



Samlesbury CE Primary

LEARNING GROWING & INSPIRING
THROUGH GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE

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October 2020

We've had a great first half term at Samlesbury. It's hard to believe that we've already finished the first term of this academic year! We have been impressed with how well everyone has settled back into the routines at school and the support and cooperation we have received for the new measures in place has demonstrated what a fantastic community we have. Thank you for your ongoing support this half term and we look forward to welcoming you all back after what we hope is a restful week's break for everyone.

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 this half term.

INFANT CLASS



This half term in infant class we have been learning all about pets. We have been exploring how to take care of them to keep them happy and healthy - we even got to meet Miss Wallace's rabbits! We made our own non-chronological reports about guinea pigs, using our class 'pet' guinea pig Jelly Pig to help us. Our



favourite fact was "guinea pigs can chat to each other by squeaking"! We have also been fantastic independent learners in the provision areas, discovering the best materials to make a den, writing

letters to characters from the Rabbit and Bear books and creating flags for the different countries in the U.K.

YEAR 5/6

This half term, our topic has been 'There's no place like home.' In DT we have been looking at home-grown, locally sourced food, culminating in us creating our own UK, seasonal pasties. We had lots of fun researching seasonal produce, tasting seasonal produce (some of which went down better than others), designing our pasties, making them on our DT day, and finally getting to taste our hard work. In Science, we have been looking at Earth and Space. We have learnt about the rotation of the earth, the history behind the discovery of our Earth's rotation around our Star (the Sun), we have performed an experi-

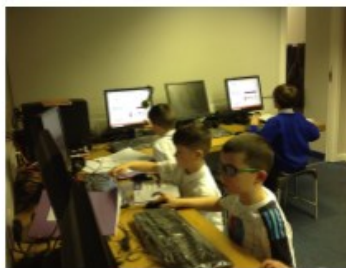


ment to see how shadows move because of the Earth's rotation and we even created a scaled model of our solar system using different sizes of fruit to represent the planets--Earth was a raspberry--and toilet paper to measure the distances between the planets!

YEAR 3/4

This half term in Year 3/4 we have been busy little bees learning lots in our Autumn topic 'Monsters, Dragons and Invaders'. As part of our English curriculum we have been exploring Narrative Poetry by various poets like Michael Rosen and have had a go at writing our own. We're poets and we didn't even know it! We particularly liked the poem 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon'. We have also spent time finding out about the Loch Ness Monster and have loved writing our very own magazine articles all about it. When we had finished, we typed up our final versions onto Purple Mash (which is what we're doing in the photographs) and we loved it so much that many of us continued our work at home and shared our articles with our families.

In our Science so far, we have become personal trainers and have been learning all about healthy balanced diets and how fascinating the human skeleton is. In other subjects, we've created some amazing art work based on Andy Warhol and the Pop Art movement using a variety of media such as paints, ink and felt-tips. We've learnt more about the continent of Europe and now have a much better understanding of the location of the countries within Europe and their capital cities. In History we have started to find out about the Anglo-Saxons and why they invaded Britain. Through RE we have learnt about the authority of Jesus and are now looking at the Jewish Shabbat. As you can see, we have had a super busy, but super fun half-term and we haven't even told you about half of it!



FOSS EVENTS

Despite the restrictions which are on us all at the moment FOSS and school are working hard to continue school events which are still possible and provide the extras for school which they do so fantastically every year.

KS1 Film Night is tonight. If your child isn't yet booked in it's not too late. Myself and Miss Wallace will be hosting this to keep the bubble intact. All snacks are quarantined in school for 72 hours beforehand.

You should all have received your Smartie tubes yesterday—the deadline to return these is the 6th November.

COMING UP...

Photo & colouring competition in November—this will link into the topics taking place in each of the classes after half term. More details will follow...

KS2 Christmas film night—this will be on Friday 11th December. It will be hosted by staff with the two classes in their own classroom to keep bubbles intact.

Chocolate tombola will still take place in school during the last week of term—again more details to follow. There will be a non uniform day for this on **Thursday 19th November—children are asked to donate a chocolate gift e.g. box of chocolates or similar.**

Christmas raffle draw—there are some fantastic prizes this year. More details will follow after half term with tickets being sent out to sell. The draw will be on the 11th December and again more details will follow after half term.

And in planning (to make it Covid secure)...a themed fancy dress Christmas Wake Up Shake sponsored PE session in school.

FOSS AGM is on the 18th November. If you are interested in getting involved or would just like to see what FOSS is all about contact FOSS via their Facebook page.



