



St Nicholas Church School

End of Term 3 Newsletter

Message from the Heads of School:

As we reach the end of this busy term, we want to thank our children, staff, and families for making the start of 2026 so positive—despite the rather miserable weather we've all been battling! Hopefully the glimmer of sunshine earlier today means that better weather is on its way; fingers crossed.

One of this term's highlights was our amazing bedtime stories event. It was a delight to welcome children back into school in their pyjamas, ready to enjoy stories together with hot chocolate and biscuits. The warm atmosphere—inside at least—made the evening truly special. A huge thank you to all the staff who organised and attended.

We were also very proud to receive a extremely positive ADE (Assistant Director of Education) visit from Mrs Atkins and Mrs Pinner. They were incredibly impressed by the quality of the children's writing and their attitude to learning in their lessons. They both commented on the fantastic progress children have made since the last visit in October. This is a real testament to the hard work of both pupils and staff. We hope to share more of the children's writing next term, both on the website and Facebook, to showcase their amazing progress.

Looking ahead, Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 10th March and Thursday 12th March. Booking will go live in Week 1 of next term, and we will share more information after holidays.

As we finish the term, we hope you all enjoy a wonderful, restful half-term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back for the start of Term 4, refreshed and ready for more exciting learning.

PTFA:

The Friends of St. Nic's PTFA would like to say a huge thank you to all families for the continued support you give throughout the year. Your generosity and involvement make such a difference to our school community and help us provide exciting opportunities and resources for the children.

Next term we're looking forward to bringing lots of Easter fun to school, including a cheerful 'crafternoon' where children can get creative, as well as our ever-popular Easter Bingo — always a highlight for families! We also have more events planned that we can't wait to share with you.

Please keep an eye out for dates and further details when school returns. We hope to see lots of you there as we celebrate a fun-filled Easter term together 😊



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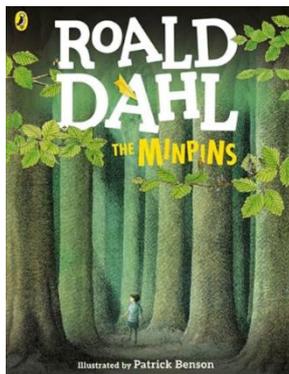
Midford:

Midford Class have been doing a project about space. We made rockets and planets out of paper. Then tested them with a tube and a bottle and launched them right across the playground!

We have also learnt about birds, creating bird hides, building dens, collages and even using origami to create our own bird hand puppets.

In English, we read Billy and the Minpins and focused on the different characters and settings in the book.

In Maths we have been using a walking measuring wheel in the playground to work out dimensions and learning lots of our practising lots of mental recall.



Wellow:

In term 3 Wellow class learnt about dragons through the stories of *Tell Me a Dragon* by Jackie Morris and *Dragon Post* by Emma Yarlett. We described dragons in English and drew them in art. We also linked it to Chinese New Year and learnt that 2026 is the Year of the Horse.

In Term 4, we will be thinking about non-fiction books and writing our own non-chronological reports in English. We will be focussing on the book *Big Blue Whale* by Nicola Davies and learning about sea creature including blue whales. We will learn habitats and food chains in science and will also create our own music linked to the Under the Sea theme.



Wellow Class Term 4 Topic Web **Under the Sea**





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Cam:

Our topic for this term has been Wintry Weather.

We started off by reading a story about Jack Frost and made some white paper collages to represent his character. Other stories we have read include Emperor's Egg and One Snowy Night.

Outside, we have been having lots of fun in our snowy shelter and making observations of ice melting under different conditions. Some small animals were trapped in the ice and we experimented with different ways that we could free them. We discovered that salt melted the ice the fastest.

We also explored how chocolate changed from a solid to a liquid state. We placed some chocolate buttons on a radiator, held some in our hands and placed others on a hot water bottle. The chocolate melted the fastest in our hands and we certainly had fun tasting it!

We now know where the coldest places are on the Earth and what they are called. We learned about the different animals that live there and how they keep warm.

Our writing and phonics skills are improving all the time and we are learning to write simple words, captions and sentences.

In maths we have talked about odd and even numbers, doubling and enjoyed comparing the different weight of objects. We even used scales to balance out ingredients to make fairy cakes!

Our PSHE theme, Dreams and Goals has been reinforced throughout the term and we enjoyed using the phrase "keep on going, don't give up" to remind us of our school value Endurance!





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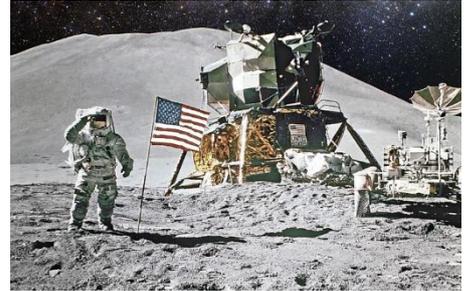
Somer:

What a fantastic term we have had in Somer Class!

