



St Matthew's Church of England Primary School

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News from St Matthew's

Spring Term 2024

The Hare and the Tortoise

EYFS and Key Stage 1 enjoyed a wonderful, musical performance of this much-loved tale. This was part of our ongoing liaison with the New Wolsley Theatre.



World Book Day

The children are enjoying preparations for World Book Day on 7th March. We have purchased lots of new books for the library, arranged for Key Stage 2 pupils to see a Michael Rosen performance at the New Wolsley Theatre and organised a 'Masked Reader' competition.



Reception

The Bumblebee and Ladybird classes organised a fantastic Art Exhibition to show off their creative talents. Parents and other visitors were very impressed. The children in EYFS have also enjoyed learning lots about 'People Who Help Us' and had visits from local police and firefighters.



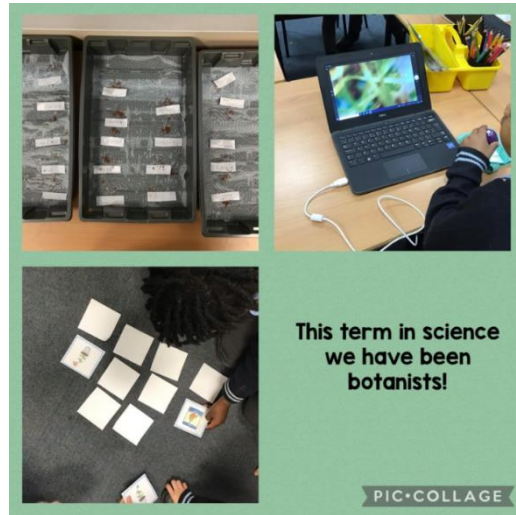
Year 1

Year 1 celebrated Shrove Tuesday by making and eating some delicious pancakes. They then burnt off the calories with an energetic trip to Needham Lake. The children also got busy with the iPads on Internet Safety Day.



Year 2

Year 2 have been busy being botanists in Science lessons and learning more about plants. They enjoyed their History topic about The Great Fire of London and invited parents to a special share event. This was the best attended year group event we have hosted in recent years!



Year 3

A recent highlight in Year 3 has been their work about Ancient Egypt. Class 3K led a wonderful school assembly and the whole year group had a dressing up day. The children also spent a day writing, editing and illustrating a story set in Ancient Egypt which is due to be published as a real book!



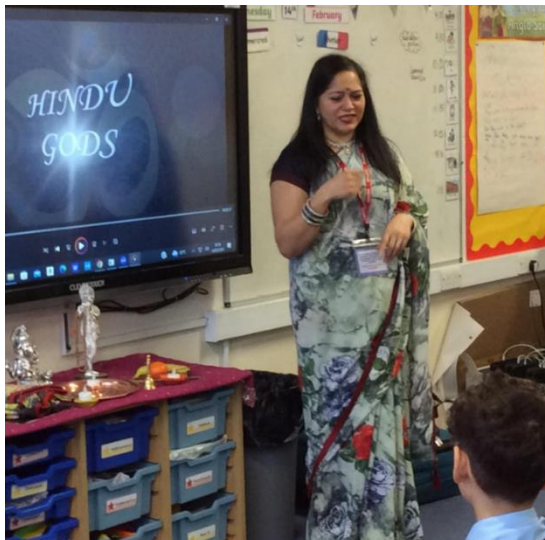
Year 4

Year 4 continue to access the curriculum in a fun and creative way. Here are just a few examples of activities they have undertaken. In addition, they learned about tsunamis as part of topic work about the weather and climate change. This involved an interesting experiment with sand and water. Very messy!



Years 5 & 6

As the children get older, the fun doesn't stop and learning remains as creative and interactive as possible. Year 5 particularly enjoyed their topic work about space and they welcomed a visitor into school at the end of their Hinduism unit of work. Year 6 developed their culinary skills by baking bread.



Congratulations, Mrs Cameron!

Jane Sheat, CEO of our Diocesan MAT writes:

I am pleased to inform you that following a rigorous selection process, Mrs Kirsten Cameron has been appointed Headteacher at St Matthew's from September.

As Deputy Head, Mrs Cameron already knows the school well and is well placed to lead the school on the next stage of its journey.

Mrs Cameron will take up post in September 2024 and will work closely with Mr Gates to ensure a smooth transition.



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