



St. Andrew's C.E. Primary School Newsletter

Monday 4th March 2024

Year 1 are already engrossed in their new **topic of Antarctica**. After sharing what they already knew (there's lots of penguins and it's the coldest continent on earth!), **we decided on some questions to try and investigate the answers during the term**. They read the book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers, then sequenced the events with a story map about a boy who finds a lost penguin and takes him back to the South Pole – **they can't wait to write their own adventure story!**



Year 2 learned all about **The Great Fire of London** and were able to recreate it on Minecraft. They worked collaboratively to build their own town and then **fire struck**, spreading quickly among their virtual houses!



In Year 3, **the children have been using the virtual reality headsets to explore the London Underground during the Blitz**. They used hand held controls to move around and experience the sights and sounds and found it really stimulating. The children also visited 'A street through time'.

Modern Foreign Languages

The **Alliance of Language Learning** launched their Calligram competition this year and we decided to participate. The children in Years 5 and 6 were challenged to use words or phrases in any language other than English to produce an image. The words had to relate to the image. There were **some really creative pieces produced** and the staff had a tricky job choosing the three entries for submission, but here they are: Well done to Lily, Jacob and Poppy.



You can see some more of the children's entries in the MFL area of the school website.



In the story, the Three Little Pigs had houses made of straw, sticks and bricks. But were they waterproof?

The children In EYFS **drew pigs using felt tip pen**. They were put into the home and a paper roof was attached using an elastic band, pipecleaner or tape.

Time to test! Using pipettes and syringes, the children squirted water onto the roof.

What happened to the roof, the pig, the water? Why?

Perhaps we should have used straw, sticks and bricks!

Swimathon Success



Team St Andrew's did themselves proud in the **Thame Rotary Swimathon on Sunday 25th February**. The team was made up of **Martha, Lia, Henry, Lucas, Ellie and Emma**. They **swam continuously for an hour and, between them, they swam a staggering 108 lengths (2700m)**! Massive well done swimmers and Miss Revill for the opportunity.

So far, they have raised £340! The fundraising page will remain open for a few weeks should you wish to donate:

[St Andrew's CE Primary - Swimathon 2024 - Online Social Fundraising Donation Platform | Givey.](#)



Year 3 have been getting prepared for the art competition. **The children have designed characters based on their favourite books**. The stuffed characters even had clothes and hair put onto them! On Friday last week and Monday this week, we were very lucky to have science workshops, the children learned about the fossilisation process using drama and even got to see some amazing experiments.

Year 4 have been diving into the **Viking era in their topic** this term. They have created a timeline of key Anglo-Saxon and Viking events, as well as doing some acting as King Alfred the Great and King Athelstan. The children particularly enjoyed using the **VR headsets** to be able to see and explore for themselves what Viking civilisations would have actually been like!

Year 6 have been experimenting with non-**Newtonian liquids**. We have created our own "slime" and carried



out tests to analyse their properties and how they could be used in new products in the real world.



Year 5 have been busy rehearsing this term, for their production '**Shakespeare Rocks**'. Pupils have been actively involved in learning lines, **practising songs, and perfecting their performances**. The production provides a fantastic opportunity for them to not only develop their acting and singing skills but also gain a deeper understanding of Shakespearean language and themes. **The children are very excited to perform to parents and carers in the near future.**



The children recently enjoyed **two exciting science days!** The first, "Time for Science" by AS Creatives, explored timelines and famous scientists through drama. The second, led by Professor Bubbleworks, engaged students with fun, hands-on experiments. From EYFS to Year 6, **pupils were captivated and gained inspiration** for British Science Week and our **upcoming pupil-led investigations competition**. Thank you to Miss Smith, science leader, for organising these wonderful opportunities for the children.



Dates for your Diary Term 4

Please remember we like to take opportunities as they arise for the children. An event may appear on the calendar at short notice because it is too good to miss.

March 4th - Junior Citizen Atlantic Class
 March 6th - SASA Wonderful Women Sale
 March 7th - World Book Day
 March 8th - March 11th - Art Exhibition Manser Hall
 March 8th - Junior Citizen Pacific Class
 March 11th - Hatching Eggs Arrive
 March 12th - Y2 Trip Oxford Story Museum
 March 14th - Y5 Trip Chiltern Open Air Museum
 March 15th - Red Nose Mufti Day & SASA KS2 Disco
 March 19th - Year 4 Production 2.20pm
 March 20th - Year 5 Production 2.15pm
 March 21st - Year 2 Cake Sale
 March 27th - Y2 SATs Talk
 March 28th - Term Ends 1.30pm

April 15th - Term 5 Starts