In Science, we have really enjoyed exploring materials. We investigated different types of materials and discussed their properties, thinking carefully about why certain materials are used for particular purposes. The children loved carrying out simple investigations and using new scientific vocabulary to describe what they observed.

In History, we travelled through time to discover how humans learned to fly. From the incredible achievements of the Wright Brothers to Neil Armstrong's historic moon landing, the children were fascinated by the milestones in aviation and space exploration. They enjoyed comparing past and present and learning about the bravery and determination of these significant individuals.

We have also begun our dance sessions this term. The children have been working extremely hard, showing great enthusiasm and creativity as they learn our new routines. I am proud of their effort and teamwork, and we are all looking forward to performing at the upcoming Dance Umbrella show in March. Well done to everyone for their hard work this term — I am very proud of everything you have achieved!





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Avon:

Year 3 have had such a fun filled term with lots of exciting topics. Avon class especially enjoyed learning about Antarctica and finding about the climate and features. Everyone was shocked to find out that it could hit temperatures of -40 degrees!! They enjoyed writing postcards home imagining that they were working in that cold climate.

Science has been full of experiments all about rocks and soils. We investigated rocks using magnifying glasses to see their properties and used vinegar to see if they were acidic.

In English, the children produced some fantastic writing from setting descriptions based on Alice in Wonderland to persuasive speeches to Mrs Biss about the amount of food waste in our school.

In maths, the children got stuck into their times tables, perimeter, place value and division. All children developed their confidence looking at remainders in division and tackled some tricky word problems.

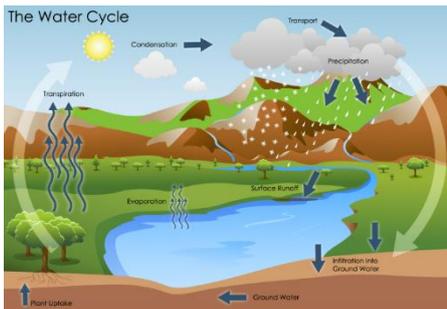
What an exciting term and we can't wait for the next! I know that everyone is looking forward to learning about volcanoes!





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Mells:

Mells class have been working on *Mells memoirs* this term in English. We have enjoyed writing about some special memories and have turned them into a special book.

We had pet ice cubes in science as we have been exploring *states of matter*. The lessons involving them were really fun and involved lots of laughter as our 'pets' melted. We have also been learning about the water cycle which is quite apt given the amount of rain we have been having!

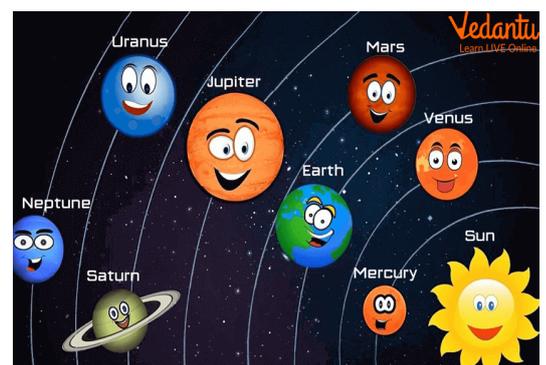
In geography we have been learning about where in the world different food comes from. The class have been amazed by how many miles some foods travel.

Yeo:

This term, Year 5 have had an exciting and productive time!

In English, they focused on writing biographies and persuasive letters. For their persuasive writing, they had fun convincing the headteachers to make a change in the school, using clever arguments and creative ideas!

They also explored fascinating topics in science, such as space and plants, learning about the universe and the natural world around us. Additionally, the students have enjoyed their dance classes, preparing enthusiastically for the upcoming Dance Umbrella event. It's been a fantastic term full of learning, creativity, and fun!





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Hartlake:

Year 6 have had a wonderful Term 3. We have worked hard in all areas of the curriculum. Here are some of our highlights:

Fifteen pupils took part in Bikeability sessions. These sessions taught us how to ride our bikes sensibly. We even got to cycle on the cycle path and on the roads.

We have designed our own magical creatures based on the book “Arthur Spiderwick’s Field Guide to The Fantastical World Around You”. We got to draw these creatures and paint them using watercolours. In English we have been writing about these creatures, using as much fantastic vocabulary as we can.

In History we have been learning about World War Two. We found learning about The Blitz really interesting. To mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day we learnt about Anne Frank. In PE we have been learning how to play netball. The weather hasn’t helped us as we have had to have lots of our lessons in the hall! We have also been building our fitness by taking part in move-a-mile as often as the weather has allowed us.

In Maths we each got a box of smarties. We counted how many of each colour smartie we had. We used these data to create a bar chart and a pie chart. We also used this data to calculate totals and means.

