

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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

Matthew 7:12



10/11/23



Dear Family,

On Thursday morning our Year 5 and 6 children represented the school, attending the annual Remembrance Service at the Prospect with the local community and members of the Royal British Legion. They sang beautifully as always and were excellent ambassadors for St Joseph's. They really did so well, especially throughout the down pour of rain too.

This weekend (11.11.23) we will remember those who made the great sacrifice during the two World Wars.

We remember those who have given their lives in the service of their country in other conflicts.

We pray for those who suffer at this time;

We pray for those who have been bereaved;

We pray for peace.



A Prayer for Remembrance

Ever-living God,
We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



OUR CURRICULUM IN ACTION THIS WEEK....

Year 4 started their learning about sound and identified and described different types of sound.

High

Low



Quiet

Loud

We used our voices and other body parts to create and record different types of sound.



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We also created and recorded different types of sounds using musical instruments.



Continuous

**Repeating
Pattern**

**Irregular
Pattern**



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



In Year 2—Everest Class have been looking for natural and man-made structures outside.

Then we were exploring the stability of different shapes.



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In Year 3, Blue Lagoon class have been developing their geographical skills in Geography this week. They started by learning about an eight-point compass and learning some sayings to remember the cardinal points: North, East, South and West. A favourite was Naughty Elephants Squirt Water. After they worked together to identify symbols they would see on a map of their local area and played the game Battleships to practice using four grid references to find coordinates on a map. The children really enjoyed the beginning of their Geography learning this half-term.



RECEPTION MUSIC LESSON!



Maths

In Liberty/Reception class they have been focusing on the number 5 and relating it to how many fingers we have on one hand. They went searching around the classroom for groups of five items to attach to each finger—reinforcing that there are five fingers on each hand and we don't need to count these each time.



In Big Ben Class we have been learning to compare quantities. We have been using balance scales and metric scales to weigh and compare different items, using mathematical vocabulary. We learnt how to read a scale and that there are 1000 grams in 1 kilograms.



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In their art lesson this week year 5 have been identifying and comparing features of art installations, as part of our new topic—Sculpture and 3D Interactive installation.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY OUR FINISHED WINDMILLS!



In Big Ben Class we have completed our windmills as part of our Design and Technology project. Our final lesson consisted of attaching the turbine to the structure and putting our roof on. We are thrilled with our working windmills— great job everyone!



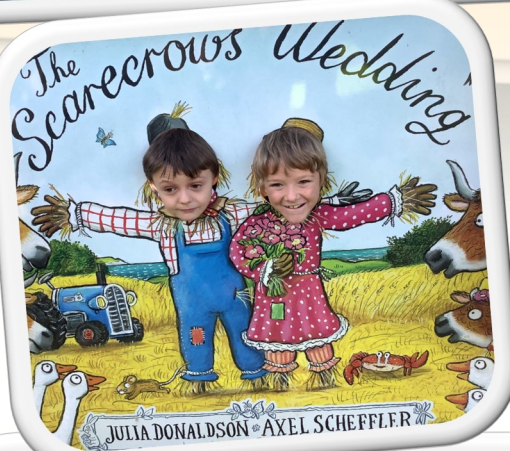
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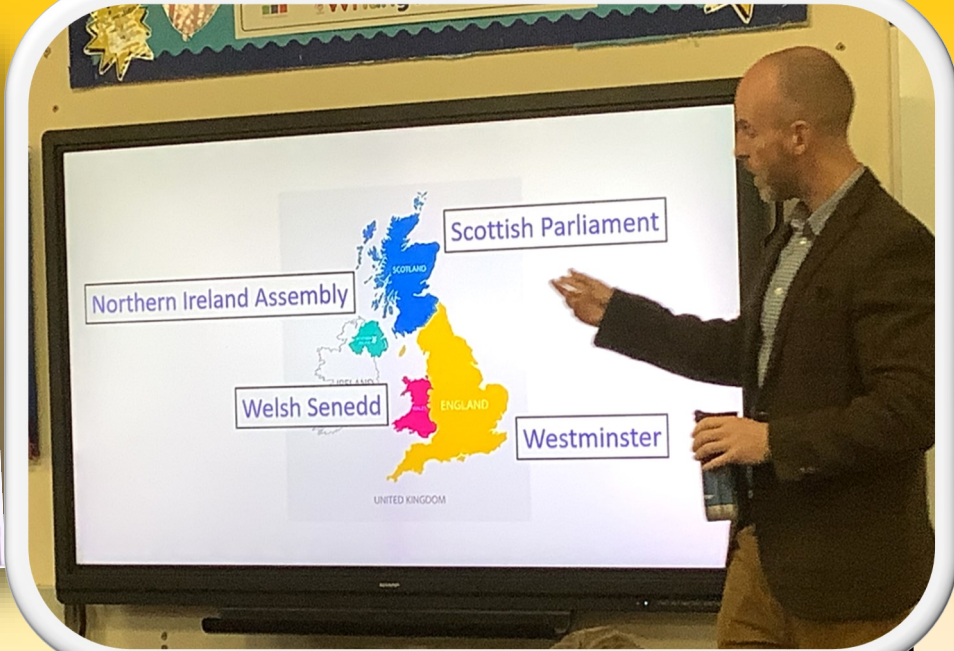
Community GARDEN

