

Weekly Highlights 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April  
Welcome back to school!

#### Collective Worship

This week has seen children returning to the hall for one of their daily collective worships which has been lovely. Both the children and staff have loved getting back together in the hall to worship and reflect on this half term's focus Christian Value of Hope. The children have been discussing what they think this word means and why they think it is important for a person to have hope.

#### Spelling Bee

Yesterday, the winner and two participants of our Spelling Bee competition went to Kingsway Park to take part in the Rochdale Spelling Bee. Our winner came in the top 5 and is now heading to Riverside for the final! We wish him lots of luck.

#### Inside the Classrooms

This week in Nursery, the children have been reading the book My Adventure Island. As part of their learning, they have been into the Forest and created their own adventure island. In Reception, the children have been doing some amazing maths work learning how to explore doubles and writing the matching number sentence to show this.

Year 1 have been practicing their sketching skills in their art lessons where they have looked closely at the eyes, nose and lips. All of this work will lead to them creating a wonderful self-portrait. In PE, they have started to learn about fielding and batting. The children had to kick the ball and the fielders had to bring the ball back to the bowler. In year 2, the children have begun planning their science investigation in which they are going to plant cress seeds and see what type of environment they need to be in and what sorts of things they need to be given in order to germinate.

Year 3 have been reading some different Greek Myths in their writing lessons. They have looked at the story of the Twelve Labours of Hercules and created sentences that used adverbials to describe the different things that Hercules did. In year 4, the children have begun learning about newspaper recounts in their writing lessons. They have been pulling out the features and then having a go at writing their own headlines and orientations. This will all lead to the children writing their own newspaper recount all about the Battle of Hastings which will link to their History topic.

This week in year 5, the children have started their new RE unit and in their first lesson, they used the Bible to develop our understanding of how The Book of Acts records the actions of what happened after Pentecost. Year 6 have been hard at work this week planning a piece of writing based on their new text stimulus, Skellig. They have been working on different types of figurative language and sentence types to ensure that their writing is as effective and engaging as possible.

#### Sporting Highlights

On Tuesday, some of our year 6 girls took part in a Netball Tournament at St Michael's where there were eight teams competing in the event. They were very nervous as this was their first time competing. The girls have had to learn how to play and the rules of the game in such a short time! The Black Team came 7th out of 8 teams and the Red Team came 2nd winning Silver medals. We are super proud of both teams.

### Behind the Scenes

School are really looking forward to holding our Summer Fair on Friday 27th May and have started planning some fantastic ideas and events. We can't wait to show you what we have been working on. Keep your eye peeled in the next few weeks.

Remember, this Monday is a Bank Holiday so we look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Tuesday. Lets hope the sun continues to shine for our extended weekend.  
Mrs Wainwright