

STJJ NEWS



St John and St James C of E Primary School Newsletter

6th March 2020

From the Headteacher

It's hard to believe that we are already two weeks into the new half term. It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating Christmas and we're heading quickly towards the Easter break. With time passing so quickly, it's important to remember how precious our learning time is, so as always the children have been working extremely hard.

This week we have celebrated world book day. The children, and adults', outfits were wonderful with many as unique as they are so we couldn't resist sharing lots of photographs. As always if there is a special photo you would like of your child, let us know, telling us the newsletter date and page number.

We know that parents are busy when dropping their children off at school, but can we remind you that, if you are able, it is always best to walk to school. The traffic is busy around the school and our first priority is to keep children safe.

There have been a couple of incidents lately when parents have had disagreements that have become heated, outside the school gates. We ask you to behave respectfully and calmly, as adults children are looking to us to model how they should behave.

Reminder: School is closed on Monday 9th March for Parent Consultation meetings. Please ensure that you have booked your appointment using the link on the school website.

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Our vision is to create an inclusive community of aspirational learners, children, families and colleagues, working collaboratively and respectfully within a happy, nurturing environment where all flourish and achieve.

'I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness'.

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All About Reading

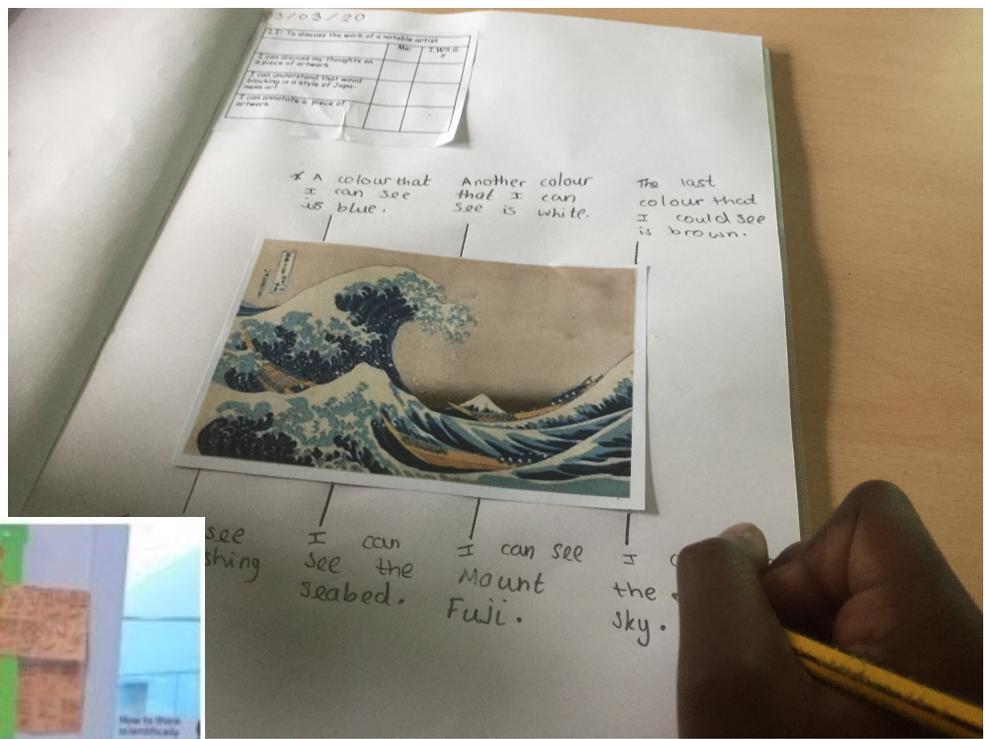
You may have noticed the little hut outside the front entrance. The children have been loving choosing books for free this week. We have been given the hut for a limited time from the **London Book Project**.

Reading is the most valuable skill our children will ever learn. Please encourage them to read lots at home.



The Day Explorer—The school buys into this valuable reading resource so that our children can access current news at an age appropriate level. The link is on the **children learning page** on the website. Our username is: **stjohnandjames** and the password is: **explorer**. Please encourage them to log in weekly.

