

Hello Everybody,

As we are finally starting to see some signs of Spring I would like to take the opportunity to remind everybody that we are holding a **gardening open day at school this Saturday (29th March) starting at 11am**. Please could you send a Dojo or pop into the office and let us know if you will be joining us. We appreciate all the help we can get and are looking forward to being able to clear up some of our school grounds!

This half term the children have made us super proud in the way they have committed to their learning and have worked hard to meet their personal goals. We look forward to sharing this with you during parents' Evening on the 9th April. If you have not yet made your appointment, please do so, as it is crucial that school and home continue to work together to support your child.

It has been a pleasure to drop into classes recently and see all of the exciting learning that has been taking place. It has also given us an opportunity to begin to review our learning environments, thinking about how different aspects of the classroom act to enhance or distract from learning. As part of our review we have made the decision that children in KS2 will no longer need to bring their own pencil case to school. We feel that these can become too distracting and would like to trial the implementation of using a learning folder provided by school. This will be in the child's house colour and will contain everything they need for the day. Moving forward, children do not need to bring a pencil case to school- if they do, they will be asked to keep it in their bag.

Kind Regards, Mrs Wainwright

ATTENDANCE

Just a reminder that parents have a responsibility to inform school if their child will not be in school on a given day.

If we are unable to contact anyone we may conduct a home visit to check that your child is safe and well.

You can help us by always phoning in if your child will not be here, filling out holiday forms (although these will not be authorised and you may be fined if your child crosses a certain threshold) and by ensuring your contact details are up to date with at least three contacts where possible.

I would like to remind you this is a national system and school are held accountable by Dudley for the actions they take regarding attendance.

WORSHIP

We are continuing to think about diversity in worship and have learnt about more individuals who have made a significant positive impact upon the world we live in. This week we have learnt about Helen Keller who overcame insurmountable barriers to change the future for deaf and blind people.

CONTACTING SCHOOL

If you would like to request an appointment with the SENDCO 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

27.3.25- PM- Mothers' Day Workshop KS1

28.3.25- AM- Mothers' Day Workshop EYFS

1.4.25- SEND Parent Handover Meetings

2.4.25- Elements Trust Choir Event

9.4.25- Parents' Evening

10.4.25- PTA Easter Trail

10.4.25- 2pm Easter Service St Mary's Church

11.4.25- Art House Festival, break up for Easter

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



FIRE by
**Jenson and
Brooke**

This time, I gave all the Houses the same brief- find out what children love about St Mary's. This is what they found....



WATER by
**Annie and
Eden**

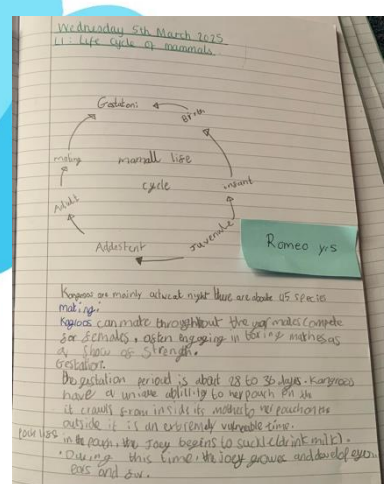
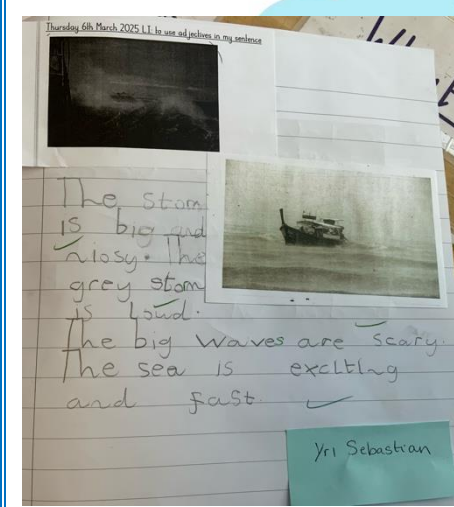
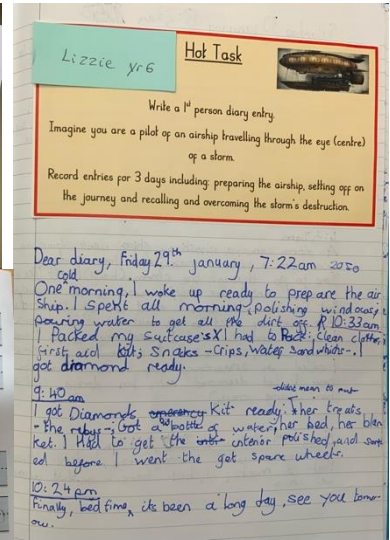
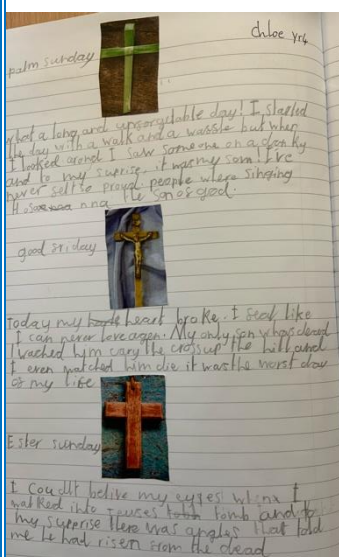


EARTH
by **Gracie
and
Annabel**



AIR by **Ava
and Iris**

- Year 4 love doing fractions in Maths.
- Leo feels that everyone is friendly and supports you.
- Everything is safe and Mrs Wainwright will teach people how to be respectful.
- Computing is fun.
- We love football and the monkey bars!
- Piper enjoys school meals.
- Our teachers make the school a safe and fun environment.
- We all love Forest School.
- We love and appreciate all of the subjects that we learn.
- We love school because we get to see our friends.
- We love that everybody is kind here.



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