



A note from your Head of School.

School continues to be a busy hive of activity. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching the whole school RE on Thursday 29th September. The children really enjoyed it and rose to the challenge of learning the whole bible in one morning!

We learnt that in RE and Worship we may learn about the many, many stories from the bible but they all slot into 'The Big Story.'

Children have created 'Big Story' boxes which show the key concepts that underpin Christianity and the main story that the bible tells.

Here are some pictures of the Big Story boxes with one of our children's explanations of the Big Story. Perhaps ask your child what they can tell you about God's Big Story!



"First before anything there was just God, God created the world. Unfortunately humans made bad choices and this is called the fall. Many people tried to fix God's relationship with people but no one could. Until Jesus was born. He came to teach people and tell stories and save us."

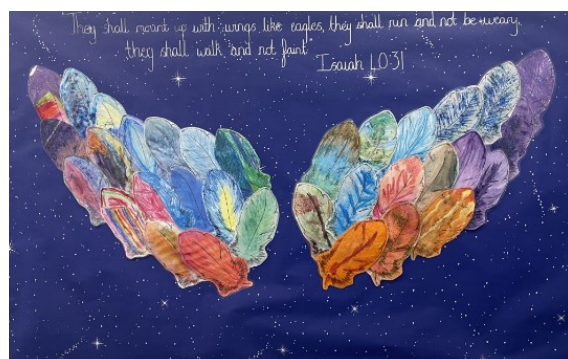
I feel immensely proud of our school learning environment. Most recently, some of the children's amazing work has started to pop up all over the school. I would just like to show you some pictures of the school and the spectacular work your children have contributed to!

Children worked with Mrs Tomlinson on our new entrance display. As you know, our Vision Statement is—

'But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.'

Isiah 40:31

So each child and member of staff has made a feather to create Eagle Wings. The children have done a fabulous job and thank you to the wonderfully talented Mrs Tomlinson for pulling this together. It looks really striking—I hope you agree!



Mrs Dugmore has also been working with the children on some artwork for our hall. This artwork depicts our three Christian Values — Service, Respect, Aspiration. What beautiful artwork! Thank you Mrs Dugmore for aiding the children with the drawing and painting.



On Monday, the children started to do paired reading. Year 5/6 have taken the responsibility of being a reading buddy.

The children have had coaching on how to listen to the younger children's reading. We have also started exploring a 'Poem of the Week' and performing to each other and the whole school at the end of the week. They all made a fantastic start!



Please continue to follow us on Twitter and Facebook for more updates and celebrations.

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Best Wishes

Miss S Simcock



Learning Updates

Robin's Class

In Robin's class we have been working towards writing our own stories! Children have been exploring different stories based on toys

as models for our own writing. The children have been working really hard to apply their phonics!

In Mathematics, we have been practising our counting and number formation, reading and writing numbers, comparing and ordering them and looking at different ways to represent numbers— with base ten, place value grids and in words and numerals. The children have been working immensely hard on these skills and I feel very proud of them.

In History, we have been thinking of our favourite toys and describing them. Next week, we are hoping to be joined by grandparents to discuss the similarities and differences. In RE, the children have been learning about the creation story and can discuss what 'stewardship' means.



In Music, the children have been learning to clap in rhythms. We have learnt how to play some basic notes on the Ukuleles.





Eagle's Class

It has been a busy but productive 2 weeks in Eagles Class. In last week's Literacy lessons, the children were introduced to key skills, such as using hyphens to avoid ambiguity and using commas to punctuate parenthesis. This week, the children have been preparing to apply their knowledge of these skills by planning an incidental write - a diary entry written from the perspective of Shackleton, to describe the perils encountered when navigating the Weddell Sea.

In Maths, the Year 5 children have been busy navigating the number line up to 1,000,000 and comparing and ordering numbers within the same bracket. Similarly, the children in Year 6 have been focused on navigating the number line up to 10,000,000, alongside comparing and ordering 6-digit numbers. Across our recent Science lessons, the children have enjoyed completing research tasks to investigate the life cycles of birds and insects. They will then apply the knowledge that they have gained in order to compare the two, identifying similarities and differences.

This half term, the Key Stage 2 children are focusing on dance in P.E and have been eager to demonstrate their understanding of levels, travel, unison and canon over the last two lessons. I am very impressed with their group routines based on songs from The Greatest Showman and Hairspray.

It was fantastic to see the children develop their understanding of our Christian Value of Service within the context of Harvest, with each year group exploring a different story from the Bible before completing an act of service inspired by the story that they'd read. I am looking forward to the children sharing their acts of service with family members and loved ones at our Harvest Service on Friday.



Harvest Service

Thank you for your generous donations to Tarporley Church foodbank collection.

For our Harvest Service this term we have focused on Harvest under the lens of our Christian Value of Service. Children from each year group explored a different bible story of Service.

Each group then created some artwork to show their bible story and finally completed an act of service inspired by the bible story they explored. These pieces of artwork create a cross that will be displayed in our school to show the children's learning on service this half term.

Children presented their artwork and our foodbank donations in Church on Friday.

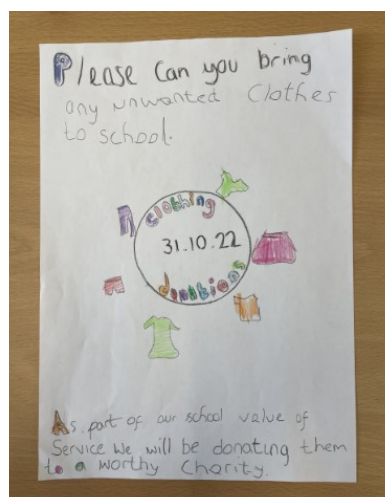
Thank you to those families that joined us. Here are some pictures of the children's artwork with some information on the acts of service your children completed.





Some children made Rocky Road for someone special to them, other children have written to local care homes. Some children have completed a litter pick or made bird feeders for our forest school area.

Please find a poster of Vanessa and Thomas' act of service. They would like to collect old clothes to donate to those in need. So please do have a look at home and send in any unwanted items of clothing that we can send to those less fortunate. Thank you in advance. Vanessa and Thomas will be very grateful!



Open Morning

On Saturday 8th October our school will be open between 9.00—10.30am to welcome prospective reception parents.

If you know anyone who will be looking for a reception place for September 2023 please do encourage them to come or bring them along.

We are eager to spread the word about our fabulous Nursery and EYFS provision.

Dates for the Diary—

EYFS Open Morning

Saturday 8th October 9.00am—10.30am

Prospective Yr 6 Tarporley pupils to visit —
Tuesday 11th October

Spooky Autumn Disco at the Village hall—
Thursday 20th October— 6.00pm—7.30pm

Whole School Chester Zoo Trip
Friday 4th November (more details to follow!)

Macmillian Coffee Morning (afternoon)—
18th November—Join us from 2.30pm to view books, enjoy coffee and cake and visit your child's class and catch up with teaching staff.