Art in KS2

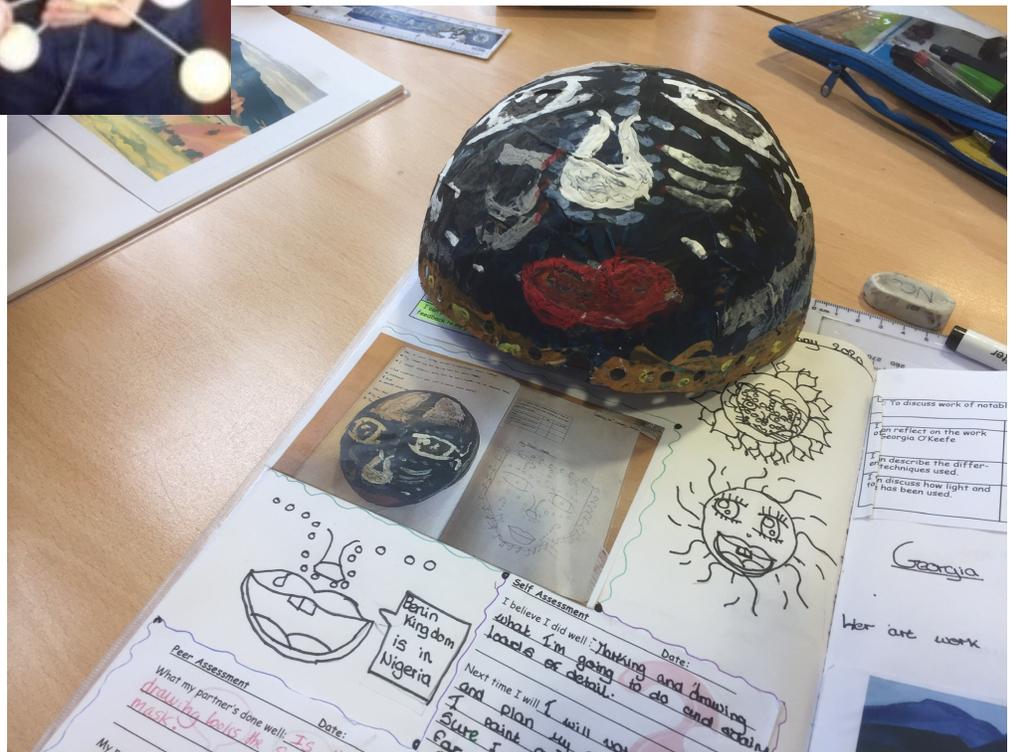


Y3 have been studying the Japanese artist Hokusai. This week they annotated an example of his work.

Y5 have been enjoying learning about the Solar System and have even made their own models.



Y6 have been learning about Benin and making and evaluating their masks in recent Art lessons.





The teachers have been learning some new teaching strategies to engage children even more in their learning.

This week, year 6 tried out the silent debate. They read set questions and responded. As the children moved around the room reflecting on the opinions and ideas of others they responded by writing. It was very insightful.



This strategy is called, Tell me more. The children have the information for the lesson on cards in the form of questions and answers. They move around the room, teaching each other the knowledge needed for the lesson. Everyone has something to share and if they didn't know about the topic before they quickly pick up new information.





Role play is a vital part of learning in early years. This is how children make connections in their learning to their real life.

They always have access to rich learning experiences and through collaboration and talk they are able to build their knowledge and understanding of the world.



Learning Through Play



After school club musical sign learning 'If you're happy and you know it!'



Parents do Maths!

At St John and St James we are a learning community. This week lots of our parents joined Mr Anoom to do some back to school maths.

They showed a real growth mindset and set a great example to our pupils, in their resilience and engagement in their own learning.



A very proud Miss Michael received her Higher Level Teaching Certificate Award this week. The children showed how proud they were of her when it was presented in our Achievement assembly. Well done, Miss Michael.



