

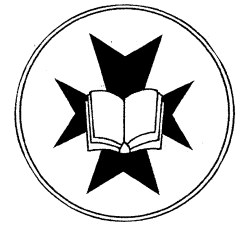
# St John's Primary School and Nursery - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 -

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## Week 5: w/c 4.2.19

Once again, I am really appreciative of my time at St John's and it really is lovely to see everyone when I'm here. In fact, I was practically made to feel like a film star in Ms Kelly's class this week!

At St John's, securing excellent teaching across the school continues to be a priority. This week, Senior Leaders and I have been taking part in lesson observations. I am very pleased to report that lessons remain of a high quality. I have been particularly impressed too with the children's work. I have undertaken many a book scrutiny in my time, but I was so impressed with the progress and quality of the children's work that I saw!

I am so proud of our school and I really appreciate your support and encouragement at this very busy time.

Best wishes,

**Mr D Barrow**  
Head Teacher

## What We've Been Learning This Week

### Early Years Foundation Stage

In Nursery, we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. The children have been doing lots of activities linked to the festival, such as building their own Great Wall of China using wooden blocks, writing Chinese symbols, making zodiac animal puppets, playing in the Chinese restaurant role-play outdoors, and making stir fry in cooking. The children have also been learning about coding and programming Beebots.



In Reception, we have been reading 'Kipper's Toybox' by Mick Inkpen as part of our topic, 'Favourite Authors'. The children have painted pictures of Kipper the dog and have used different materials to create their own weaving artwork. In Literacy, the children wrote about what is in their toybox at home. In Maths, we have been learning about number bonds to 10 and 20.

## Key Stage 1

What a wonderful week we have had in KS1. Year 1 have been continuing their learning on growth mindset in PSHE. They used the story 'Beautiful Oops' to understand how sometimes mistakes can help us create something wonderful. 1C started with a tea-stained piece of paper, but then used their imagination to change it into a beautiful piece of art work. Year 1 have also been learning about Chinese New Year. They have been making dragons, writing sentences about their symbol and have even learned numbers from one to 10 in Mandarin.

Year 2 have also had an exciting week of learning. They have been monitoring their science investigations, making observations and measuring how tall their cress heads have grown. Our text this half term has been 'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk'. In Maths, we have been using our times tables to investigate how big things could be in the giant world, including the giant himself. It turns out they are very, very big! With only one week to go on our current topics, we can't wait to see what our final week of this half term holds.

## Key Stage 2

This week in Year 3, we have really enjoyed seeing and hearing all about children's amazing natural disaster homework projects. The children are rightly proud of themselves and have been sharing them with great confidence. We have also attempted to make earthquake-proof buildings using jelly and marshmallows!

Year 4 have been sketching Chinese designs and transferring them to fabric and block printing. They are excited to be finishing their topic with their Chinese workshops next week.

In Year 5 this week, children made mini canyons from plastic bottles and mud to investigate the effects of erosion. Next week, they will complete their topic with a tasting and review of classic American food. Yum!

Year 6 have been working hard this week experiencing SATs. Next week, they will be completing some WWII art work and continuing their class text, 'Letters from the Lighthouse', which they are really enjoying.

## Safer Internet Day



This week, we took part in Safer Internet Day. Our digital leaders group, made up of some children from Years 5 and 6, led an assembly introducing the day and the theme for this year: our internet, our choice. We talked about how important consent and permission are online, and discussed some different scenarios. During the day, Years 5 and 6 had a visit from a police officer to remind us of the importance of following the SMART rules and how to be kind to each other online. We also explored and responded to a selection of children's books, which made us think about the choices we make online and how that can have an impact on our safety.

### Parents' Evenings

Don't forget that parents' evenings will be taking place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Please come to the office to sign up for an appointment with your child/ren's class teacher if you haven't already done so.

### A Welcome for Miss Hayden

As part of our teaching school status, we have had another student teacher joining us here at St John's this term in class 4T. Miss Hayden will be with us until 15<sup>th</sup> March. She is enjoying getting to know the children and helping them with their learning all about China.

### Teacher-led Clubs

Teacher-led club letters (spring 2) went home yesterday. The deadline for returning slips is next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. This will enable us to allocate places before we break up. All clubs will start w/c Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

## Diary Dates

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Nursery imaginary worlds dress-up day
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.30pm: Year 1 grandparents' stay and play 2.45pm: Year 4 Chinese performances – parents/carers invited
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>3.15pm: Break up for February half-term</b>
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Back to school STEM week</b> Year 1 trip to MAD Museum 3.30pm-5.30pm: Parents' evening
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	pm: 5S top-up swimming – first session (selected children)
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4.30pm-6.30pm: Parents' evening
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12.30pm: Parent sharing lunch - 3B
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day – come dressed as your favourite book character!
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 5 trip to National Space Centre
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.00am: 3B class assembly
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Wear red for Red Nose Day (in return for £1 donation)
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12.30pm: Parent sharing lunch – 3TH
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	am: Year 6 trip to St John's Church (Easter Experience) pm: KDPSA swimming gala (Years 4-6)
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9.00am: 3TH class assembly
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>3.15pm: Break up for Easter</b>
<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Back to school</b>

### Class Assemblies

<b>3B</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>5S</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>3TH</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>RK</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>1C</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>6E/6L</b>	Leavers' Assembly: Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July

### Term Dates

<b>SPRING TERM</b>					
INSET DAY CLOSURE	- Mon	7	January	2019	
School opens at 8.45 am	- Tue	8	January	2019	
<b>Half-Term</b>					
School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	15	February	2019	
School opens at 8.45 am	- Mon	25	February	2019	
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>					
School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	12	April	2019	
BANK HOLIDAY GOOD FRIDAY	- Fri	19	April	2019	
BANK HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY	- Mon	22	April	2019	
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>					
School opens at 8.45 am	- Mon	29	April	2019	
BANK HOLIDAY CLOSURE	- Mon	6	May	2019	
<b>Half-Term</b>					
School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	24	May	2019	
School opens at 8.45 am	- Mon	3	June	2019	
INSET DAY CLOSURE	- Fri	21	June	2019	
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY</b>					
School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	19	July	2019	
INSET DAY CLOSURE	- Mon	22	July	2019	