



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024

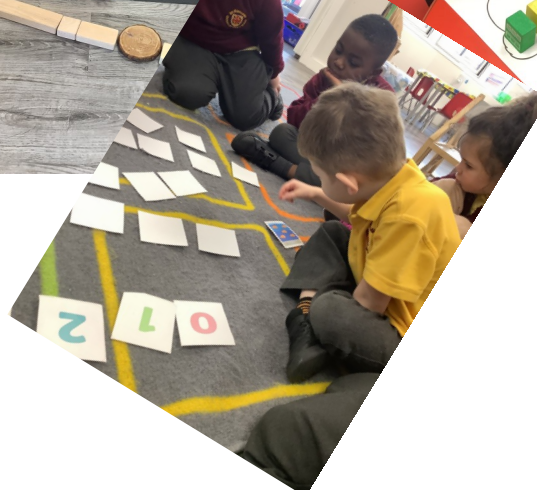
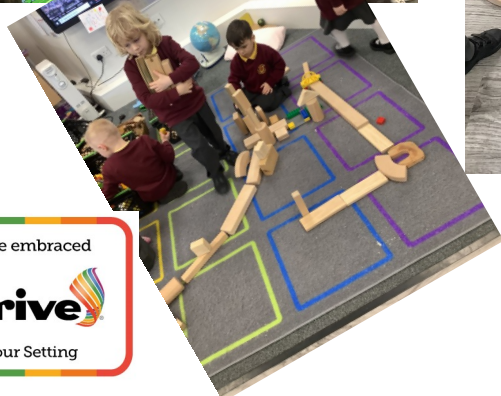
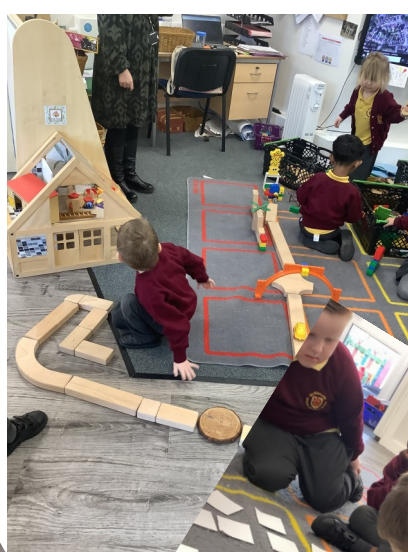
This Weeks Spotlight!

EYFS

First week back and the children have been working hard! In Literacy this week we have been reading the book the Princess and the Pea. It all started when a bed, mattress and a pea appeared in our classroom and the children had to use their questioning skills to find out who it could be. As a class we have been thinking about names for our princess and pea and what they could say in a speech bubble. Then the children used all the skills they have learned to write a sentence in their own writing books. they worked super hard, and their letter formation is fantastic.

In Maths the children have been exploring the numbers 0 to 5. The have been consolidating their knowledge of what the numbers mean and how we can represent them with different objects. The children have played lots of games to help them understand the numbers; the first to zero, matching the amount and can you find....

Our new topic is celebrations of the world and we have been discussing what we need to do to plan a celebration. as a class the children watched a clip of all the things needed for a birthday party. Then we listed all the things we needed before, during and after a party. Also,, the children have been exploring maps and globes. We used Google earth to find the school and looked at the area around it. We used this to build our own messy maps.



Classroom News!

Year One & Two

What a great first week back for Year 1&2! We have enjoyed talking about our favourite Christmas gifts and some children even brought them in for 'show and tell'. We started our new Geography topic comparing Skelmersdale with a town in Australia. The children learnt about forests, settlements and coasts. What they are and where they are in Skelmersdale and the surrounding areas. In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting using 100 squares and in English, we have been asking questions, writing in full sentences and using conjunctions. In RE, we have been learning about the Bible, what a special book it is and who wrote the Gospels. Well done Year 1&2!

Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we've been learning all about the Lake District. To start our unit, we have been exploring how to use the 4-figure grid reference to identify locations in and around the U.K. We then used these skills to pinpoint the locations of Skelmersdale and the Lake District. In English, we have started our new unit on 101 Dalmatians. The children have begun exploring the characters of Pongo and Missis; they have collected some powerful vocabulary; discussed the meaning of key words and begun retrieving information from the text. In Maths, we have started our multiplication and division unit, the children have been using concrete resources to help them solve mathematical problems. Finally in PE, we had lots of fun practicing our sprinting in Athletics. Well done on a fabulous first week back!