Lining Up Cup
Winners
KS1 – 2F
KS2 – 4W



Effort and Achievement Awards

KS1—Max, Muymuyn, Leonardo, Jessie, Jing Wen, Hussein and Jacobell

KS2—Gul, Kaysia, Achim, Ziann, Fernanda, Agape, Calvin, Jeremy, Asmin, Rohat, Bihter, Birtan, David, Ayo, Jayden and Princess.



Thankfulness Value Ambassadors

Romero, Naomi, Janis, Narin, Afriye, Joshua, Jahziah, Nesiah, Jing Wen, Jamieniel, Rayna, Sara

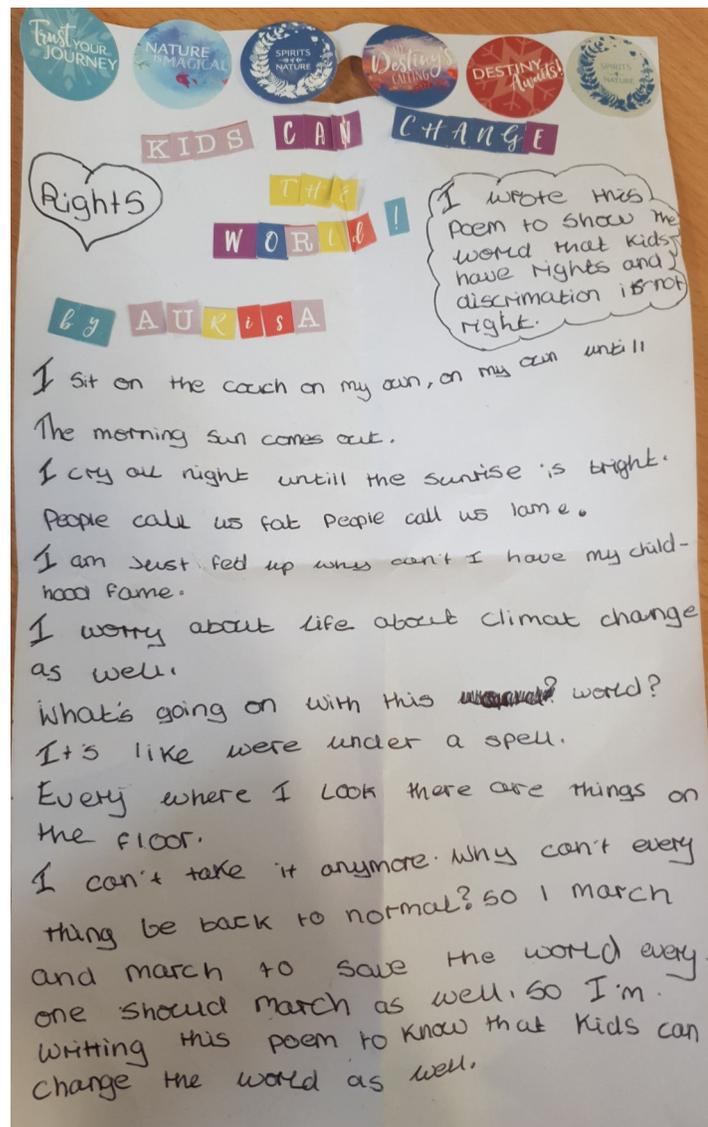


After just a few weeks of swimming lessons, some of our Year 5 pupils have already received their first award.

Well done to Aaron, Hailey, Narin, Jannelle, Arben, Sidal, Rheyon and Sidar!



Orcan has had a great week learning to drive his new electric wheelchair. Watch out guys, he's got new wheels!



Aurisa gives us all food for thought in her poem about our responsibility to the world around us. Nothing is more powerful than when our children ask us to step up and make a change.

Well done Aurisa. Any other budding writers who wish to publish their work please come and speak to us. It's always good to share your thoughts and opinions.

Rights

THE WORLD!

by **AURISA**

I wrote this poem to show the world that kids have rights and discrimination is not right.

