



# ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 1st April 2021

It has been a wonderful half term and it has been fantastic to see the children back at school and eager to work hard. We have spoken a lot this half term about making **sacrifices** and the children have all made their own sacrifices on their Lenten journey. As we approach Good Friday, we take the time now to think about the **sacrifice** that Jesus made for us when he died on the cross.



We wish everyone a safe and happy Easter.

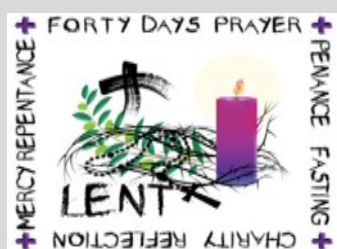
Loving God,  
May the hope of your resurrection colour  
our days.  
May the promise of your spirit working in  
us light up our lives.  
May the love you revealed to us shape our  
giving.  
May the truth in your word guide our jour-  
neys.  
May the joy of your kingdom fill our homes.  
Amen



# EASTER SERVICES

On Thursday morning, children in years 3 to 6 performed the events of Holy Week outside in the playground. It was a really spiritual and emotional moment as it was the first time in a year that Key Stage 2 could gather together to worship as a community. Each class re-told a part of the Easter story through narration, mime, contemplation and quiet music. The children demonstrated great reverence and it was wonderful to re-ignite that special St Clement's feeling of community and togetherness, of growing together in love and learning.

Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom. Luke 23:42



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children have each gathered as a class for a whole group worship where they have explored Lent as a time of new beginnings. They spoke about making a special effort during this time to do three things that were important to Jesus – praying, fasting and giving. They reminded us that we are walking for water to raise money so that all children can have access to clean and safe water close to their homes. The children have worked very hard on learning their words and speaking clearly and we are very proud of them. The Reception and Key Stage 1 worships have been filmed and have been uploaded onto the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms on Google Classroom.

Your Father in Heaven can see what you are doing, and He will reward you.

Matthew 6:18

# EASTER BUNNY

Today the Easter Bunny visited St Clements. They hopped and bounced around the playground and visited the children in each classroom much to the children's delight.



# SHAKESPEARE WEEK

It was Shakespeare Week from 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> March. Children across the school took part in various activities.

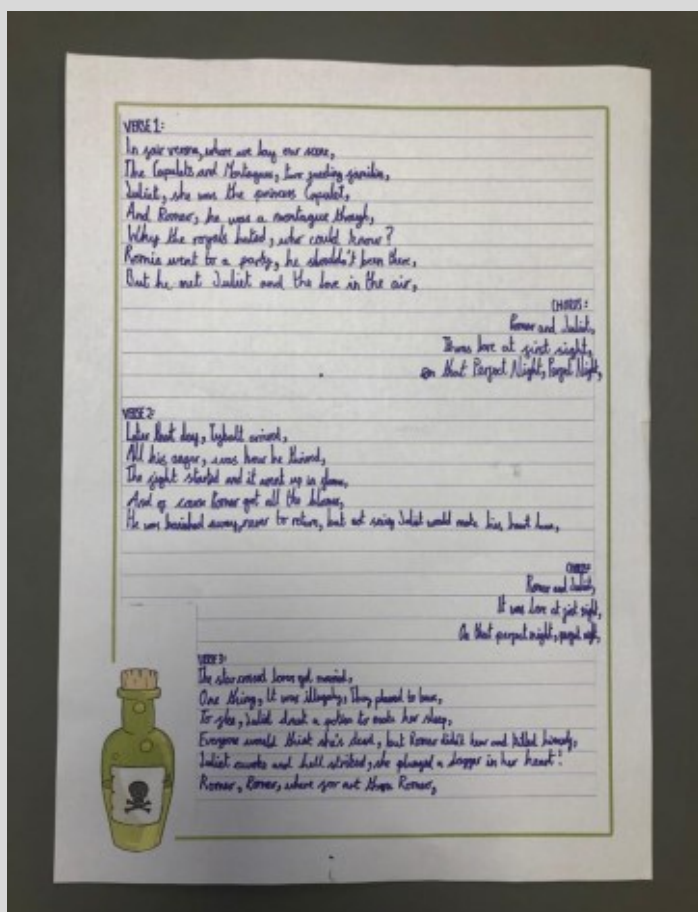
In Reception, they learnt about Shakespeare, who he was, where and when he lived and all about his family and life. They discovered that Shakespeare lived in Stratford Upon Avon with his three brothers and four sisters. His father was a glover and when he was a child they used to drink sheep's milk! His favourite lesson at school was writing and he loved watching travelling groups of actors which is why he became a playwright and actor. They also discovered that Shakespeare created the phrases 'Knock, knock!' and 'Sleep tight!'.

