



SUMMER-TERM NEWS

DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL.

Events

- Cake sale led by EYFS and Year 6-25/4/24
- **Bank Holiday 6/5/24**
- Class Trip Wollaton Hall 7/5/24
- Ascension Mass and Retreat Day-9/5/24
- Year 3 Class Liturgical Prayer 2.30pm 15/5/24
- Class photos- 20/5/24
- Art and DT Week: 20/5/24- 24/5/24
- **School closes for the half-term-24/5/24**
- **School reopens 3/6/24**
- Yr 3 Class Trip Creswell Crag 18/6/24
- First Holy Communion Mass in school- 27/6/24
- Summer Fayre- 5/7/24
- End of year assembly- 16/7/24
- KS2 Sports Day (1.30pm) 23/7/24
- **School closes for summer 25/7/24**

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a peaceful, safe and enjoyable Easter break. We are looking forward to another wonderful term.

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We will be covering three new topics this term which are Energy, Choices and Special Places.

Christians believe that the Spirit of God is active in each person and, in a special way, in the community of believers, which is the Church. It is the work of the Spirit to enable people to hear God's message and to live Jesus' way of service. The symbols used for the Holy Spirit—wind and fire—are symbols of power and energy. At Pentecost, the disciples were filled by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and went out courageously to carry the Gospel of Jesus to the whole world.

Christians believe that, in Jesus Christ, the world has been reconciled to God. Through and in Christ, every human being is offered the power to reach out in forgiveness and peace, to receive and to offer reconciliation. When making a choice, it is important to examine your conscience in order to make a good choice and minimise bad effects for ourselves and others. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of God's love and mercy: it is about the forgiveness of sin and being reconciled with God and one another.

For many people, some places in the world are special. For others the whole world is special. We all feel a need to look after what is special to us. Sometimes it is easy to explain why things are special. At other times it might be difficult to put into words why something is special. The Christian community has many special places: places where people gather for prayer and worship; places are holy because of their association with Jesus or holy people; places of pilgrimage.

CAN YOU GROW A DRAGON?

This term we will be looking at local history and Wollaton Hall and have a trip planned there on May 7th. Our English book this term is 'The Boy who grew Dragons'. This story follows Tomas, who discovers a strange old tree at the bottom of his grandad's garden, he doesn't think much of it. But he takes the funny fruit from the tree back into the house - and gets the shock and delight of his life when a tiny dragon hatches!

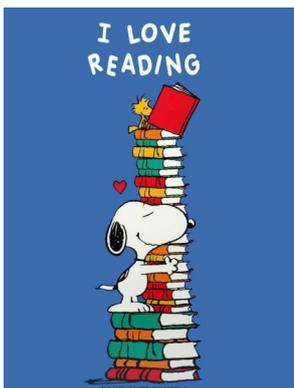
In Science we will continue our own growing theme and look at how plants are pollinated and how to grow new plants.



Homework

Homework will go home every week on Friday. Every week your child will have spelling and times tables. We ask that you check your child's work and initial it before it comes back to school. It is also expected that children in Year 3 should read aloud every night for 10 minutes **covering 10 pages of their book**, and we ask you to record their reading in the diaries on a daily basis. Please read *The Boy Who Grew Dragons* as this is the book we are working on in class. Daily reading is proven to have a huge impact on a child's academic progress so we do hope you support us in fostering a love of books for your child.

Remember to continue to use the fantastic resource of Reading Eggspress as part of homework.



Times tables

We are working very hard at school to help all children learn their times tables. We now know our 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. Our focus this term is revision of 8's. To help your child at home please remind them to use Times Tables Rock Stars every week as this will benefit them greatly.

Swimming

Swimming will continue every Friday for the remainder of the school year.

Please come to school on Friday in PE kits (Black tracksuit bottoms, brown school jumper, white polo shirt and black trainers).

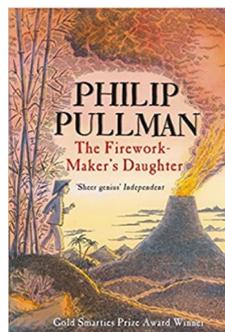


Where will our Asian adventure take us?

In geography we will look at the northern and southern hemispheres and focus in particular on Asia.

This links with our English book, *The Firework Maker's Daughter*. A story of young girl who dreams of following her father and becoming a firework maker. However, first she must make a perilous journey to face the terrifying Fire-Fiend!

In science we will learn all about rocks and soil. We will be discovering all the different types of rocks and look at how some are formed through volcanic activity. Fossils are also a part of this topic.



Thank you for your on going support during this year. It is greatly appreciated by all the staff at St Teresa's. Should you wish to speak to any of us, at any time, we will always be available for you to make an appointment to see us after school. Please feel free to contact the school office to arrange this.

For Summer 1, in 3SB only, Mrs Sinclair will teach Monday to Wednesday and Mr Balchin will teach Thursday and Friday.

The Year 3 Team

Mrs Sinclair, Mr Balchin & Mrs Baker,



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