A message from Mr Mason...

On Tuesday afternoon, Blue Lagoon class were given the opportunity to visit the Community Garden in Ross. This was a valuable experience for the children to learn about the organic produce we can grow locally, as well as learning what ideas we can use to ensure we do not waste food. They made apple juice, planted daffodils and explored the grounds, which included bee-hives, Christmas trees, scarecrows and a dragon made of willow. Thank you to the Community Garden staff for the wonderful experience!







We have been celebrating 'UK Parliament Week' here in school. We have been fortunate in welcoming Mr Gorman, (Darcey and Cece's dad) who works for the government to come in and visit classes, to explain more about what parliament is, democracy and providing our children with the opportunity to see how they can fit into this picture and put their views forwards by writing to their local member of parliament about issues they feel needs changing for the better.

Mr Gorman taught us that there are 650 constituencies across the whole of the United Kingdom.

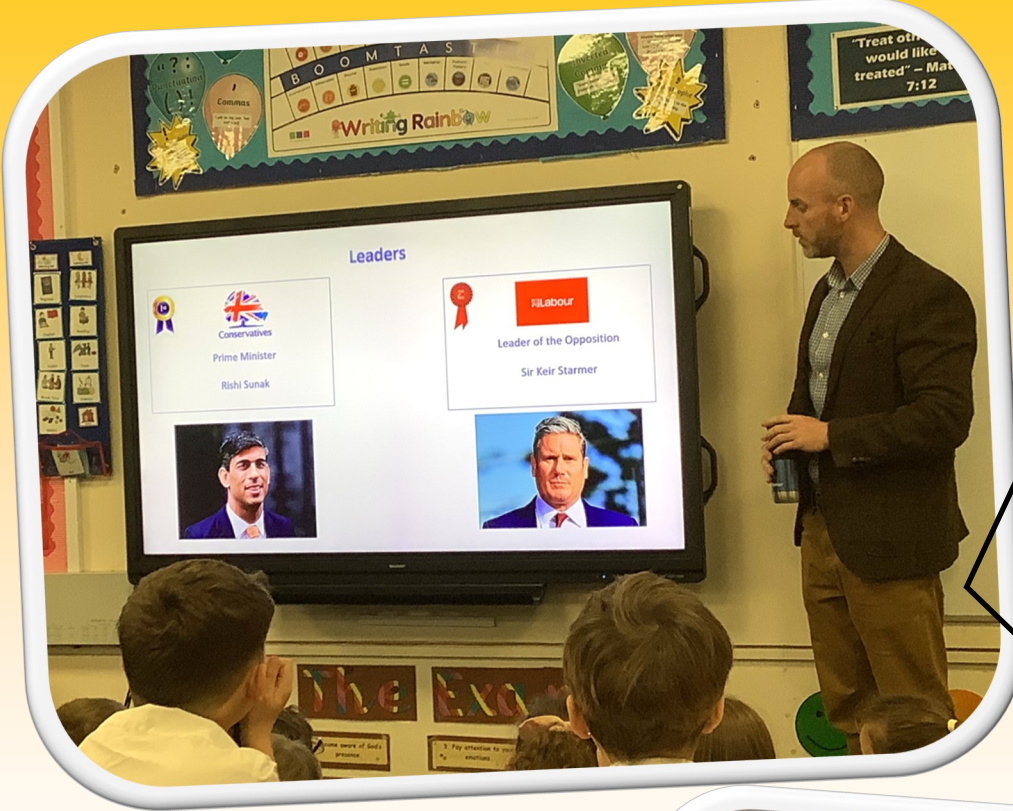
The Cabinet members are the prime minister's helpers and the shadow ministers are the opposite party.

