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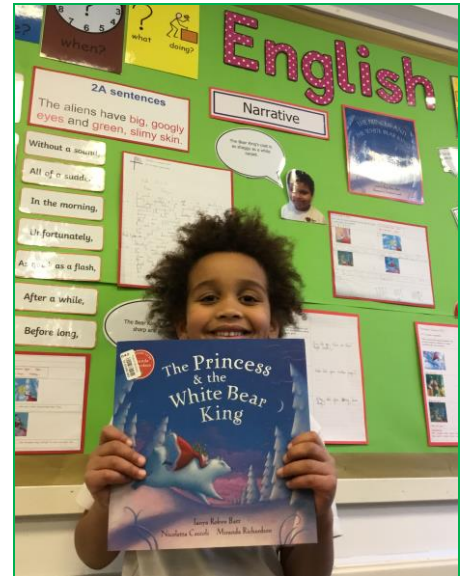
English

For our learning in Literacy, **Year N** are reading the traditional tale of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We are learning to understand and talk about the different parts of the story. We are deepening our oracy skills, through extending conversations and learning new vocabulary. We are using writing opportunities to draw characters from the story and give meaning to the marks we make.

In **Reception**, we have been working on the story of the Rainbow Fish. We have been sequencing the story using time words such as "First, Next, Then and Finally." We have also been using adjectives to describe the Rainbow Fish's appearance and character throughout the story. We asked the children if there was a word to describe the Rainbow Fish's character at the end of the story and we agreed on the word - "kind". Ask the children to retell the story of the Rainbow Fish as they really enjoyed it.

Year 1 have been continuing our non-fiction topic. We have been building up to writing a set of instructions, using time connectives to begin our sentences, bossy verbs (imperative verbs) and adverbs. We particularly enjoyed identifying bossy verbs (we waggle our fingers and assume a stern face when we say one) and acting out adverbs. We made a toy spider, wrote our plans and many of the children have written their best pieces yet this week. The adults in Year 1 are bursting with pride.

Year 2 has had a very interesting week in English, as they brought their study of "The Princess and the White Bear King" to an end by writing and editing a retelling of the main events of the book. It was obvious that everybody enjoyed the book greatly and we were very happy to use our own words to create super sentences to retell the main events. After that, we started our exploration of non-fiction sources and discovery of facts about Queen Victoria. The children even created a fact sheet with all the amazing facts they found out about her!



In English this week, **Year 3** have been preparing to write a retelling of Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters. They have been discussing the plot of the story, as well as coming up with some of their own interesting adjectives and similes to describe the characters and setting. I am looking forward to reading your editions of this story Year 3!

This half term in **Year 4**, we have been studying the book 'I Was a Rat' by Philip Pullman, which is the story of Roger who acts like a rat. This week we have been planning a prequel to the story using our imagination. We had to think about what the character was like before the main story and how he acted.

Year 5 have just started working on the Industrial Revolution. This week they have been preparing reports on the steam engine, which has included research and organizing notes into a readable final piece of work.

Year 6 class have been learning how to write non-chronological reports and have been researching the causes of WW2. Combined with their historical knowledge, they have been applying their skills to write a report based on their own research and findings making a conscious effort to include all of their Year 6 grammar learning.

School Council trip to St Paul Cathedral



Yesterday, St George the Martyr School Councillors gathered together in St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate with many other Church of England schools within the Diocese of London.

Our School Councillors had been busy learning hymns in preparation for the service, including: *All Creatures of our God and King*, *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* and *How Great Thou Art*. The collective worship focused on God's wonderful creation and the call to be good stewards of our world.

Please enjoy the photograph of us in the Cathedral, alongside The Bishop of London, Mother Sarah Mullally. She has been Bishop of London since the 8th March 2018 and she is the first woman to hold this position. We also said 'hello' to Bishop Rob, who will be visiting our school with Rev Jamie on the 21st March.

After singing our hearts out, we enjoyed a wet and windy return to school which included huddling together at the bus stop under Mrs Harris' yellow duck umbrella. At one point we counted that twelve people could fit under the umbrella all at the same time!

Visit from Councillor Boyland

St George the Martyr children welcomed Camden Councillor Marcus Boyland to our school last week. The class ambassadors did a wonderful job of telling him all about their learning on that day. He visited every class and loved hearing all about Nursery class' work around the Three Little Pigs!



Community Sports programmes for young people



Offering a wide range of fun, free / affordable sports & physical activity this Feb Half term for ages from 4-18yrs in Camden.

Please scan the QR code for our Camden holiday activities page to find out more about what is on offer, how to register and more.



Information for Parents

Do you have any questions about school life?

We are of course, really happy to answer any questions about school, no matter how small. Do phone the school office to ask questions or ask to arrange an appointment to speak to the class teacher. You can also speak to myself or Miss Jackson (Deputy Headteacher).

A member of the office staff will also be available in the playground in the morning. If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one. We also like to hear your good news. It helps to keep us going with a smile.



**Mrs Rebecca
Harris**
Headteacher

Prayer

**Dear God,
We thank you for our friends
and for the happy times that we
share with them.
Help us to be a good friend to
them.
Teach us how to play fairly and
to share.
Help us to recognize loneliness
in others and show friendliness
towards them.
Thank you that you are our
friend and will be with us
always.**

Amen.



