

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



'Treat others the way you want to be treated.'

Matthew 7:12

5/1/24



Dear Family,

Welcome back to our Spring term. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a good rest. Although it's been a two day week here, we have been as busy as ever and the children have enjoyed catching up with their friends and completing their Review and Remember Days from their Autumn term topics.

Next week we will be launching our new Spring term topics and families will receive topic webs and knowledge organisers so you are kept fully up to date with what your child's curriculum will include for this term.

A polite reminder, all pupils need to come to school each day wearing the appropriate uniform, which includes a school tie and sensible school shoes, not trainers or boots. If you have misplaced a tie during the holidays, these can be purchased from the school office.

May we take this opportunity to wish all our families a Happy and Healthy New Year and we look forward to the many exciting events for the year ahead.

**...COMING
NEXT WEEK!**

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EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Speak out. Stay safe.
programme



CURRICULUM IN ACTION THIS WEEK!

DO YOU REMEMBER

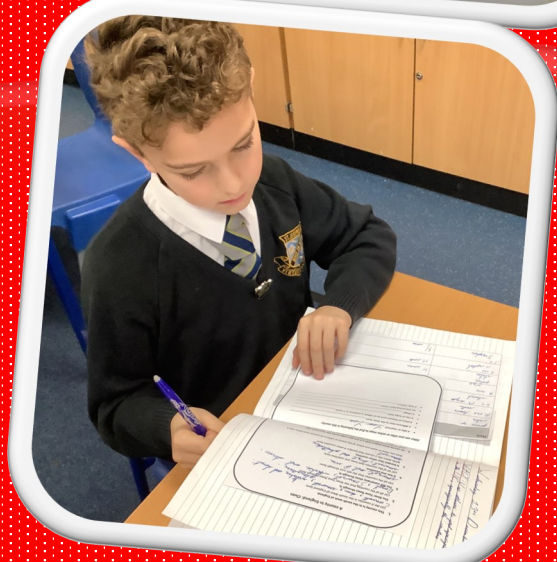
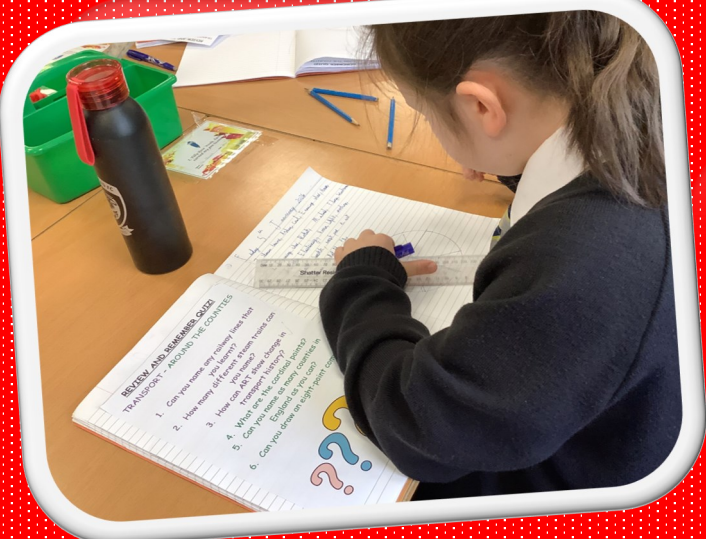
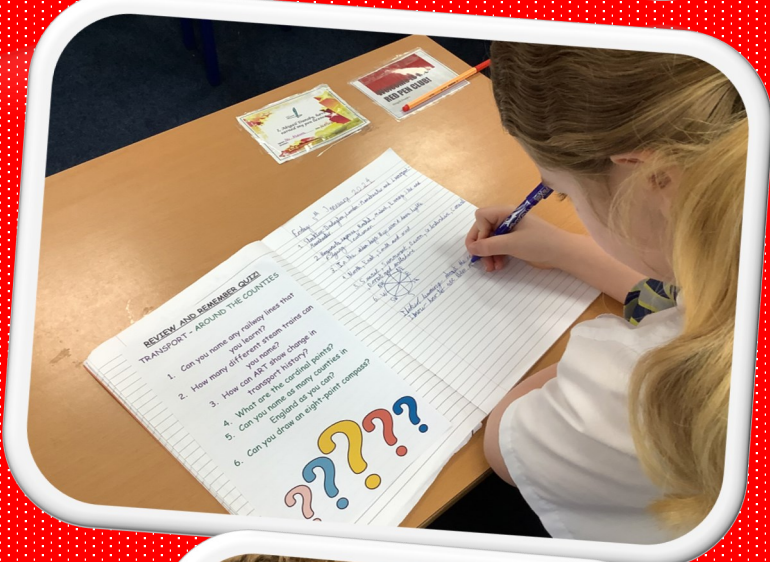
Liberty Class have been enjoying 'reviewing and remembering' their learning on their first day of Spring Term! The children have been revisiting their learning on 'maps' and have been great geographers by creating their own maps of our journey to Clearwell Caves in December. The children even remembered that the road was closed so the bus had to take a different route! A great start to the term Liberty Class - well done!



