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**Spring Term**  
**February**  
**2022**

# NEWSLETTER

## Sharing the precious moments we spend together at St Joseph's...

This half term has been interesting to say the least! We have had the largest number of covid cases amongst children and staff over a short period of time compared to all the other terms in the last 2 years. Thankfully, the cases have now reduced, and staff and children have returned safe and well. Likewise, January has gone, and the brighter days will soon follow. Already we see the first signs of Spring: snow drops, daffodil shoots, blossom etc. Spring is the start of new life and beginnings and in this newsletter, you will read of new events at St. Joseph's and find out about all the amazing work that is happening in each class. We are pleased to welcome our new Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Hargreaves who teaches in Class 4. She has settled well and is getting to know our families and children through school. As we close for half term, I wish you all a lovely week and hope the weather is kind to go exploring and see some of the signs of Spring in our area or further afield.

Stay safe and take care. **Mrs Wood**



We have 2 new members of staff: Miss Brown, a teaching assistant in Class 2 & Mr Greenwood, a teaching assistant in KS2 and Out of school club assistant. Welcome to the St Joseph's Team!

## Our Governing Body

All schools in England have a Governing Body which is responsible for overseeing many of the strategic decisions of the school. A key role is to act as a 'critical friend': to support, to challenge, to ask questions, ultimately to represent the school community. On St. Joseph's Governing Body there are 12 governors made up of: 2 parent governors, 1 local authority governor, 1 staff governor, 1 Headteacher and 7 foundation governors. The Chair of Governors is Mrs Anne Wood. The Vice Chair of Governors is Mr S Worsley. Both can be contacted via the school office Tel: 01282 813045. The work of the governing body is done by committees. At St. Joseph's, we have the following committees: Standards and Curriculum, Resources and Admissions. The term of office for a foundation governors is 4 years. Governors are elected. More information about our Governing Body can be found on the school website. under Welcome and About Us.

My name is Michael O'Connor and I was appointed as a Foundation Governor in November 2021. I have lived in West Craven area since 1988 and enjoy attending St Patrick's in Earby. I have worked in the NHS for 27 years, most recently as a manager with a Community Benefits Society delivering out of hours primary care services across East Lancashire. With a grown-up family – both my sons have SEN but are now graduates – I enjoy family time, walks with my wife and our lively Border Terrier, cycling and motorbikes.



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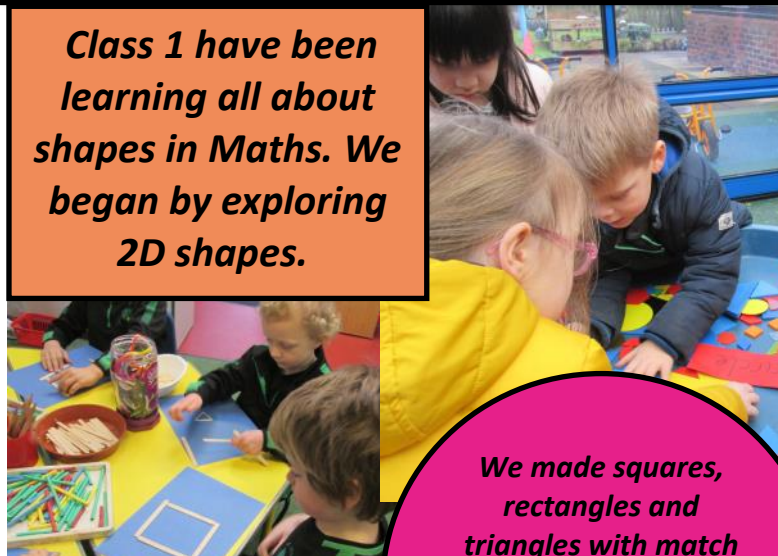
# Five Classes...One Family...Our School...



Space Adventures!