Please remember the importance of your child being at school on time and being in school every day.

Holidays during school term time will not be authorized.



Rev Jamie is happy to invite you to a free half-term event '**Fab Feb Fun**' at **St George the Martyr Church** from 11.30am - 2.30pm on Monday 13th February. This is a chance for kids to get stuck into some arts, crafts, games (and dancing!) plus make their own yummy lunch. Parents can chill in the comfy seats with hot drinks and biscuits or alternatively join in the fun!

RSVP

Scan QR Code for booking!



This week in **Destination Reader** lessons **KS2** children have been **Making connections**



Making connections is using what we already know from our experience, other texts or the world.

We make connections so that we can:

- Engage with our reading.
- Understand what we are reading.

Workshop for Parents

Parent/Carer Coffee Mornings

St. George the Martyr Primary School

We would like to invite parents and carers into school to attend workshops and to enjoy some hot drinks.

All workshops will be delivered by Camden Learning's Health and Wellbeing Consultants from 9.00-10.00am.

Tuesday 7th February 2023

Understanding Child Development to support Wellbeing

- Looking at principles and theories that underpin child development
- Understanding the links between behaviour, temperament and development
- Responding to behaviour in ways that promote growth and self-regulation

Please sign up at Reception to book your place



Families For Life - Parents



Virtual Sessions

Sessions cover topics such as energy efficient meals, food exploration, lots of Q&A time, plus the following:

Week 1: Eating Well at Home

Week 2: Fussy eaters and hidden sugars

Week 3: Understanding labels and portion sizes

Week 4: Keeping Active and Screen time

Start date:
12th January
10.00
-11:00am

Fussy Eating
strategies are
discussed in
each session

These sessions are taking place virtually through Microsoft Teams. Teams is free to download on a computer, phone or tablet.

Either visit your app store or go to:
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app>



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Camden's Health and Wellbeing Team
if you've any questions:
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healthandwellbeingteam@camden.gov.uk

<https://www.camden.gov.uk/health>



Weekly Awards

Star Learners / Christian Value certificates

| Class | Star Learners | Christian Value |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Nursery | Aaliyah | Layla |
| Reception | Rabiya | Archie |
| Year 1 | Caesar | Theo |
| Year 2 | Daniel | Rosie |
| Year 3 | Sumaiya | Teddy |
| Year 4 | Saleh | Ivy |
| Year 5 | Joel | Charlotte |
| Year 6 | Roisin | Frieda |

Attendance

| CLASS | PERCENTAGE |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Reception | 89.1% |
| Year 1 | 91.7% |
| Year 2 | 93.1% |
| Year 3 | 94.3% |
| Year 4 | 93.2% |
| Year 5 | 93% |
| Year 6 | 95.6% |
| Whole School | 92.6% |

Reading

| CLASS | PERCENTAGE |
|---------------|------------|
| Year 1 | 97% |
| Year 2 | 97% |
| Year 3 | 92% |
| Year 4 | 88% |
| Year 5 | 95% |
| Year 6 | 94.4% |

Please see below key dates for your diaries this term:

January

- **Monday 30th January 2.15-3.15pm: Come along and join your child in class for our first session of PWAC, Parents Working Alongside Children. The lesson will be art, so paintbrushes at the ready!**

February

- **Wednesday 1st February at 2.45pm: Early number EYFS mathematics parent and carer workshop.**
- **Thursday 2nd February 1:30 to 2: 30pm Nursery School Trip to Foundling Museum.**
- **Thursday 2nd February at 10.00-11.00am: Families for life parent session online.**
- **Friday 3rd February at 2.30pm: music concert for Year 4 and other musicians parents to attend - please look out for more information next week.**
- **Tuesday 7th February at 9.00am: Naila Hirani well-being parent workshop in school.**
- **Tuesday 7th February 10.00 – 11.30am Year 6 WW2 workshop at London Metropolitan Archives.**
- **Wednesday 8th February 10.00-12.00: Y5 Dickens Museum trip**
- **Monday 20th February at 2.45pm: On-line safety parent workshop, led by Mary Rebelo CEOP adviser.**
- **Wednesday 22nd February at 9.30am: Year 3 parents - Ash Wednesday and Lent collective worship at Church.**
- **Friday 24th February 10:30 – 11:15am Year 3 School trip to Building Centre – workshop about sustainable materials to create new homes and buildings.**

March

- **Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day - children to dress as a book character.**
- **Friday 3rd March: Academic Review Day for parents (crèche available).**
- **Wednesday 8th March 9:00 – 12:00 – Oreo and Animals visiting EYFS and KS1.**
- **Friday 17th March - Tempest Photography – individual, sibling and class photos.**
- **Monday 20th March – 10: 11 Year 2 School Trip to Nightingale Museum.**
- **Wednesday 22nd March at 9.30am: Year 4 parents - Stations of the Cross and Easter collective worship at the Church.**
- **Friday 24th March Year 4 School trip to Tower Bridge.**
- **Tuesday 28th March 10:40 – 11:40. KS2 Concert at the Barbican.**
- **Friday 31st March: School breaks up for Easter at 2.00pm**