



Samlesbury CE Primary

LEARNING GROWING & INSPIRING
THROUGH GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE

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November 2020

November seems to have flown by and as always there has been lots of amazing learning going on in school which you can read about below. We've also welcomed new governors to our school Governing Board this month. We have a new parent governor, Kate Chapman-Dean who was elected unopposed; a new foundation governor Dr Nick Buckley and a new co-opted governor Susan Bell. Our governors do a amazing job helping to support and challenge school to be the best we can. Welcome to all our new governors.

SAMLESBURY NEWS AND REMINDERS

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN CLASSES THIS HALF TERM ? Here's a small snippet of some of the fantastic learning which has been going on in school in November .

INFANT CLASS - This month the Infants have been exploring the stories of Dr Seuss! We had a visit from the Cat in the Hat and his Things, and wrote our own stories about what might happen if the Cat came back. In Design Technology we have also been working hard on our glove puppets, based on another Dr Seuss character. He's green and very mean - Can you guess who it is? We have been investigating different textiles and fabrics and exploring ways to join them effectively, including gluing, stapling and stitching.



We have been looking at seasonal changes in Science and learning about the way that the weather and number of daylight hours change over the year.



In Forest School, we have been creating our own Christmas decorations using natural materials. We searched around the Forest School area to find the perfect sticks and twigs to use for reindeer antlers and used our new joining skills from Design Technology to fix them to wooden discs. We can't wait to take them home to show you!

YEAR 5/6

This month, Years 5 and 6 have had a wonderful 'visitor' all the way from America. Miss Gill's brother joined us over Zoom to help us learn about forces. He is a pilot--it's a fascinating job. We learned how aeroplanes are sucked up into the air using the forces of thrust, air resistance, gravity and lift. We also learnt how to use a piece of paper to demonstrate how the plane is literally sucked up into the air. Another interesting part of the lesson was where we got to ask him questions. We learned all about the aircraft he flies, how long he has been flying for and what he loves about flying. We then got to apply what we had learned, created our own paper aeroplanes and had a competition. It was great fun!



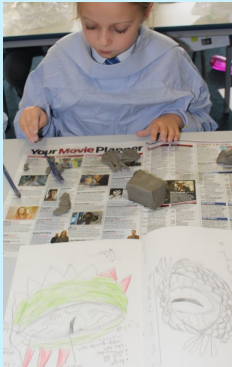
In English, History and Art we have been learning all about World War 2. In English, we have been writing a letter to a loved one as if we were one of the soldiers. They went through so much and many gave the ultimate sacrifice: their lives. Historically, we have looked at rationing, what it was like to be evacuated as a child--we even wrote letters home telling our families about our new homes. We have also been painting pictures based on Paul Nash (an artist employed by the government to paint pictures of the war).

YEAR 3/4 - What another fantastic month we've had in Years 3 and 4. Folk-tales has been our topic in English and we've been investigating different versions of the Suffolk folk-tale all about the Green Children. The photos are of us memorising and acting out one version, in preparation for us writing our own folk-tale next week. We've also been having lots of fun learning how to rehearse our sentences out loud, using actions and noises for our punctuation!



We've been looking at times when it is right to challenge authority in RE and have found out about the fascinating lives of Rosa Parks and Oscar Romero, both of whom stood up for what they thought was right. This has linked beautifully to our half-termly value of Reverence and Respect and we've had some incredibly deep and thoughtful conversations in our worships this term about the importance of respecting everybody in our world as equals. We've also taken time during Anti Bullying Week to deepen our respect for each other and created kindness hearts about each of our classmates as well as thinking about our role in standing up against bullying. In History we've been learning

about how the Anglo-Saxons impacted religion in England – we were fascinated to discover that our names of the week actually come from some of the gods the Anglo Saxons worshipped. We've also been exploring a new Design Technology focus this term and learning about different types of mechanisms. Through this unit of work, we have already made moving dragons using split pin links and will be aiming towards using pneumatics to create a moving Christmas themed project. In PE we are busy working towards a Lancashire Virtual Gymnastics competition. We have been developing our gymnastic skills such as rolls, jumps and balances over the Autumn term. The internal results for these will then be reported to the South Ribble School Sports Partnership to compete against other Lancashire schools. We are very excited to see each other's performances!



NEW SCHOOL ENTRANCE AND SIGN



We're looking forward to the time when we can welcome everyone back into school but for now we can show you a few photos of our new front door, entrance and offices . It's made a huge difference to the front of school. A big thank you to Holly and Nick (Douglas Signs), Leo's mummy and daddy who installed our new school sign

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

This Sunday is the first Sunday in advent and church is following IN SEARCH OF CHRISTMAS. During advent we'll be sharing with you weekly details of a game or trail you can join in with at home. Every Friday we'll be sharing a QR code or link (this will be in the Friday update) which will lead you to the reason for the season. If you crack the code at the end of Advent you can find the special baby. It's a fun way as a family to prepare for Christmas and think about the real meaning of Christmas.

