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NEWSLETTER

St John's Highbury Vale C. of E. Primary School

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The class with the best attendance last week at 100% was

Year 4



The class with the best punctuality last week and with 0 children late all week was ...

Year 6

Fifth Week of Term

It has been a pleasure to have a full Reception class in school this week. The children have settled in beautifully and they have already impressed their teachers with their enthusiasm for learning new skills. Each week, it is a joy to look through the newsletter and see all the wonderful learning that is taking place in every class. My personal highlights for this week are Year 4's interactive lesson on the digestive system and Year 2's germ science experiment. Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mrs Shaw, Head of School

Harvest Donations

Thank you to everyone who has already brought in donations for Harvest. We will be collecting donations until the end of next week and then we will distribute to the local community. If you would still like to donate, please do so by sending your donations into school with your child. All non-perishable goods and essential toiletries will be gratefully received. Food items that do not require cooking or heating, such as biscuits, crackers and tinned fruit are also in high demand.

Worship with Christchurch and St Augustine's

At St John's we are blessed to work so closely with Christ Church and St Augustine's and have them to support us in our collective worship. This term we are looking at the school values, Friendship and Respect.

This week, the Year 3 and 4 bubble welcomed Gabriel from St Augustine's to lead them in their Wednesday worship. The bubble came together for worship in the hall and they looked at the story of The Good Samaritan (Luke 10.25-37).

Each Monday the children and staff look forward to the latest edition in the 'open the book' series that is narrated, filmed and sent through by Andy and the team at Christ Church. Here is this week's video, 'Ruth finds a new home'.

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Please enjoy watching the video with the whole family this weekend and explore the important messages about friendship and caring for others. This week's song is a school favourite, 'My Lighthouse'.

Recent Events

Take a look at all of the wonderful learning that has been happening at school this week!

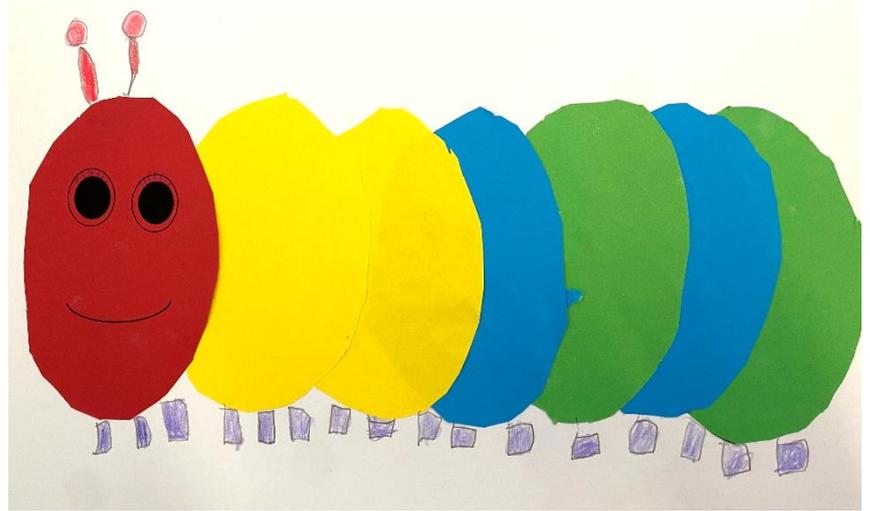
Reception

In Maths this week we have been learning all about repeating patterns. We had a go at making our own repeating patterns using two or three colours and objects, with a range of different resources.



Year 1

Year 1 have been exploring the artworks of Eric Carle through stories. We read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and were inspired by the beautiful, bright colours. We experimented with various textures to create textured artworks and used different coloured shapes to create our own hungry caterpillar.



Year 2

In Year 2 we have been thinking about hygiene and completed an experiment to explore how germs are spread. We discovered that we need to wash our hands regularly, with warm water and soap to stop the germs spreading!



Year 3

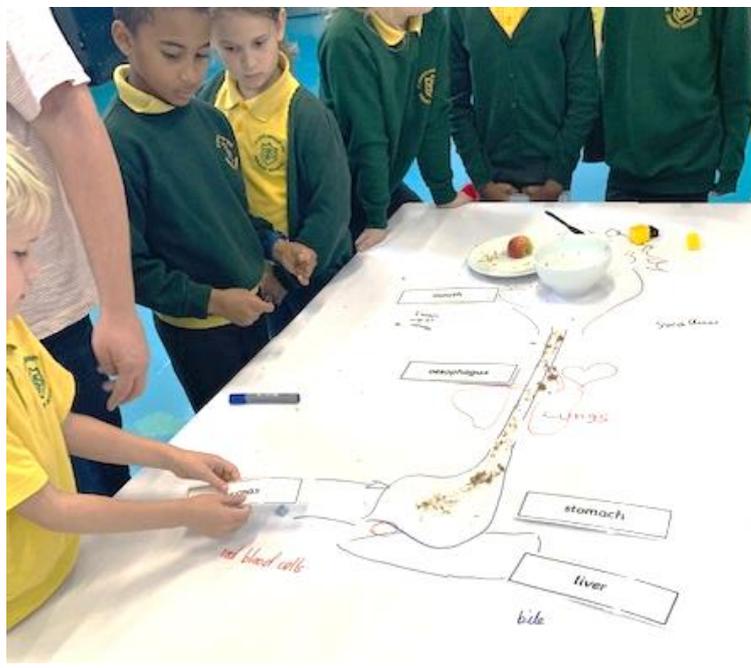
This week Year 3 have been learning about Skara Brae, a Stone Age town that was preserved for thousands of years and unearthed in 1850. We made some necklaces out of clay to replicate ones found in the excavation.



We have also been learning about prepositions, such as 'above', 'beside' and 'underneath'. Here Thomas is demonstrating 'underneath'

Year 4

The children had volumes of fun working as one big team to create the digestive system in year 4. The children asked lots of thought provoking questions about how the different parts of the body works to digest food.





Year 5

To totally immerse ourselves in the Tudor experience of Shakespearean England, Year 5 have been cooking with the lovely Judy. We made two Tudor delicacies; gingered bread and 'Jumbles' (half biscuit, half cake - 100% delicious!)



Year 6

Last week Year 6 had a great time cooking with Judy - making apple and blackberry crumble. This recipe was inspired from a chapter from our class book. We enjoyed practicing our peeling and cutting skills.

