



# ST. NICHOLAS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Spring Newsletter 4 – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022



### Our Core Christian Values



This week in Acorn Class the Year One children have been looking at more non-chronological reports and the EYFS children met 'Billy Bones' the skeleton who helped us know more about our bones and what they look like. In EYFS Maths they have been looking at measuring and even made some vanilla creams (instead of peppermint) as we needed to measure out and we also tasted them which helped us learn more about our sense of taste. Year 1 have looked at money and working out the change up to 20p. We had great

fun in welly Wednesday having ago at making our names out of different things we could find around the school field.

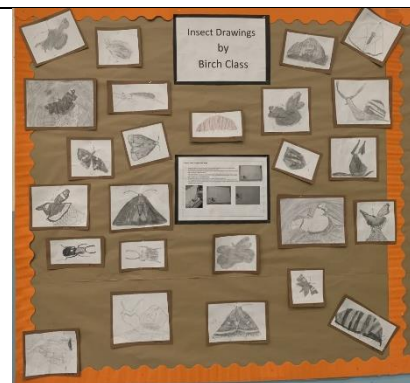
Pine Class have been finishing their work on non-chronological reports this week. Year 1 and 2 have been editing their own reports. In Maths year 1 have been looking at ordering coins and giving change. Year 2 have looked at problems with money and change. We have been looking at comparing locations and climate change in Geography this week. The children have looked at Tea growing in China and Cornwall.



Chestnut class have been learning about rice and how it grows in Indonesia. We worked in groups and presented our facts to each other. We used various props in the classroom and mimed the actions to show the process of growing rice. Everybody worked really well and supported their classmates who found it challenging. We have been planning our adventure story about the missing chocolate and there have been some amazing ideas. In maths

we have been practising our skills using money. On Wednesday Chestnut class earned their 100th bead. It is a fantastic achievement and as a reward we are having our non-uniform day next Monday 31st January just for Chestnut Class.

In Birch class this week, we have been looking at chronological reports and highlighting their key features. We have also researched spiders and started to write our own chronological report about them. In maths, we have been learning to add money and work out change and in science we have been looking at habitats in the school grounds and which animals live there. The children produced some excellent sketches of minibeasts for our display!



This week Oak Class has been working on their descriptive writing about Macbeth with a focus on the heath and the moment when MacBeth and Banquo meet the witches. We have also been focusing on the use of different tenses, rehearsing, and performing Macbeth Act 1, Scene 1 in the role of the three witches using choral speaking techniques. In our descriptive writing, we have focused on synonyms, antonyms, modal verbs, and adverbs of possibility. We have also started to look at the character of Lady Macbeth in preparation for a diary entry which we will be working on next week. In maths, we have been working on money using the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division with a focus on word problems. These have proved a good challenge for the students this week with real life money scenarios. In RE, we have continued our work on incarnation and the Messiah. In Science we have looked at gravity, friction, water resistance and air resistance as part of our forces and magnets topic. In history, we have looked at the war of the roses in more detail finding out why it was such an important period in history. In Art, we have used acrylic paints and crayons to explore different painting techniques, using shades, lines and shadows.

To ensure the continued leadership of the school, the Vine Trust will be advertising for a full time, substantive headteacher for the school that will be due to start next September.



We are very excited to see whose name will be the first on our Rainbow Reading Challenge Display. Mrs Clarke has designed the display ready to share and celebrate the reading completed at home.

Don't forget to record the reading your child does on the Rainbow Reading Challenge sheet and then send it into school when you have completed the first sheet.

If you wish to contact the school via e-mail, please use the following e-mail address: [office.stnicholas@dcvst.org](mailto:office.stnicholas@dcvst.org).

Please note, if you receive an e-mail from [StNicholasCofEPrimary@pupilasset.co.uk](mailto:StNicholasCofEPrimary@pupilasset.co.uk), please do not try to reply to this e-mail address. Although your e-mail seems to send, it does not actually come through to the school. Please reply using the [office.stnicholas@dcvst.org](mailto:office.stnicholas@dcvst.org)

### Awards

#### Golden Children

Acorn -	<p>Mathematician Of the Week: Rowan          Writer Of The Week: Scarlett          Attitude To Learning: Maddison          Core Value of Love: Willow for showing love to others when they were hurt</p>
Pine –	<p>Mathematician Of the Week: Freya          Writer Of The Week: Pearl          Attitude To Learning: Daniel          Core Value of Friendship: Charlotte for being a good friend</p>
Chestnut -	<p>Mathematician Of the Week: Louie          Writer Of The Week: Frankie          Attitude To Learning: Billy          Core Value of Respect: Ruby for showing respect and helping in the classroom</p>
Birch -	<p>Mathematician Of the Week: Finnley          Writer Of The Week: Alfie          Attitude To Learning: Rosie          Core Value of Forgiveness: Jack for showing forgiveness</p>
Oak -	<p>Mathematician Of the Week: Max          Writer Of The Week: Evie          Attitude To Learning: Bobby          Core Value of Respect: Mia for her respect in class and helping in the classroom</p>

#### School Kitchen

Please find below photos of some of the meals that have been served this week including vegetarian options and the special menu for the theme day on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

The theme days for this term are:

Chinese New Year – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022

Valentine's Day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022





*Chinese New Year 2022*  
*Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February*

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**CHICKEN NUGGETS WITH A SWEET  
 AND SOUR SAUCE  
 CHINESE NOODLES  
 RICE**

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**VANILLA SPONGE WITH CHOCOLATE  
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**VEGETARIAN ALTERNATIVE: JACKET POTATO  
 WITH CHEESE AND SALAD**

**THIS SCHOOL IS  
 NUT FREE**



Please remember we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL! We have a number of children with severe nut allergies which means we cannot have any food in that contains nuts, or may contain nuts. Please can we ask that check all packaging of snacks and packed lunches before you send it in to school. This also includes any sweets or treats you send on for your child's birthday celebrations.

Thank you for your cooperation

**Key Dates**

INSET Days for 2021 / 2022

24<sup>th</sup> June 2021

27<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Attendance**

Acorn - 97.78%

Pine - 98.33%

Chestnut - 85%

Birch - 93.33%

Oak - 89.58%