You can watch the introductory video by following this link

<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/resource/in-search-of-christmas>



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING—Better Health – Every Mind Matters campaign <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters>

The new advice available on the **Every Mind Matters** website has been developed in partnership with leading children and young people's mental health charities, including Young Minds, The Mix, Place2Be and The Anna Freud Centre.

It is designed to help parents and carers spot the signs that children may be struggling with their mental health and support them, and also provides advice that can help maintain good mental wellbeing. The site also provides tools to help young people build resilience and equips them to look after their mental wellbeing.

The current lock down can affect all members of our families and communities in different ways and this is a great resource if you need any guidance or advice.



AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

CoolKidz has a few specials coming up in the next few weeks . First there is a **Christmas Bingo** with prizes on the **3rd December** which is followed by **Christmas Karaoke** on the **7th**. They are making the most of the light up dance floor which will have been used for the filming of our Kylie 'Magic' dance routines. Please book through tCoolkidz website.



A SPECIAL HEADTEACHERS AWARD:

This week Esther in reception class has received her head teachers award at home as she has had to have a extend period of family self isolation at home due to the Coronavirus. She has been out of school for almost four weeks but through all that time has been working hard to keep up to date. Our best wishes go to all the family and we can't wait to have Esther back with us!



WORSHIP AND VALUES THEME THIS HALF TERM:

Respect and Reverance



Remembering all those who have gone before us, as well as those who sacrifice for us now, was a key part of our reflections at the start of half term. The whole school thought about how this impacts our lives and how we should live to help others. Our ethos is Learning, Growing and Inspiring others through God's Love and Grace. Our Christian values help us to live our lives in the light of these so that we can serve our community .

Worship takes place in class each day with bible stories, Picture News to explore our Christian values in real life situations as well as collective worship all together and celebration worship on a Friday which Y6 still plan and prepare for the whole school .



Stars of the Week & Headteacher's Award for November



Date	Stars of the Week	Headteacher's Award
6.11.20	William YR Edith Y1 Emelia Y3 Brooke Y5	Brooke Y5
13.11.20	Phoebe YR Ethan Y2 Imogen Y3 Ethan Y6	Madalene Y4
20.11.20	Tilly YR Theodore Y1 Jack Y4 George Y5	Harley Y5 Layla Y4
27.11.20	Noah YR Layla-Maryam Y2 Leanna Y3 Joshua Y6	Jude Y1 Esther YR

APPLYING FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES 2021

If you have a child who will be starting primary school in September 2021 the deadline for applying is 15th January 2021. The link below will take you to the primary admissions website which contains all the information you need to apply

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/#:~:text=The%20deadline%20to%20apply%20for,October%202020%20for%20secondary%20schools>



BOOK FAIR

The book fair was as big a hit as ever, despite having coronavirus precautions in place, and the children were able to choose from a fantastic range of books. School was able to choose £225 of free books as a result of all the sales so a huge thank you to everyone who, supported the book fair.



WARM BASE LAYERS OVER THE WINTER MONTHS

As you know school has many systems in place to ensure school is as Covid safe and one of these is to ensure that we have good ventilation throughout school. This means that windows are open on a daily basis and despite our heating being on, on colder days it can get a bit cool. Please can you consider this over the winter and ensure that your children do have sufficient base layers on for the colder months.

COMING UP IN SCHOOL

7th December 'Magic' Dance Routine Filming The children need a disco outfit for the filming. It can be full on or more sedate as long as it fits the music! Please can outfits be sent to school in a bag on the day.

8th December 'The Night Before Christmas' theatre visit to school (Covid secure) from the Quantum Theatre Company will be visiting school and every class will receive a separate performance of this classic poem. That week in school will be a themed Christmas week based on this poem.

11th December SUPER FRIDAY: this is a very busy day!!

Wake Up Shake Up FOSS sponsored fundraising event in school - Children to wear PE kit today with Christmas jumpers and bring any other Christmas fancy dress they'd like for the WUSU in the afternoon.

FOSS Christmas raffle draw with year 6 and Santa in the hall – 2.30pm (*this will be filmed by FOSS and posted on their Facebook page so you can check for your ticket*)

Afterschool KS2 FOSS Christmas film night – staff are staying to run this event so that bubbles remain separate. This will finish 5.15pm. Please book via the FOSS Facebook page or see a FOSS committee member.

Wednesday 16th December: Class Christmas party day/Christmas lunch day and Santa himself will be making a socially distanced visit to school! . Children to come into school in party clothes all day

Thursday 17th December : Carol service and end of term celebration worship @ 9.30am. This will be via Zoom so that all classes can take part together.

The children are learning two carols in Sign Language for our carol service. If you'd like to help them at home these are the links you'll need.

Away in a Manger: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zjf_Jbb0ukM&safe=active

Silent Night: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v33AXpAs6jA&safe=active>

Break up for Christmas at the end of the day. Return to school Monday 4th January 2021

Our Year 3/4 class are also going to be contributing to the Zoom carol service from St Leonard the Less this year—they will be signing Away in a Manger. Details of this service will follow before the end of term so that you can join with our church family this Christmas in the carol service.

Break up

Please see the school calendar on the website for diary dates.