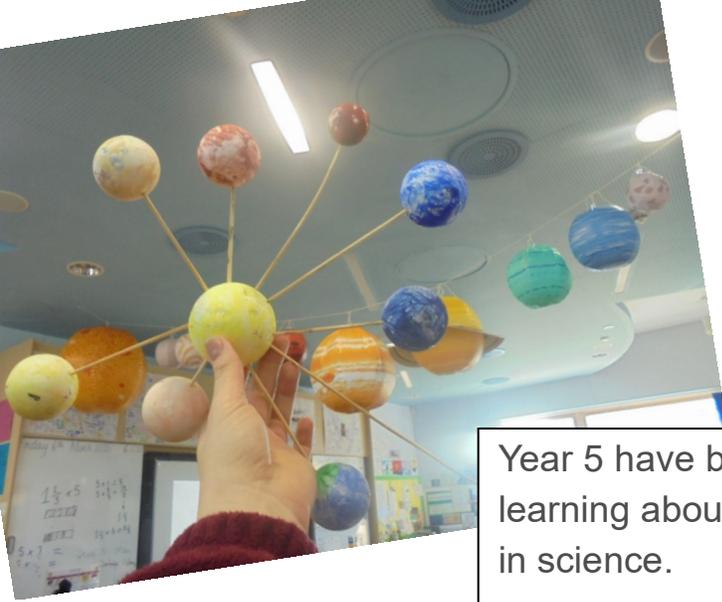
I sit on the couch on my own, on my own until
 The morning sun comes out.
 I cry all night until the sunrise is bright.
 People call us fat people call us lame.
 I am just fed up why can't I have my childhood fame.
 I worry about life about climate change as well.
 What's going on with this ~~unhappy~~ world?
 It's like were under a spell.
 Every where I look there are things on the floor.
 I can't take it anymore. Why can't every thing be back to normal? so I march
 and march to save the world every one should march as well. so I'm
 writing this poem to know that kids can change the world as well.



In staff meeting this week, we all had some training on African dance. Impact sports coach, Alfred and Miss Glover showed us all some moves. However, we're all at different stages in our learning and as you can see we have some real high flyers but we're a learning community and love the opportunity to learn together.



I'm not sure the chicken dance was on the lesson plan but it was great fun!



Year 5 have been enjoying learning about the solar system in science.

Efe made a model of the solar system. His favourite planet is mars.



Solar System and Space



The children had great fun trying to find all Mrs Cuncarr's 'crayons that quit' today. The crayons got up to lots of mischief throughout the day.

Luckily we moved onto the sequel, 'The day the crayons came back.'













This week we have the Scholastic Book Fair in school.

Please support the school by bringing your child to buy a new book.

Look out for the £1 book voucher in your child's book bag.





Paired Reading Buddies



Online learning



This week's Mathletics champions
Joshua, Nabil, Asmin, Romina, Jonathan and Kraven.



We are delighted that so many families have benefited from the school computers that we recycled this week. We know this means that lots of our children can spend more time learning online.

Please encourage your children to use the websites that we purchase licences for and others available for free on the internet.

Learning is so much fun when we can learn through play and games.



Times Tables Badges

In order to achieve their Times Table Champion badges children have to answer 30 written questions in 2 minutes. They need to achieve a score of 28 or above to receive a badge. Children can work towards Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards from Years 1 - 6.

This week's Champions

Bronze

Chibuken
Jayden

Silver

Frimpong
Romina
Felix
Rubino
Janis
Asen

Gold

Sandid Nyla Romero Ghaleeb
Lois Lasharn Samuel Clement
Amelia Alvita



Nursery



In Nursery we have been looking at the book called 'My mum and dad make me laugh'.

For world book day, we dressed up in spots and stripes. We made biscuits with spots and stripes. They were yummy.

Later, Year 5 children came down to listen to a story with us. We had lots of fun.

Christianity



The children gave each other blessings and read and understood the words from the confirmation ceremony.



At St John and St James, we follow the RE curriculum from the London Diocesan Board of Schools.

As part of our RE unit, 'How has the Christian message been spread for 2000 years?' Father Nigel visited us this week. The children in Year 6 had to explain what happens during a Confirmation and this has helped to spread the Christian message.