHIP

At the beginning of this year every child from year 1-6 wrote in an envelope how they plan to live out our Christian values this term. Each week we pick 4 envelopes and keep an eye out for those children doing this and if we catch them, they receive a special Headteacher's sticker and a Dojo is sent home to let you know how wonderful they are!

CONTACTING SCHOOL

If you would like to request an appointment with the SENDCO (Ms Palmer) or another member of SLT or for general enquiries, please contact the school office:

Phone Number: 01384818295

Email: info@st-mary-ki.dudley.sch.uk

You can also use Class Dojo Messaging to contact SLT and your child's teacher.

DIARY DATES

4.2.25- Parents' PSED Meeting 2:30pm

13.2.25- PTA Valentines Disco

14.2.25- Break up for Half Term

24.2.25- INSET Day- children return on Tuesday

STAFFING UPDATES





We would like to wish Miss Oliver all the best as she begins her maternity leave. Welcome to Ms Smith who will be joining our reception team in her absence.

SAFEGUARDING

At St Mary's we appreciate that safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. If you have any concerns about a child, please do not hesitate to contact us (details shared opposite.) Our Safeguarding and child protection policy can be found on our school website.



HOUSE CAPTAINS SCHOOL UPDATE

 <p>FIRE by Jenson and Brooke</p>	<p>The new fish tank is very vibrant and our fish is now living its best life. Children in Year 2 told us that they think it is suitable to house more fish and love the colours.</p>
 <p>WATER by Annie and Eden</p>	<p>In worship we have been thinking and reflecting this week on envy. We enjoyed watching the children act out the story of Joseph and his amazing coat, with his envious brothers. Noah and Ava said that they enjoy experiencing Bible stories coming to life and Munha said she enjoys interactive worship as it helps her to understand more.</p>
 <p>EARTH by Gracie and Annabel</p>	<p>In Year 6, we have been using instruments to set the scene to a Wallace and Gromit clip. Children in Year 4 enjoy music because they love singing and it is a good way to express their emotions. Choir also loved the Young Voices concert.</p>
 <p>AIR by Ava and Iris</p>	<p>Children in the dance after school club enjoy it because the coaches are helpful and supportive and they are able to do different things each week. Children who attend Mrs Davies' craft club have enjoyed making windchimes and Chloe has enjoyed brightening up our school with her friends.</p>

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Lilah



Labels of things and their uses
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Apple is a fruit and it is red and green.
Banana is a fruit and it is yellow and black.
Milk is a drink and it is white.
Bread is a food and it is brown.
Car is a vehicle and it is black and silver.
House is a building and it is white and brown.
Tree is a plant and it is green and brown.
Sun is a star and it is yellow and orange.
Moon is a satellite and it is grey and white.
Star is a celestial body and it is yellow and white.
Planet is a celestial body and it is blue and white.
Comet is a celestial body and it is white and black.
Galaxy is a collection of stars and it is blue and white.
Universe is everything and it is blue and white.

Label the bike parts.

Bike part	Material
Tire	Rubber
Seat	Rubber
Handlebars	Steel
Chain	Steel
Spokes	Steel
Frame	Aluminum
Headset	Steel
Wheels	Rubber
Pedals	Steel
Brakes	Rubber

David

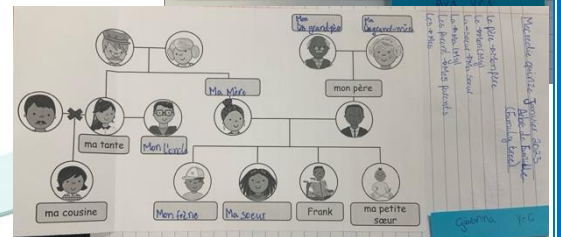


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The sun is a star and it is yellow and orange.
The moon is a satellite and it is grey and white.
The stars are celestial bodies and they are yellow and white.
The planets are celestial bodies and they are blue and white.
The comets are celestial bodies and they are white and black.
The galaxies are collections of stars and they are blue and white.
The universe is everything and it is blue and white.

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Reception

Building and writing sentences



Instilling a life-long love for learning in an inclusive, supportive Christian community.