Blue Lagoon Class have been demonstrating their Autumn Term learning this week, focusing on key areas they have remembered across their different subjects. They have played human battleships to remind themselves of how to use four-grid references to locate places on a map, competed in a 'Word Bank Rush!' to write words related to their History learning around Transport, played 'Fact Finder' using their books in groups to gather important points around their Science areas; Rocks and Animals including Humans and reflected on their Advent knowledge by roleplaying what they know in preparation for their Spring Term lessons. It has been fantastic to see their learning has stuck!



Let's Recap



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TRANSPORT - AROUND THE COUNTRIES

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Transport
 The transport system in the UK is made up of many different modes of transport. The most common modes of transport are road, rail, air, sea and water. Each mode of transport has its own advantages and disadvantages. For example, road transport is the most flexible, but it is also the most polluting. Rail transport is the most efficient, but it is also the most expensive. Air transport is the fastest, but it is also the most expensive. Sea and water transport is the most cost-effective, but it is also the slowest.

MORE CURRICULUM IN ACTION THIS WEEK!



As part of their 'review and remember' activities, Year 2 created Continents booklets. They reviewed the facts they have learnt about human and physical features in each of the seven continents and chose their favourite facts to include in their mini booklets.



We have been remembering our learning on the seven continents of the world.

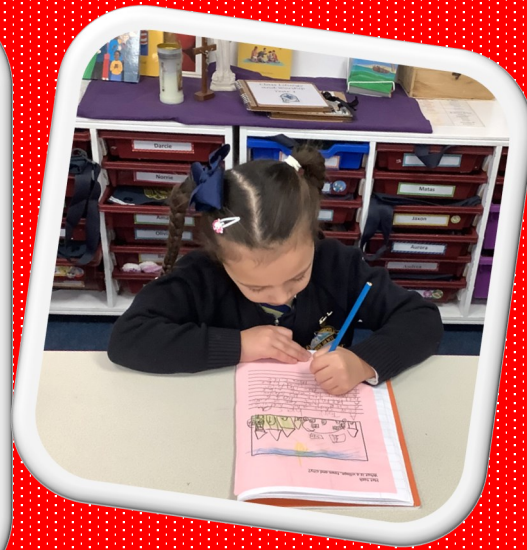
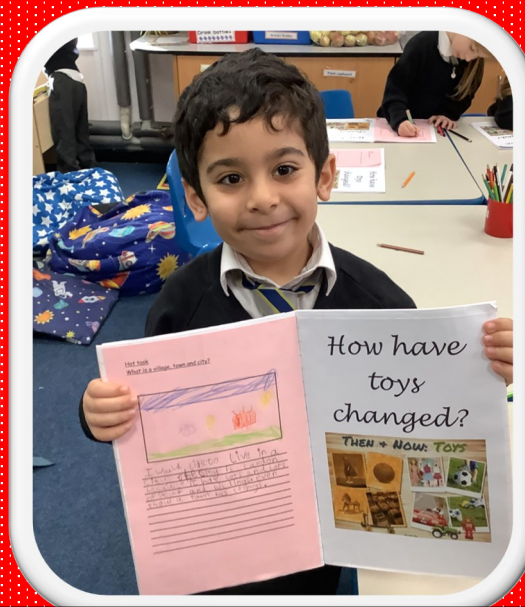
The second smallest continent is called Europe and we live on this continent. The biggest continent is called Asia.

