



Dear parents/carers,

Lots going on this week!

Nursery have enjoyed reading the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. They have been learning lots of information about bears including what they look like, the different types of bears, where they live, and what they like to eat. They have enjoyed retelling the story using props and instruments. In Maths, they have been learning about the number 3 and its composition, including that 2 and 1 make 3, and 1 and 1 and 1 makes 3.

This week the children in the Reception class have been learning about animals which live in cold parts of the world. In literacy, they have been using a story map to retell the story of Little Red Riding hood and they have been using newly learnt digraphs to write simple sentences about the story. In maths, the children have been exploring 'one more'.

In Year 1 this week, the children have been working with 2D and 3D shapes in maths to make patterns and pictures. In English, they have been reading books about octopuses, labelling pictures and writing questions. In art, they used wax crayons and oil pastels to make rubbings of natural objects. In Science, they started to think about different animal groups. Well done Year 1!

Year 2 have made storyboards of their alternative stories of the Tadpole's Promise, choosing their own characters that change (chickens, octopuses and chameleons). In P.E, they have solidified their throwing and catching skills. They enjoyed designing and decorating their own pillar to demonstrate the values of the 5 pillars of Islam. Well done Year 2!

Year 3 have had a great week. In maths, they have explored regular and irregular polygons and found right, acute and obtuse angles. In English, they have used their knowledge of eco-friendly initiatives to plan their big write for next week. In science, they have explored natural and artificial light sources.

This week in Year 4, they travelled (on paper!) all the way to the Amazon Rainforest in Geography, mapping out the route and the countries we would pass through to reach it, practised their Spanish by talking about their families and who everyone is to us. In PSHE, they held some thoughtful debates about children's rights before creating posters to explain the rights children have here in the UK.

Year 5 have been investigating which materials are good thermal conductors or insulators, taking the temperature of water over a period of time. In PE, they have been working on their jives in dance, using teamwork skills to solve problems. In Maths, they have put all their division skills together to solve different problems. In English, they have practiced using dialogue before writing their narrative sequels next week.

Year 6 have worked hard in English on their news reports detailing the events of the Stonewall riots and have mastered long multiplication in maths. For Geography, the class looked at the manufacture of smartphones in relation to world trade and in Art they started shaping their designs for their new unit of self representation. A highlight this week has been hearing the class belt out their Haka performances in PE...sounds like good fun! Once again, a fantastic week - keep up the hard work!

We are delighted to announce that our school has achieved the Woodland Trust Silver Award in recognition of our commitment to outdoor learning, environmental action and woodland engagement. A huge thank you goes to Abi Herron for leading and organising the application process, and to Mr Solomon for coordinating the Eco Team and Year 4 activities that helped secure this award. This achievement reflects the hard work and enthusiasm of our whole school community, and we are already working towards the Gold Award...watch this space!

Have a great weekend

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Y3 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Y2 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	EYFS parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	No afternoon Treehouse session (staff training)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Front Row Music assembly, 2.40pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term

### Office reminders

- Please ensure that if you require any additional adhoc Treehouse sessions, they are booked with the office in advance. If you attempt to drop your child off without prior arrangement, we may have to turn them away due to staffing ratios

### St Clement's News

#### BIG BAND EXTRAVAGANZA!

Following the successful charity fundraising events, Sing along Sound of Music and the Abba Tribute night, St Clements is delighted to be partnering again with the charity Kidneys for Life. The Cadishead Public Band will play a selection of Pop classics to get your foot tapping and your body moving! Door open at 7.30pm. Tickets: £8/£12

Join us on Friday 30th January! Tickets available here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/big-band-extravaganza-at-st-clements-church-tickets-1976459848612>

Rev Ken