In Year 1, they found out about who Shakespeare was and the times he lived in. They learnt that he wrote mainly comedies and tragedies and lots of his villains were poisoned! They looked at short clips of some of his popular plays and talked about words that Shakespeare invented and are still used today, like 'hob nob', 'bedroom' and 'gloomy'.

In Year 3, they listened to the story of Hamlet, which they thoroughly enjoyed, and then used the quote 'to thine own self be true' to inspire them to write cinquains about themselves.

In Year 4, they learnt all about the life of William Shakespeare, the legacy that he left behind, as well as some fascinating facts. The children enjoyed reading and watching The Tempest, a play about magic, betrayal, love and forgiveness. They explored the characters through drama and created a mixed medium Tempest ship using paper plates, paints, crayons and other art materials.

In Year 5, they focused on Romeo and Juliet and learnt lots about Shakespeare's language. They wrote some fantastic raps and poems and performed them to each other in the playground. They really loved it and there are some budding Shakespearean rappers amongst them!





# WORLD POETRY DAY

## Reception

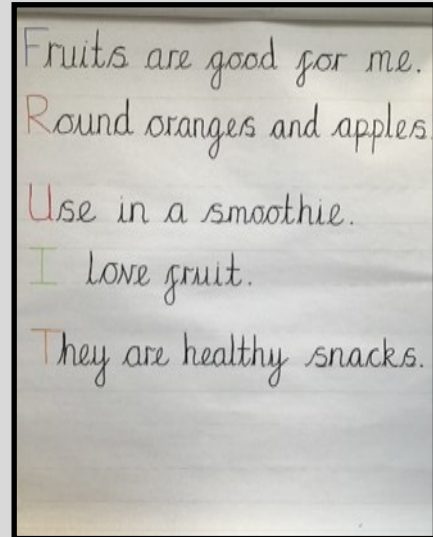
Reception enjoyed reciting some famous rhymes such as 'Jack and Jill', 'Humpty Dumpty' and 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star'. They tried to say these tongue twisters really quickly but it was quite tricky. They found it very funny when Mrs Howick-Smith got in a muddle!

*She sells sea shells on the sea shore.*

*Red lorry, yellow lorry.*

Then they listened to the Poet Paul Cookson reading his poem 'King of all the Dinosaurs'. Reception now know that a person who writes poetry is called a poet.

Finally, the children had a go at being poets ourselves. They wrote an Acrostic Poem about 'fruit' to add to their healthy eating display.



## Year 2

For World Poetry Day, Year 2 explored and learnt about shape poetry. They read different poems and tried to identify the theme of the poem from the descriptive words used and the shape of the poem. Then, in pairs, the children had a go at creating our own shape poetry based on Spring that included adjectives and similes. They enjoyed writing imaginative, creative Spring shape poetry.

## Year 3

Year 3 wrote some Cinquains on the theme of 'ourselves' and 'objects'.

The name cinquains was inspired by the quote 'To thine ownself be true' from Hamlet.

Year 3 followed this format:

Name/noun

2 adjectives

3 words to describe actions or activities

A 4 word phrase to describe the person/object or a 4 word phrase stating an aspiration

A synonym for line one

Water  
Liquid, blank  
Flowing, calming, wet  
Never ever stops  
running  
Peaceful  
(Emma)

Marble  
Polished, shiny  
Amazing, hardening,  
mining  
Never stop being  
beautiful  
Rock  
(Xavier)

Loving, clumsy  
Swimming, gymnastics, singing  
I love horse riding  
Sister  
(Sylvie)

Fun, explorer  
Caring, loving, fishing  
Horse lover and rider  
Myself  
(Ebony)

Carrots  
Cute, cuddly  
Bouncing, hopping, loving  
With me every night  
Teddy  
(Amelia)

# REAL LEADERS

On Monday last week, Years 5 and 6 took part in some Real Leaders training with Matt Alford from Real PE. They were taught the importance of developing their personal, social, cognitive and creative skills in order to become a good leader. They realised that this wasn't just about becoming a team captain, but being a great friend or brother or sister or a role model for younger children. Over the next 10 weeks, they will learn to be great communicators, organisers, motivators; they will learn how to persevere and build their resilience and confidence; and they will learn to problem solve, make decisions, explain and analyse their strengths and weaknesses. They will gain so much from this and realise that being a leader is open to absolutely anyone!