Antonio

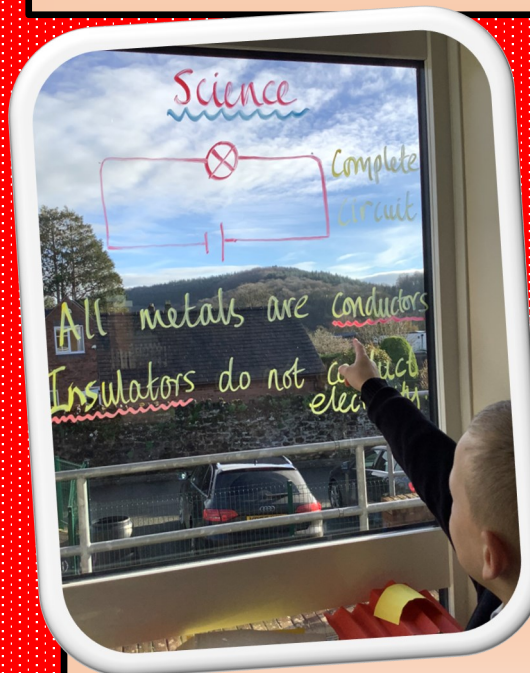
The coldest continent is called Antarctica and this is at the very bottom of the world. The further away from you are from the equator, the colder it gets.

Isla. H

REMEMBER



In Big Ben Class the children have been reviewing and remembering their topics in Geography– Local area, History– the Great Fire of London and Science– Animals. They remembered some super information and facts! They also took part in some fun quizzes and wrote about their learning. Very impressive and super remembering Big Ben class!



In Arc de Triomphe class we have been jogging our memories to remember the learning we did at the beginning of the year. Fun Kahoots quizzes in history and science as well as bingo games in geography and reviewing learning in our books has enabled us to address any misconceptions that may have had.

Some Key facts:

All metals are conductors.

Rivers have many different uses.

The Water Cycle includes—evaporation, condensation and precipitation.



TUESDAY 23RD JANUARY

Starting at 1pm

It's that time of year again when we start to prepare for our 'St Joseph's Got Talent'—whole school event! This year we will be holding the finals on Tuesday 23rd January, at 1:00 pm in the sports hall. The children are invited to prepare a performance if they would like to, this can be as a solo or as a group. Auditions will take place in their classes and then three acts from each class will be chosen to perform in the finals on 23rd January.

Parents of the finalists are welcome to attend this event, We look forward to our children having the opportunity to showcase their talents!



NEXT WEEK

Year 2 swimming lessons will start next Wednesday 10th January. The children will be swimming at Monmouth Girls school. They will have exclusive use of the pool and changing facilities, with qualified instructors for each ability group and have an hour's swimming lesson each week. Our year 5 and 6 children thoroughly enjoyed their lessons last term and made excellent progress! We are confident our year 2 children will enjoy their lessons too!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM...