Harrison Year 3

We learnt about the House of Commons and the Houses of Parliament and the differences between them. Members of Parliament sit in the green seats debating in the Houses of Commons and over 800 members of the Houses of Lords, sit in the red seats, checking and challenging the government's work.

Abigail Year 3

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When the King delivers his speech they always check to see if there are any explosives that aren't meant to be there. This goes all the way back to Guy Fawkes.

Connie Year 4

In Northern Ireland they call their meetings—The Northern Ireland Assembly. In Wales they call their meetings the Welsh Sen-nad and in England—Westminster. In Scotland they call it Scottish Parliament.

Jessie Year 4



My dad came in to talk to us about UK Parliament Week. We learnt about the different Houses—House of Lords and House of Commons. We also learnt about elections and that you need to be 18 and over to vote.

Darcey Year 5



We had fun answering the questions to the quiz and we got sweets for the correct answers!

Rugile Year 5

Rishi Sunak is our current Prime Minister and Jesse Norman is our local MP. We can write to him if we would like to raise concerns about things or have new ideas.

Gabriella Year 5

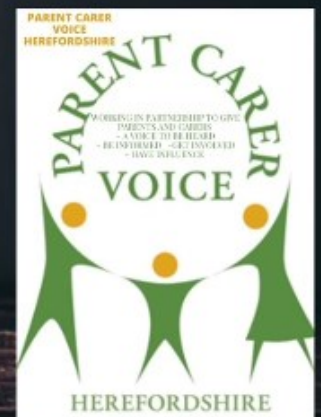
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 **Parents** 
 **Evening** 



This week we have held our Autumn term Parents Evenings, which have been extremely positive. Thank you to all parents who attended these meetings, we hope you found them useful in understanding how your child is progressing and what their next steps are for further development. If you were unable to attend these meetings we will contact you to arrange an alternative time to speak with your child's class teachers. Thank you as always for your continued support.

Coffee & Chat
PCV Herefordshire
Tuesday 14th November
10-11.30am
The Royal Hotel



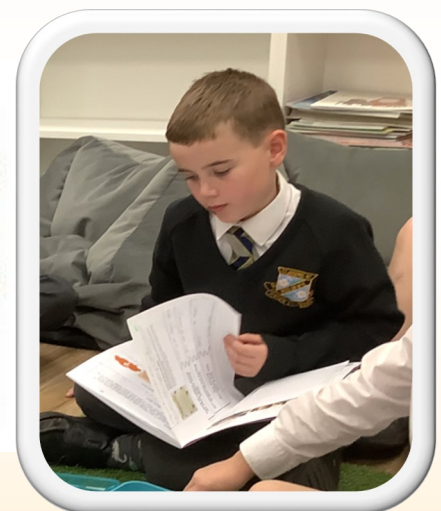
CURRICULUM AMBASSADORS...

This week Mrs Gurney met with the Curriculum Ambassadors and our focus was on PSHE in the curriculum. The children enjoyed reviewing and remembering about their topic from last half term—

'Being Me in My World' and sharing the different activities they completed within each of their lessons. Year 5 and 6 have been reflecting on what it means to be a citizen of their Country, and looking at the different Responsibilities they hold, as well as Rewards and Consequences to different choices that we make.

Year 3

have been learning about the impact we can make in society, talking about how to welcome others, improve the school community, understand our right to learn, care for others' feelings, working well with others and taking ownership for our decisions. They really enjoy role playing in their lessons and would like to do lots more of this!



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COOKING CLUB WITH MR BARLOW AND MISS SADLER..

A message from Miss Sadler...

This week in Cooking Club the children helped to create chocolate sparklers! We first melted some white and milk chocolate, and then coated our breadsticks with the chocolate. We then decorated our sparklers with lots of different sprinkles and toppings. Once the chocolate had hardened, we could wave them around like sparklers on Bonfire Night!

