



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

Thursday 14th September 2023

Our Vision:

At St Andrew's CE Primary School, we aim to bring children to a place where they can realise their full potential. Our Christian values are the foundation of all we do and each one is a facet of the central value, love, which 'always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.' (1 Corinthians 13:7)
Protect, Trust, Hope and Persevere

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a brilliant first week back. There has been lots of lovely new families join the St Andrew's family and I am happy to see the children have settled in well.

The whole school is working on the explore an '**Around the World**' topic. Each year group has a focus on one particular area. If you are able to share resources, talks or anything else to support this please contact the school office.

EYFS Around the World

Y1 Peru

Y2 America

Y3 Germany

Y4 Greece

Y5 Italy

Y6 The Americas



Dates

Dates for the year will be published on the school's website in the coming weeks once we have finalised trips and received confirmations. **Please note dates are subject to change.**

Uniform – Reminders

Thank you for ensuring your children have **the correct uniform**. They look so smart. Please ensure your children have indoor pumps and uniform is **clearly labelled** to avoid loss.

Health and Safety – Reminders

Please make sure health care plans are updated and staff are fully informed of any changes.

We are increasing the amount play equipment on the playground across the school. During the **school day the children are supervised** when using it. Please could we ask **parents not to permit their children to use the equipment during drop off and pick up** times as there is no supervision at this time. This applies to **pupils and their siblings** etc. For the safety of all **scooters, bikes and skateboards should not be ridden on the school site.**

When walking in through the main gate please use **the pedestrian path** not the road entrance to model **road safety** for the children. **Parking on site is for staff only.**

What is happening in the classrooms?

Copper Class



Over the summer **Copper class garden** had an **outdoor gym** installed. As you can see this is very popular with all of Copper class, who have been working hard to improve their **fitness levels** and **coordination skills**.

Year 1

The wonderful year 1 children have settled incredibly well into their new routines and classrooms. They have created **class charters of rules** that they would like within their learning environment, such as **'We will look after our friends'** **'We will try our best'** **'We will use kind hands, kind words and kind feet'**. They even signed them with their fingerprints and names.

Year 2



Year 2 have started learning all about the **USA**. They have also completed some **planting** while investigating how different **vegetables grow**. After all their hard work this week we spent the afternoon working on mindfulness by completing **yoga and meditation** together in the hall.

Year 3

Year 3 started to learn about rocks in **science** and the children have been bringing in some **splendid specimens** to show the rest of the class. The children thought of some questions that we can investigate, such as: **why are some rocks smooth and some rough?** How big is the biggest rock? What can rocks be used for? We hope to answer these questions and others over term one



EYFS



The children have settled into the **school routine**, learning about the importance of **sharing and taking turns** during their play and new **friendships** have been formed.

Inspired by the **classic traditional tale, Pinocchio**, the children in Year 5 have been **story mapping and creatively exploring** the chosen text in preparation for writing their very own piece.

Year 5



Year 4



Year 4 have dived straight into their new topic of **Greece**. We have already discovered several **key facts**, such as what language they speak, the currency they use and where Greece is located on a map. The children have lots of **questions that they would like to investigate the answers to** during the term, some of them including: what is the main religion of Greece? Do they have a president? Has the population changed over time?

Year 6 had an exciting first week at back at St Andrew's. They dived into the world of the **ancient Mayans**, embracing history and culture while also showcasing their **artistic talents through self-portraits**. As a teambuilding activity, they ended the week with a class vs. class rounders game. This combination of **academic exploration and fun team-building** sets a strong foundation for a great year ahead.

Year 6



**Thank you for your continued support,
Annette Mashru - Headteacher**