

Dear Families,

It has been a fabulous and busy few weeks since we have returned from our first half term of this academic year. We have been auditioning parts for our Christmas performance, learning new topics and embedding our learning behaviours. I can't believe we are already on the Christmas countdown! Thank you for everyone who have been working hard in school.

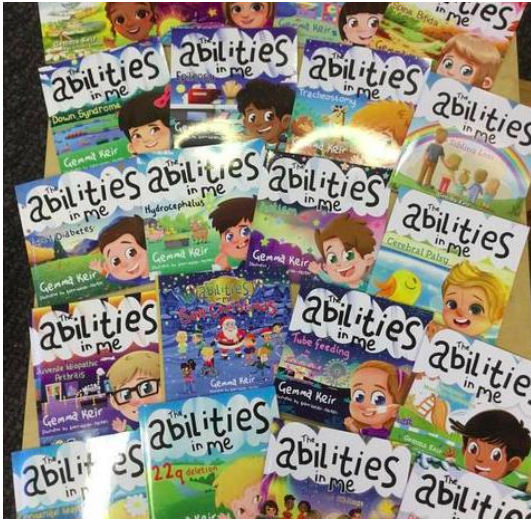
Last Tuesday, the children enjoyed the Hope Workshop which involved planting a time capsule. 'Hope' is a workshop that we had put together in response to the growing issue of climate anxiety in young people and encourages children to use hope as a fuel for action through focus on good news stories and by articulating the specific future that they want for their planet.

Class 2 taught the rest of the school the song and dance they did with the Children's Pearl of Africa Choir after joining up with St Stephen's school last week.

Miss Lucy in Ladybird's Nursery poured her heart and hard work into making sure our little poppy field was ready in time for Remembrance Day.



You may remember our fundraiser in September for the Abilities in me foundation when the children donated spare change to wear colourful clothes. We raised almost £40 for



the charity and as a thank you they have sent the school their entire book collection. These will be in the hall library for the children to access. Thank you for your support.



Class 3 have been chefs in the making by learning how to make some WW2 recipes with a focus on rationing and limiting food waste. Children then made some absolutely spectacular posters that will be displayed in the hall to hopefully encourage everyone to stop food waste at lunchtimes.

Class 2 have also been learning about pulse and beat in their music lessons. Well done Class 2!



Well done to all of the children who achieved awards this week. Our learning characteristic this week is BRAVE.





Class 1 have read Room on the Broom and made magic wands and witches potions. Class 1 decided the witch must use this potion to wash her hair! The children noticed how stinky the potion was.



Children have been exploring pumpkins. We learnt about the artist Yayoi Kusama who did all her art with dots.



SCHOOLMONEY - DEBT Management

Dear Parents / Carers,

If your child is ordering school lunches, their account needs to be in credit before they order.

I have now uploaded the meals ordered for the last two weeks onto schoolmoney and the system will send texts /emails to those that are in arrears. Please credit these accounts and then top up once the debt has been paid. Please do not allow your child to order in class if the account is in debt but provide a packed lunch until this has been paid.

Going forward, the lunches ordered will be uploaded weekly and we will hopefully intrude a new system for after Christmas to make this all much easier.

Many thanks for your assistance

Dates for your diary:

Please keep up to date with events through our Dojo and Facebook pages.



INSET dates for the year - 15/4/24 , 3/6/24 , 24/7/24

NEW Friday 17th November - Children in Need - Dress Spotty and donate

NEW Monday 27th November and Monday 4th December - select children (letters sent) to visit Cedar Grange Residential Home (Art project with Miss Andrew).

NEW Wednesday 15th November - Class 3 cooking

Class 3 (Years 4,5&6) have Wild Tribe at the Outdoor Woodland Centre. There will be 3 Wednesday sessions. A coach will collect us and bring us back during school hours. Please wear suitable clothing for the weather. **29th November , 6th December, 13th December.**

NEW Christmas jumper day - Thursday 7th December

NEW Christmas lunch TBC

Every Thursday 2-3:15: Stay and Play in EYFS - FREE

Every Wednesday 3:20-4:30 - Art Club, Years 2-6, £2 (Miss Andrew's Class)

Every Friday 3:20-4:20 - Mrs Buckthought's Friday Club, 50p (drop in Mrs B's Class)

NEW Break up for Christmas - 15th December 3:20pm

NEW Back to school - 4th January 2024 8:40am

September 2023					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thurs		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	

October 2023					
Mon		2	9	16	23 30
Tue		3	10	17	24 31
Wed		4	11	18	25
Thurs		5	12	19	26
Fri		6	13	20	27
Sat		7	14	21	28
Sun	1	8	15	22	29

November 2023					
Mon			6	13	20 27
Tue			7	14	21 28
Wed		1	8	15	22 29
Thurs		2	9	16	23 30
Fri		3	10	17	24
Sat		4	11	18	25
Sun		5	12	19	26

December 2023					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thurs		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31

January 2024					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thurs	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

February 2024					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	
Sat	3	10	17	24	
Sun	4	11	18	25	

March 2024					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thurs		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31

April 2024					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thurs	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

May 2024					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tue		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

June 2024					
Mon		3	10	17	24
Tue		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
Thurs		6	13	20	27
Fri		7	14	21	28
Sat	1	8	15	22	29
Sun	2	9	16	23	30

July 2024					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thurs	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
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August 2024					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	4	11	18	25	



School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2023
Boxing Day	26 December 2023
New Years Day	01 January 2024
Good Friday	29 March 2024
Easter Monday	01 April 2024
May Bank Holiday	06 May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2024

AUTUMN TERM (72 days)

4 September - 19 December 2023
(HALF TERM 23-27 October 2023)

SPRING TERM (56 days)

4 January - 28 March 2024
(HALF TERM 12-16 February 2024)

SUMMER TERM (67 days)

15 April - 24 July 2024
(HALF TERM 27-31 May 2024)

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for In-Service Training (INSET). Schools allocate their own INSET days.