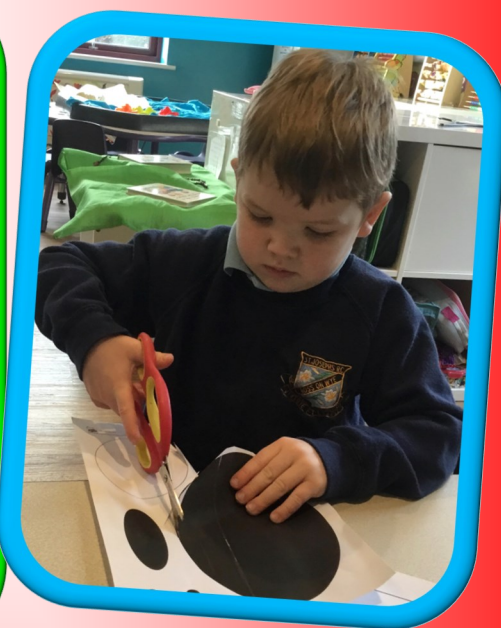


Thursday 4 th January	Children return to school
Wednesday 10 th January	Young Voices Concert KS2
Wednesday 10 th January	Year 2 swimming lessons start
Thursday 18 th January	Beginning of term Mass
Friday 19 th January	Year 5 Assembly @ 2:00pm
Tuesday 23 rd January	St Joseph's Got Talent 2024
Monday 5 th – Friday 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 th February	Matilda Performance 6:00pm
Thursday 8 th February	Matilda Performance 6:00pm
Friday 9 th February	School closes for half term
Monday 19 th February	Children return to school
Wednesday 20 th February	Year 1 swimming lessons start
Thursday 22 nd February	Parent Voice at 2:00pm
Friday 1 st March	St David's Day celebrations
Friday 1 st March	Year 4 Assembly
Monday 4 th and Tuesday 5 th March	Parents Evenings- Spring Term
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	Year 2 Assembly
Friday 15 th March	Year 3 Assembly
Saturday 16 th March	Herefordshire Schools Swimming Gala
Tuesday 19 th March	Year 2 visiting Community Gardens
Tuesday 19 th March	St Joseph's Feast Day
Thursday 21 st March	End of term Mass
Friday 22 nd March	Year 1 Assembly
Friday 22 nd March	End of term

NURSERY IN ACTION!
A MESSAGE FROM MRS
LEREGO

We have had a great start back after Christmas and welcomed some new children. A big warm welcome to Dominic, Jemimah and David and we look forward to meeting even more new friends next week!

We have been practising our cutting skills - making penguins for the display and exploring the igloo role play area. Despite the cold weather, the children have had fun playing in the construction area and building bridges to balance on!



Mrs Burbidge

It is with great sadness that Mrs Kath Burbidge passed away peacefully on Wednesday 3rd January, after a long illness. Mrs Burbidge dedicated over twenty years to teaching the children of St Joseph's and was also deputy headteacher during that time. She will always be remembered as an inspiration to fellow teachers for her commitment to Catholic education. She was also the lead catechist for the First Holy Communion programme in the Parish for many years.

Please keep her and her family in your prayers during this difficult time. We will be dedicating our whole school Mass to Mrs Burbidge on Thursday 18th January. All families and parishioners are warmly welcome to attend and remember such a kind and wonderful lady.



Next Wednesday 10th January, some of our Key Stage 2 children will be attending Young Voices 2024 at the Birmingham Resorts World Arena. This is always such a fantastic experience and the atmosphere is just amazing! We will be leaving school after our early lunch at 12pm. A letter has been sent home with further details. This can be downloaded from the letters section on the school website.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday to Lennox in Year 3, who celebrated her 8th birthday on Thursday 4th January.

Happy Birthday to Jacob. D in year 4, who also celebrated his 9th birthday on 4th January.

Happy Birthday to Vera in Year 6, who also celebrated her 11th birthday on Thursday 4th January!

Happy Birthday to Jayden in Year 3, who celebrated turning 8 during the Christmas Holidays!

We hope they have a wonderful time celebrating with family and friends!



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ROYAL WRITER OF THE WEEK!



LIBERTY	91.54%
BIG BEN	95.63%
EVEREST	97.83%
BLUE LAGOON	98.57%
ARC DE TRIOMPH	97.39%
MOSI OA TUNYA	97.27%
ANGEL FALLS	97.5%

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LIBERTY	<i>Phoebe B Benji G</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Harry C Darcie Louise L</i>
EVEREST	<i>Isla W Elia E</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Harrison F Henry S</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Brandley P Leo H</i>
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Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis

Have a Great Weekend!