CELEBRATING READING

Well done to our winners this half term of the word count challenge, which is recorded by our school reading system, Accelerated Reader.

3rd place - Kayleigh, 105,498 words

2nd place - Bella, 147,542 words

1st place - Madalene, 169,637 words

We're also thrilled by how many of our KS2 children have today been presented with a certificate to say they are 50% of the way to achieving their termly reading target. If your child hasn't yet reached their 50% target, please keep encouraging them. Half term is an ideal time to get stuck into a great book particularly this year when we are more limited in what we can do. Once a child has reached their target, their next challenge is to keep reading to try and join our millionaire word count club. Who will be the first member?

KS2 CLASS NOVELS - last half term many of you bought the class novel for your child so they had their own copy. If you would like to do the same again, the next books are:

Y5/6 = 'The London Eye Mystery' by Siobhan Dowd

Y3/4 = 'The Nothing To See Here Hotel' by Steven Butler

BOOK DONATIONS

Mrs Quayle has asked if anyone is having a sort out of books at home and would like to donate them to school they would be gratefully received to add to our class reading areas and our school library. Year 3/4 would also be incredibly grateful if anyone has a bookcase about 1 metre high that they no longer need and would be willing to donate.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

The staff and children at Cool Kidz have had a fun filled first half term. We have had scavenger hunts in the school grounds, made our own pizzas, baked bread and celebrated three birthdays. The staff have enjoyed introducing new card games and board games and getting to know the children and their families. We can't wait to see what fun we have next half term!

WORSHIP AND VALUES THEME THIS HALF TERM:

Forgiveness

We've spent time this half term thinking about how forgiveness is a key value for life, what it means and how it can impact our life in a positive way.



Pam Daunton (from church) has also taken collective worship twice this half term via Zoom. It's been interesting learning to lead worship over a computer screen but we're all getting used to it and making it work!

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 October



| Date | Stars of the Week | Headteacher's Award |
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| 2.10.20 | Dexter (Y6) Frankie K (Y4) Jesse (Y2) George (R) | Charlie Y2 |
| 9.10.20 | Millie (Y6) Sammy (Y3) Willow(Y2) Megan (R) | Oliver Y5 |
| 16.10.20 | Jack (Y6) Ellis (Y4) Ethan (Y2) Phoebe (R) | Thomas Y1 |
| 23.10.20 | Layla (Y5) Max (Y4) Jacob Y2 Esther (R) | Jacob Y2 Ellis Y4 |

APPLYING FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY 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. For secondary schools this is 31st October 2020.

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>



REMOTE LEARNING PLAN

So far, we are thankful we've not had to send any bubbles home but at some point it is likely to affect all schools, including us. We have been working hard on our own remote learning plan and straight after half term we will be letting you know what to expect from school for all cases where your child has to be off due to isolating whether they are off individually or it's the whole class bubble.

In the slightly longer term, we will be moving to Microsoft Teams to provide all remote learning. A DfE provider will be setting this up for us after half term. In the meantime, we will be using a mix of live Zoom sessions, Purple Mash and emailed packs of work if a whole class has to self isolate at home with emailed packs and online learning units from the government's Oak Academy for children who individually have to isolate.

The expectation is that all work sent home should be completed and returned to school, preferably daily so that teachers can give feedback and next step support.

Teachers will be talking to their classes at the start of next half term about what will happen if their class has to self isolate.

COMING UP IN SCHOOL

Class and Individual photos will be taken on the 6th November. Please can Y6 NOT come in PE kit that day

Remembrance Day and Poppy Appeal. During the whole of the first week back poppies and other items to support the Poppy appeal will be on sale in school. All items will have been quarantined in school and kept in three separate boxes so that items sold are Covid secure. Suggested donations are 50p for a poppy, £1.00 for a rubber wrist band to £1.50 for snap wrist bands.

Our head girl and boy will also be taking part in the church remembrance Sunday service and laying a wreath at the memorial on behalf of everyone in school.

9th November NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe program. During this week all classes will be working through this package.

Children in Need 13th November - non uniform day (no theme) suggested donation will be £1 and is payable on Parent Pay but you can donate more if you wish. Class dojo winners will have their non uniform a different day.

16th November is the start of Anti Bullying Week. All classes will spending time as part of PSHE looking at this theme.

'The Night Before Christmas' theatre visit to school (Covid secure) - on 8th December 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. We are asking for just a £2.00 donation for this and it will be available on ParentPay.

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