Year Five & Six

Happy New Year everyone! We have had a busy week since returning to school. The children have begun 2024 with a new English unit, which will run for this half term - the unit is based on a text called Good Night Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian. The children's interest has been captured straight away with this book, especially as we had a small suitcase arrive in class, containing clothing, a teddy bear and ratio book. The children had to guess the theme of the book - WW2, evacuee.

In RE, the children have begun to discuss different sources of information and how we get information from books and also use books as a source of joy by reading for pleasure. They brought their favourite book to school and discussed them. We have also begun exploring our new topic for the term - Geography. The first lesson introduced using units of measure for the Earth and the names of the seven lines around the Earth.



**This week's house point winner is:
Nightingale
Well done!**



Classroom Rewards

Each week children are encouraged to complete their work to a high standard (St. Edmund's Standard). Children who have tried their best to try and reach this standard will be awarded the 'St. Edmund's Standard Award'. Children are also encouraged to follow the school mission statement and show 'Care, Consideration and Courtesy' towards each other, children who show acts of kindness which follow the mission statement will be awarded the 'Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award'.

St. Edmund's Standard Award

Ksenia

Daniel

Clayton

Neriah

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Danny

Matthew

Mac

Amelia

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year FSU

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: N/A

This week's overall attendance: 89.4%

Don't forget about the importance of coming into school. If children are in school they are able to learn.

56 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

47 pupils have been in school on time every day.

FSU	93%
Year One & Two	86.3%
Year Three & Four	91.2%
Year Five & Six	88.9%

Announcement: Family Attendance Draw

At the end of each term, we are going to have an **attendance draw**. For every full week a child is in school they will receive a ticket which will be entered into the end of term attendance draw. Therefore the more full weeks your child is in school the greater chance you have at winning the draw. The prize will be a £25 voucher for Asda.

Well done to Year 1/2, a massive improvement from before Christmas, up 13.4%

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and I wish you a Happy New Year. It was lovely to have the extra week off after Christmas.

We have a performing company coming to school on Monday to perform Aladdin. We are very excited about hosting this for our children and I know the children will love it. The company is very good. If you have not paid your donation to school yet please don't forget. You can either pay by cash at the office or online through parentmail.

The building work on Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 classes will be beginning at the end of the month. I am very excited about this, it will create a lovely atmosphere for our older children to learn in. Nearer the time I will send a letter out to all parents about the arrangements during this time because the two classes will be moving and we will be blocking some of the entrances off. It will be quite difficult for approx. 10 weeks but we must keep thinking about the end result which will be two beautiful new classes with a lovely resource area in between.

We have recently purchased a program called 'Reading Plus'. This will be used in our Key Stage Two classes to help children improve their reading speed and fluency. A lot of our children are able to read but they need to be able to do so at a quicker pace. This program will support with that. Staff need to be trained on the program and the children assessed, once that has happened Key Stage Two staff will meet with parents individually to show them how to use the program at home. This program will be delivered within school and at home. I have always said reading opens the world for our children, so it is important that we work together to support them in their learning and love of reading.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham

Pantomime

I am delighted to announce that we have organised a pantomime to come and perform Aladdin in school.

The pantomime will be performing on Monday 15th January 2024 at 2.00 pm.

Crow Orchard Primary School will be joining us to watch the pantomime.

We are asking parents to donate £5 per child to help pay for the show.

You can either pay by cash or online. You will be able to pay online until the end of the month.



Pupil Corner

Well done to Kinga who has been making animals using her 3D printer. Amazing!



If your child has done something at home which they are proud of please email it to school.

head@st-edmunds.lancs.sch.uk



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2023/24

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Silver Award (14/20 books)

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

**Madison-Evie Zain Kai Ria Zak Aida
Adin Lexi May Grace Aron David Max**

St. Edmund's Reading Awards

The children are encouraged to read their books at home. This will help the children to learn through repeated practice. Those children who read at home will be rewarded with the following rewards:

Bronze Award—Certificate

Silver Award —Book Mark and Sweet Treat

Gold Award —Reading Book

As children achieve the reward they will be added to the reading wall in red.

