



Northern Saints

NEWSLETTER



Friday 30th May 2021

A message from the Headteacher

We have had an incredibly positive start to the summer term, as our children have quickly settled back into school routines. As life slowly becomes a little more normal, we have begun to plan our programme of events for the summer term. Please make a note of the dates below, we know our parents and carers appreciate notice to fit around home/ work arrangements. We have also included an overview of topics that your child will be studying this term. Further information is available on our website, under the heading "curriculum."

Pilot Ofsted Inspection

Last week we had a team of Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI) in school for 2 days. This was a pilot section 5 Ofsted inspection, to test out the revised Education Inspection Framework, following Covid-19. As this was not a real inspection, there will be no report written or grades given.

This was a very positive experience for school and I wanted to share some of the lovely comments that were made about our children:

"The pupils in the school are an absolute delight and a joy.

They are a credit to the school and their families."

"The sense of care for pupils is clear. There is a genuine desire to do the best you can for the pupils and their families. You go over and above."

"Children are passionate about the school and filled with a sense of pride".

"Children know that they are loved and cared for. School provides a safe place."

Curriculum Topics this term

Reception	Literacy – Stories related to 'Under the Sea' - Rainbow Fish and Tiddler – Story mapping and recount. Maths –Number bonds to 10 / subtraction within 10. Understanding the World – Floating and Sinking / Exploring the chrome books / Our seaside experiences. Expressive Arts and Design - Sea creatures/ underwater music and role play
Year 1	English – Yucky Worms Non-Chronical History – Important people Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell Art – The Colour of me by Paul Klee Science – Plants Maths – addition/place value
Year 2	English – Adventure stories – The Lonely Beast Maths – Multiplication and Division History – Explorers, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstong Art – Katsushika Hokusai Science – Plants

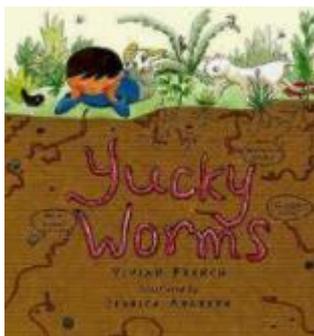
Year 3	Eng - Escape from Pompeii Maths - Fractions History- Hylton Castle Art -Potty Potters and Mad Makers (making clay pots) Science - Forces
Year 4	Eng – The Time Slip Scarab Maths – Fractions History – Ancient Egyptians Art – Egyptians Multi-media Science – Sound
Year 5	English – Titanium (Non-chronological report) Maths – Fractions Art – William Morris Science – Animals including humans History – Victorians (Local History)
Year 6	English – Ice Trap Maths – Fractions Art – Norman Cornish Science – Animals and Living things Geography – Time Zones
Language Provision	English – Rose Blanche Maths – Money History – WWII Geography – Countries of WWII and map work Art – WWII posters/digital art Science – Dig for Victory (plants)

Diary dates

Date	Time	Event
03.05.21	All day	May Bank Holiday
31.05.21 - 04.06.21	All week	May Half-term – Return to school Monday 07.06.21
07.06.21	All day	Outward Bound visiting Year 6
18.06.21	All day	Y6 Trip to Bamburgh
21.06.21	All Week	Y5 Bikeability
24.06.21	All day	SEND/Nurture transition day - Year 6
24.06.21	All day	School Photographer
28.06.21	All week	Y5 Bikeability
02.07.21		Pupil reports to parents
06.07.21	All day	Sports Day – Pupils only
07.07.21/08.07.21	12.30pm-3pm	New class transitions
07.07.21/08.07.21	All day – both days	CVEA Transition days – Year 6
14.07.21	Time tbc	Year 6 Leavers event - tbc
15.07.21	Time tbc	Year 6 Disco
16.07.21		Break up for Summer break

What have we been up to?

In this addition of the newsletter, we will focus on Key Stage 1 and our Language Provision:

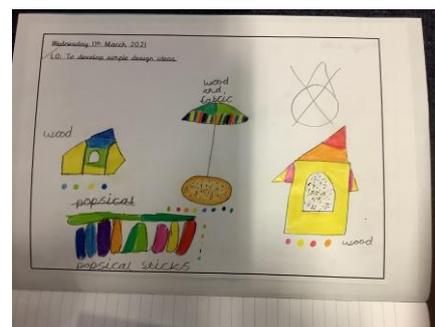


In Year One we've been reading a fabulous book called 'Yucky Worms. It inspired us to find worms, create a wormery to monitor worm behaviour and even paint with worms (well spaghetti, really, but they felt like worms!) We now consider ourselves to be worm experts or wormologists, so please feel free to ask us about the incredible worm facts we have learnt.



In Year 2

Year 2 have begun exploring the art work Katsushika Hokusai, by closely observing his work. We have been exploring how to create line and texture to recreate his famous painting entitled 'Wave'



We have also been working hard to complete their design project, where they have been developing their ideas to make the bird feeders. We also considered how to reuse and recycled everyday materials found in our homes.

Language Provision

In Language Provision, we have been exploring World War II. We have been looking at the 'Dig for Victory' campaign and working hard to produce observational drawings of fruit and vegetables. We will be using these to create some digital artwork of our own.

