



St. Margaret's CE Primary School

Weekly Update 12th June 2020



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well.

We will be widening our intake from Tuesday to accept children from EYFS and Year 1 alongside our keyworker children.

You, at exactly the same time as I (as schools are given no prior information), will have heard via the news the Government's announcement regarding the return of other year groups before the summer. They are stating that schools may invite other year groups if they are able. The current DfE advice is that children need to be taught in groups of no more than 15. Given this requirement, and our limited number of classrooms and teaching staff, I do not envisage any further year groups will be able to return to school before September. We await further guidance from the Local Authority. I will update you as soon as I am able. I thank parents for their patience as we all await clarity in these matters.

Our school website will be updated today with additional class resources to support your children with their learning next week. As all available staff will be required to staff school for the children returning, it may not be your child's class teacher who updates home learning resources from Monday. Mrs. Barker, Mrs White and Miss Pringle will be leading our home learning provision and will be liaising closely with our other class teachers.

We are looking at ways to further develop our curriculum, leading up to the Summer so as to incorporate more virtual interaction between home and school. More information about this will be available next week.

For updates, please continue to use the dedicated Coronavirus section of the School Website: <http://www.st-margarets.durham.sch.uk/parents/coronavirus-updates/>

Stay safe and stay well.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tait

E-Safety

Mrs Stoker has uploaded an Online Safety Guide to the website about Instagram - many of our older children are using this social media site, so it is definitely worth checking out!

Thinkyouknow.co.uk have also added more online safety activity packs (the link is also on our website)



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This week we have been busy in school. In reception, we have been looking at our solar system due to huge interest during our literacy sessions. The children had lots of interesting questions and have enjoyed finding out about travel into space and the planets in our solar system. The children thoroughly enjoyed reading space books, completing space yoga sessions, making their own solar systems and rockets as well as other fun things.

The children in Year 1 have had lots of fun writing, drawing and listening to stories. Not forgetting playing outside when we've had a dry moment! We have enjoyed writing our own poems about a magic wand, learning about rhyming words and onomatopoeia; we even got to make our own magic wand! We have also enjoyed drawing unicorns and animals with the help of Rob Biddulph.

In Year 2, the children have been exploring and writing our own fantastic haikus. We have also been continuing our work on Buddhism and have really enjoyed making origami birds and flowers.

The children in the junior bubble have also had a busy week. When the weather has allowed, they have managed to continue their work around the '30 Days of Wild' by studying trees in the school grounds. They identified a variety of trees and estimated which tree they thought was the oldest.

We have also enjoyed playing tennis, inside and out and have held a few mini tennis tournaments!

All in all, a very busy but happy week!



Best wishes to the following pupils who are celebrating a birthday this week:

Samuel Manzi

Magnus McKay

Roseanna Stokes

Ben Wood

Casper Watson

Thom Burnham

Asha Mead

Chialuka Nwudoh

Tahmasub Mohammadi

Tom Warbrick

Iona Smith

