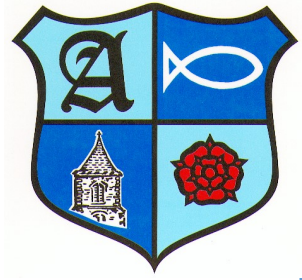




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28th January 2022

Spotlight on Year 2

What a wonderful start to our 'spotlight' week - TTRockstars Day! The children had a great time creating their wonderful costumes for the day, but most importantly they were so excited to be introduced to the latest online platform 'Times Tables Rockstars'. We can already see them shooting up the leader board! Keep it up!



Sadly, it is our final week of the Jonny Duddle adventure 'The Pirate Cruncher.' With their explorer hats on, they have been innovating a new version of the book - 'The Astronaut Cruncher'. Trust me - they are a great read!

In preparation for our two-week unit of work on 'real life' explorers, the children have been using atlases to name and locate the continents and oceans so that they can plot Amy Johnson's journey next week.

What a wonderful half term we have had in Year 2! And we still have two more weeks of fun and learning ahead!





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Message from Headteacher

Dear parents, carers, grandparents and parishioners,

Online Safety

Please click on the following link to access our new 'Digital Classroom' <https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/digital-classroom> . Within the Digital Classroom, you will find links to the learning platforms to support children's learning and also the first guidance poster on the use of 'YouTube' within the Online Safety for children and families section. We will continue to add new guidance throughout the year directly from the National Online Safety Website.

You will have noticed that we have numerous contractors on site as the planned building works continue. Currently, the perimeter fence is being upgraded. New gates for pedestrian and vehicular access will shortly be installed completing this much needed improvement to our school grounds. The old barrier on the driveway will be removed and replaced with new automated gates. The gates will be timed to enable parental access to breakfast and after school clubs as we currently have. As we would expect, our children continue to be extremely sensible when walking to and from school and also when moving to and from the playgrounds. Please continue to discuss with your children the importance of safety when crossing busy roads.

I will continue to inform families as the term progresses regarding future building projects.

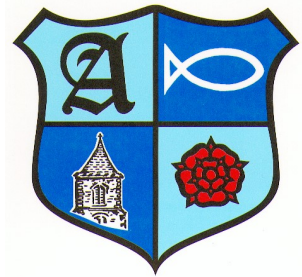
Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend,

Mr P Bates

Headteacher



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Curriculum News

Nursery In Nursery we have been exploring a different country called Antarctica. We have learnt it is an "island", its "very cold", "snowy", "icy", "slippery" and has "iceberg's" and that only animals live there. We have learnt lots about the different animals that live creating some wonderful penguin pictures using shapes. We have also solved some math problems, examining the concepts of one more and one less. We have been listening carefully and working out the initial sounds of the different animals and have enjoyed lots of stories about the animals. Stars of the Week: Ivy Q for Fabulous initial letter sounds, Fraser B for finding all the letters in his name and arranging them in the correct order, Billy B for always trying hard.

Reception This week we have been comparing different characters. We began our week comparing our favourite superheroes and villains and used some brilliant vocabulary to describe the difference in each of their appearances and personalities. We then compared characters from stories like the Big Bad Wolf and the Woodcutter and Hansel and Gretel and the old lady. Reception have also been learning all about different emotions and how we can show these, the children identified lots of different emotions and talked about when they feel these themselves. They then created their own feelings monster!

Year 1 This week in Year 1 the children have continued to read the class story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. They have wrote letters to the Troll from the Billy Goats Gruff and also responded to their letters pretending to be the Troll. They are now working hard to plan their own versions and they are looking forward to writing their stories next week. In maths the children have been busy solving subtraction calculations using their own chosen method. Remember to take a look at our Twitter pages to see what we get up to.

Year 2 Please see this week's spotlight.

Year 3 This week we have created some pretty amazing volcanoes! Ready for painting and then exploding! We've also completed our very informative non chronological reports on Pompeii. We're looking forward to Roman Day on Wednesday when we'll be cooking traditional Roman recipes and playing some Roman games.

Year 4 Year 4 have rocked the school and the Times Tables Rockstar Tournament this week. They loved dressing up on Monday and have demonstrated a competitive spirit throughout the week.

Year 5 Year 5 have been enjoying finding out about the development of knowledge regarding the Solar System. They have discussed and understood why different theories were believed, and how they have evolved over time, to the present day.

Year 6 This week in Yr 6 we have been writing for or against keeping chameleons as pets. We have started to create our own characters for a new chapter of the Wizard of Oz.



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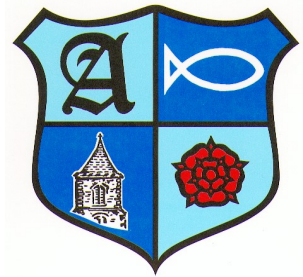
Our Award Winners!

Star of the Week Mission Statement

Harrison J	George O
Oliver G	Esme M
Sophia H	Timothy C
Josie H	Lola O
Grace W	Sophie Mcl
Joni M	Emily W
Saskia B	George H
Sienna L	Joseph W
Isabelle A	Will C
Sophia G	Ben O
Matthew W	James E
Damian B	Harry E
James Mc	Leo KF
Maisie F & Daniel P	Ted C



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Key Messages

Covid19

Dr Karunanithi, who is Lancashire's Director of Public Health, has issued guidance for schools when managing Covid. Control measures that schools are to continue which are:

Good hygiene for everyone

Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes

Keep occupied spaces well ventilated

Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing positive cases

St Anne's Church Bulletin

The Bulletin is available on the Church website: stannes-ormskirk.org.uk

A link is available at the bottom of every page on our school website also.