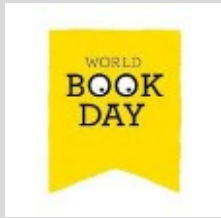
## CAFOD 'WALK FOR WATER' CHALLENGE



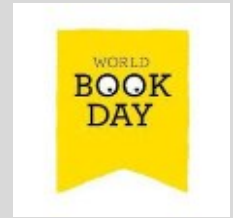
Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development



This half term we have taken part in the CAFOD 'Walk for Water' challenge. The children have been walking both in and out of school to raise funds for children who live in countries where they have no access to clean water. We were delighted to raise an amazing £1435.00 altogether. Well done to all of the classes. After Easter each class will have a virtual visit from a representative from CAFOD who will talk to them about how the money raised is going to be spent.



# WORLD BOOK DAY



This year we celebrated World Book Day by creating our own book and/or mask of our favourite book or character. They were creative and imaginative and displayed a range of reading from fiction to non-fiction, comics and stories. Throughout the day, the children took part in World Book Day themed activities and had lots of fun, such as live storytelling sessions, book quizzes, character profiles and book-marks.

## BOOK PRIZES

The following children have been awarded book prizes for their hard work and positive attitude this term. Our book prizes are awarded termly by each class teacher to one child who they think has gained self-esteem, confidence and shown resilience and determination to succeed. This award is only given once in your child's career at St Clement's.

**Year 6 - Grady**  
**Year 5 - Mia**  
**Year 4 - Lara**  
**Year 3 - Alex**  
**Year 2 - Oliver**  
**Year 1 - Myla**  
**Reception - Etieno**

## SCIENTIST OF THE TERM

**Reception - Max**  
**Year 1 - Orlando**  
**Year 2 - Alexander**  
**Year 3 - Amelie**  
**Year 4 - Liam**  
**Year 5 - Henry**  
**Year 6 - Julia**

**Overall Winner - Amelia in Year 3 who received a six in one Science set**

# ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following children who received awards at our Anchor Assembly this half term;

<b>Year 6</b>	Julia, Asher, Sam, Aidan, Lavina and Karam
<b>Year 5</b>	Henry H, Leo. Rodrigo, Sophie, Tom and Ari
<b>Year 4</b>	Eddie, Annabelle, Jack, Amy, Ellie and Isabella GR
<b>Year 3</b>	Erin, Kuba, William, Noah, Austin and Xavier
<b>Year 2</b>	Caitlin, Harry CM, Harry M, Camilla, Ekom and Bella
<b>Year 1</b>	Emily HS, Dawid, Lily, Caitlin, Quinn and Daniela
<b>Reception</b>	Eloise, Max, Penny, Anton, Boe and Aarav

# VALUES AND VIRTUES AWARD

This half term we have spent time as a whole school reflecting on the meaning of the values of Hope and Sacrifice. We have thought about how we see these values in action in our lives and in the lives of others. We have also thought about how we can work to encapsulate these values in our lives.

Well done to those children who received our Values and Virtues award at the Anchor Assembly this half term:

**Year 6** Raul, George and Joshua P  
**Year 5** Ben, Aidan and Sonia  
**Year 4** Braeden, Leo and Max  
**Year 3** Ebony, Noah and Aaliyah  
**Year 2** Bella, Áine and Isaac  
**Year 1** Hanna, Cerys and Emily L  
**Reception** Freyja, Darcie and Ted

# HOUSE POINTS

This half term the winners are St Francis.

House	Points
St Benedict	4206
St Francis	4626
St Clare	3735
St Margaret	4561



The attendance award for this half term has gone to Year 5 and Year 1.  
They have both received an extra - long playtime.  
Well done!

# SCHOOL UNIFORM

All children should be dressed in the Summer St Clement's school uniform after the Easter holidays.  
Please remember that children are not allowed to wear earrings at school.

# LUNCH COSTS

The cost of school lunches will remain at **£2.40** per day.  
The price of school lunches for years 3-6 (KS2) from Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May is £72.00 payable by Parentmail. Please remember that if you wish to change your child's lunch arrangements that you need to give a full school weeks' notice to the school office.

**School breaks up today for the Easter Holidays  
and opens again at the usual time on  
Monday 19th April.**

**We wish everyone a happy and restful Easter  
break.**