## CLASS 1

*Class 1 have been learning all about shapes in Maths. We began by exploring 2D shapes.*



*We made squares, rectangles and triangles with match sticks, artstraws and lolly sticks. These shapes all have straight sides.*



*We did lots of shape sorting.*

*We went out and about on a Shape Hunt around school. We found lots of different shapes and took photos of them to show the rest of the class.*

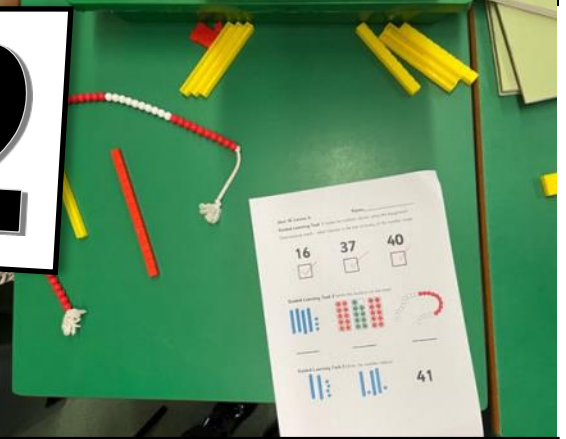


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**Five Classes...One Family...Our School...**

# CLASS 2



In class 2 we have been working with numbers all the way up to 100! We have been making numbers with lots of different resources and playing number games in partners.

We have loved our topic about Bangladesh this half term. We have used an atlas, google maps, and a globe to find where it is. We were particularly interested in the animals in Bangladesh. It's very different to our country! We have learnt all about what life is like there and we have finished our topic with a postcard from Bangladesh.



We were really excited to take our puppets home! We looked at some pictures of animals and decided on the colours we needed to make our animal. We used a running stitch to sew our puppet together. Then we decided what extra pieces we would need and cut them out ourselves. We worked so hard!



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## Five Classes...One Family...Our School...

In class 3, we have been learning about rocks in Science. We have looked at different types of rock including man-made, igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. We recently conducted an experiment to see which type of soils were the most permeable and least permeable. We have also learnt about the famous palaeontologist Mary Anning. We collected information on the laptops and created a biography about her life and how she will be remembered.



## CLASS 3



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The topic of rocks has also crossed over to our PE lessons, where we have been looking at the layers of the earth to inspire different movements and dance. For example we looked at how the mantle is a very thick layer of rock, we decided to create a slow movement to represent moving through the mantle.

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# Five Classes...One Family...Our School...



In our RE lessons, Class 4 have been learning about 'Jesus the Teacher' and we have learned about how he grew up in a Jewish family. We looked at some Jewish traditions and explored some Jewish artefacts to enhance our understanding about the Jewish faith.

In computing we have been very creative learning how to use coding and have been having fun using a programme called Scratch. We have been learning how to move, change and control outcomes.

Our history theme 'The Mayans', has led us to learn all about their clothing and textiles we are learning how to weave and have chosen colours that they used in their communities. We are aiming to create a place mat using this technique. We have also explored the Mayan number system and how they used this in their everyday life. We experimented recreating their system using our outdoor environment by selecting natural object just as The Mayans did.

In science we have been learning how to classify living things and have become experts at spotting characteristics of plants and animals.

This week we will be going on a living safari in our outdoor area. We will be hunting for and observing the characteristics of both plants and animals, then putting our new learned knowledge and scientific skills to the test.



## CLASS 4



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Class 5 have had a busy term, all themed around the topic of 'Titanic'. The term begun with a theme day in costume and took part in a variety of activities: a Titanic tour, played 1912 games such as quoits as well as finding out who their character was. They have written their own flashback story based around the Titanic and have just finished a holiday brochure for the boat, to persuade customers to take a voyage!



We have also been working hard in our cross-curricular Science and DT lessons to learn about circuits. We can now make circuits, use symbols and understand what adding more batteries does to a motor, battery and buzzer. The finished lamps have gone to be bedside lamps.



## CLASS 5

Mr Souter also visited us this half-term to help us learn about the Money Programme. The children learnt about debt, credit and debit cards and how to manage a budget.

The class librarians in Class 5 have also worked hard at sorting out our Book Corner into a space they would enjoy more. Each of the books are in genres, so it easier to find a book they like. We also have topic books out ready to develop our learning. We look forward to having some new seating soon too!



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# DIARY DATES

Please refer to the calendar and school holiday dates on our school website: [www.st-josephs-barlick.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephs-barlick.lancs.sch.uk)

School closes on 11th Feb for half term and re opens 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

23<sup>rd</sup> February IEP meetings with parents of pupils with SEND

26<sup>th</sup> Feb Session 5 Reconciliation at 4pm on MS Teams

3<sup>rd</sup> March-World Book Day

8<sup>th</sup> March 6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation by pupils in Church

15<sup>th</sup> March 6pm Holy Communion Parent's Evening

If you have queries regarding items on the newsletter please get in touch with Mrs Wood (Head Teacher) or the school office

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