



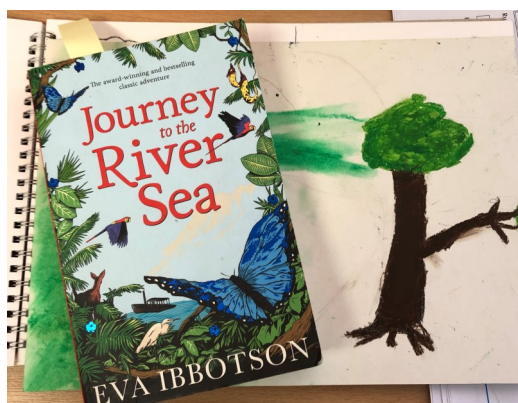
# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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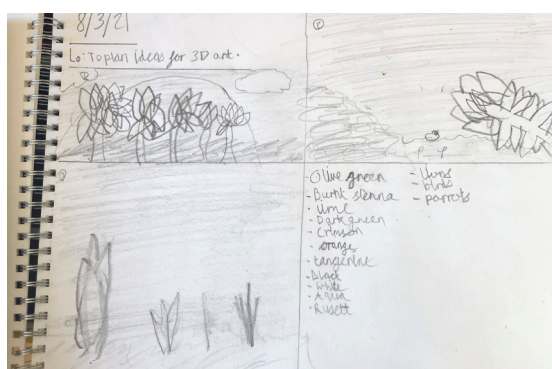
## This Weeks Spotlight!

### Year Six!

It has been wonderful to see all the children this week and we have started back to school with a bang! We have begun an exploration of our new class text 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson and in Maths we have been catching up on our times tables and place value knowledge and understanding.



We have also been exploring the life and qualities/virtues of St Joseph during the festival of Lent. Moreover, we have been sketching our ideas for a very creative 3D Amazon Rain-forest scene, as well as making a surprise for the wonderful people in our lives for Mothering Sunday.



## Classroom News!

### EYFS

We have had a wonderful week in FSU! We are so happy to back in school with our friends and have settled in brilliantly. We have spent some time this week making something special for Mother's Day so we hope it brings a smile on Sunday.

### Year One & Two

It has been fantastic to welcome all the children back to school this week and they have amazed me at how quickly they have settled back in and are ready to learn. In English we have been learning about instruction writing and the children have been following a range of instructions including: drawing a pigeon from our book and also operating some Bee-bots in computing!

### Year Three & Four

It has been really nice to see the children back in school. In year 3 4, as part of our topic work, we were invaded by the Romans and re-enacted how to be a Roman soldier conquering different countries. We also enjoyed planning our sewing projects in Design Technology.

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### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

It is an absolute delight to have our children back into school, they have been fantastic in terms of behaviour and getting back into a routine. It is certainly very tiring getting back into the swing of things therefore I am sure we will all sleep well tonight.

During lockdown, we have continued to make changes to the school, our reading curriculum is certainly improving and therefore you will begin to see a difference in terms of your child's ability to read. We have recently spent £2,500 on new guided reading materials, we have had guided reading training and we have placed our children in groups which will ensure rapid progress in this area. The new reading resources are for use in school therefore we will be looking at home readers in the next academic year and evaluating what we provide for the children taking home.

Our focus from September will be improving our Maths provision for our children.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and please keep safe.

Mrs Birmingham

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## 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**

Abiah Kamran

Isla Chatterley

Shay McConnell

Noah Brown

Brian Lach

Ava-Jo Davies

### **Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award**

Maya Mazur

Shayla-Mae Lewin

Lexi Miles

Kayden Lewin

Isak Fury

Louisiana Needham

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## **Attendance and Lateness**

We have applied a gentle approach to attendance and lateness this week because of getting back into a routine and into school. We understand after this last lockdown it will be quite difficult to back into the swing of things. From Monday, we will begin to be a little bit tougher because it is essential that our children attend school and be on time especially after being away from school for such a long time. I can ensure that the systems, resources and teaching in school is of a good quality, what I need you to do is ensure your child/children are in school and ready for learning by 9.00. By working together we can make sure that your child's life chances are improved and that they can achieve what they want to be in the future.

I do want to reassure you that if you are isolating or have COVID this is a different matter, your child does need to be at home, or if they are ill. If they do not have COVID, are isolating or are not ill then they must be in school.

You have beautiful children who can achieve and will do well in the future, but they must be in school to do so.

From next week, we will begin to identify on the newsletter the class with the best attendance and give out awards for those children who have good attendance. The end of year report will also inform you of your child's attendance and whether it meets government expectations.

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## St. Edmund's Nursery



I am delighted to announce that St. Edmund's can now offer 30 hours nursery to our community. The hours of nursery would match the hours of school, further information about the opening times and costings can be found on our website.

If you think you may be entitled to 30 hours free nursery education please phone the office, speak to Mrs Wild and she will assist you. We are beginning to take bookings for after Easter and the new academic year, if you do have a child who is nearly 3 please phone the office to express an interest.

This is the beginning of a new chapter for our school, I am very excited to be able extend our service to the community in this way. It is a positive thing to encourage our children to attend nursery because this will give them a head start in terms of making friends and being able to communicate with others. This in the future will then further their life chances and ensure their success.

### **Our New School Business Manger**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Wild our new business manager. Mrs Wild has been with us since 1st January and has been working very hard to put new systems into place in the office. If you have any concerns about dinner money, school uniform or need help completing forms please do not hesitate to come into school or phone. Mrs Wild has met some of you already and is really looking forward to getting to know everyone and becoming part of our St. Edmund's family. Welcome Mrs Wild.

