



# Christ Church School Newsletter 5th November 2021



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## NEXT WEEK—VISITORS, COMMUNITY EVENTS & CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

Tuesday 9th November	Whole School	School Photos
Wednesday 10th November, 10.00-11.00am	Reception Class	Chelsea Physic Garden
Thursday 11th November, 11.00am—3.30pm	Y6	The Poppy Factory
Thursday 11th November, 10.30-11.00am	Whole School	Remembrance Assembly

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Reception Class:**  
*Martha and George*

**Year 1:**  
*Michael and Emilia S*

**Year 2:**  
*Sebastian and Percy*

**Year 3:**  
*Jessica and Thomas*

**Year 4:**  
*Charlie and Maggie*

**Year 5:**  
*Andrew and Otilie*

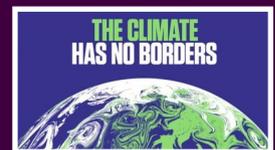
**Year 6:**  
*Mack and Molly*

## Dates for your Diary

<b>November</b>	<b>Friday 19th November</b> —Children in Need Day <b>Monday 22nd – Friday 26th November</b> – Times Tables Week <b>Monday 22nd November – Thursday 2nd December</b> - Online Christmas Shop and Elf Auction
<b>December</b>	<b>Wednesday 8th December</b> – Christingle Service 2.00pm <b>Friday 10th December</b> - Christmas Jumper Day & Lunch <b>Saturday 11th December</b> —Christmas Fair <b>Wednesday 15th December</b> – Christmas Assembly 2.00pm <b>Friday 17th December</b> - End of Autumn Term - School finishes at 1.30pm.

## Melanesian Mission Assembly

We have been discussing and learning about the COP26 conference this week in our assemblies. See inside photos of our Melanesian Mission assembly.



## CHRIST CHURCH AND HOLY TRINITY SCHOOLS NOW HAVE A TWITTER ACCOUNT!

If you have a Twitter account, you will be able to see the Christ Church and Holy Trinity posts. Go to your [Twitter](#) account and search for [@ccht federation](#) (same name as Instagram)



[@ccht federation](#)  
[@christchurchschoolkitchen](#)



## Children in Need Fundraising Event

**Friday 19th November**

**Get Your Strictly On!**



*We will be taking part in the Children in Need fundraiser event on Friday 19th November. The theme this year is to 'Get Your Strictly On!' For a donation of £1, children may come to school wearing their 'Strictly' themed outfits. You may prefer to wear just a little bit of sparkle or come dressed head to toe in your 'Strictly' themed clothes—it is up to you!*

*We will be having discos for all the classes throughout the day for the children to samba, rumba, waltz, or just do their own dance moves, around the dance floor!*

*So sequins, sparkles, bow ties and dancing outfits at the ready!*

This event was previously advertised in our newsletter as 12th November—we have changed the date to fit in with the national event.

For more information about this year's Children in Need Event and how the donations are spent, go to [www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/](http://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/)

## INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS—RETAKE

Individual photos of children will be retaken on **Tuesday 9th November**. The previous photos taken were not on a background we were happy with.



## Philosophy For Children



Each week in the newsletter we will pose a question that you and your child or your family can discuss.....remember, listen and respect each other's views!

*Why is it important to care about our Earth?*

# CHRISTMAS CARD SAMPLE CARDS SENT HOME TODAY!

You will find your child's Christmas card sample, featuring their own artwork, together with an order form, in your child's bag today.

If you wish to order, please fill in the order form and hand it in to the school office by

**WEDNESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ORDERS SHOULD BE PAID BY CARD IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR ORDER FORM**

## INDIVIDUAL PARENT MEETINGS

Individual parent meetings will be starting next week. Please remember your booking time. If you have not signed up for your ten minute slot, go to School Cloud to book as soon as possible.

<https://ccht.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

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### Creation Compline

 (Friday 12 November, 6pm at St Luke's)

 The UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) is being held between 31st October and 12th November. During this period, in our schools and in the parish, we will be focusing our prayers and reflections on the issue of climate change.

 On Friday 12th November, 6pm at St Luke's, to mark the end of COP26 we will be holding a youth-led Creation Compline. This will be a simple, reflective, and interactive service of prayer and music, as we ask God to give us vision for how we might play our part in stewarding and caring for God's good creation. This will also have contributions from the Melanesian Brothers, whose Islands are being depleted by ever rising sea-levels. So, please do join us for this!

 All are very welcome! For more information please contact:

 [samuelrylands@chelseaparish.org](mailto:samuelrylands@chelseaparish.org)

 SEE NEXT PAGE FOR PHOTOS OF OUR MELANISIAN MISSION ASSEMBLY



ST. LUKE'S &  
CHRIST CHURCH  
CHELSEA

## Melanesian Mission Assembly

On Monday this week, KS2 children from Christ Church and Holy Trinity Schools had a talk from Katie Drew from the Melanesian Mission and Father Sam Rylands. The Melanesian Mission UK is an Anglican mission agency that provides support



to the Anglican Church of Melanesia. Katie, an Executive Officer for the Melanesian Mission, has lived and worked in Melanesia.



Christ Church Curate, Sam, was involved in the Christian Melanesian Mission in the Solomon Islands during the pandemic. He had a fascinating time and learnt a lot about the really devastating effects of climate change there. Sam arranged for our guest Katie, to visit our two schools and talk to the children in KS2 together about the effects of climate change, in particular the damage to the coral reefs, on the Islands and to share the importance of the COP Conference in Scotland that is currently taking place.

### Where is Melanesia?

The great arc of islands located north and east of Australia is called Melanesia.



*David Attenborough urges leaders at Cop26 to be 'motivated by hope not fear'*

For more information about the COP26 conference go to: [www.ukcop26.org/](http://www.ukcop26.org/)





11<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – CHRISTMAS FAIRS  
AM – 11am -1pm – Holy Trinity Christmas Fair  
PM 1pm – 3.30pm – Christ Church Christmas Fair



*Christmas games, chocolate tombola, bottle tombola, Father Christmas's Grotto, face painting, hot dog stand, mulled wine and hot chocolate, homemade cake & bake stand, flower stall, CCHT Choir singing carols, CCHT Band playing, Church Christmas Raffle draw and much much more.* Child's ticket pass for all the Christmas Games will be available to buy soon Pay +/School Gateway.

**Our Online Christmas Shop has Launched! [WWW.CCHTSHOP.COM](http://WWW.CCHTSHOP.COM)**

Welcome to our CCHT Christmas Shop - your glossy go-to source for all things festive. We are selling a wide range of Christmas candles this year - scented, advent, brightly coloured and ivory dinner candles, gold dipped pillar candles and Christmas matches to light up your home during the season of goodwill. We have a variety of gifts and stocking fillers on offer including the ever-popular magic cubes plus charger stickers, an assortment of neon and pastel toned (as well as plain navy and red) hair ties, the annual personalised school tea towels - remember to save one for the relatives - plus plants and bulbs coming soon!

This year we are introducing our Christmas Tree page to the Christmas shop for the first time - these beautiful super grade trees in 5 different heights will be delivered to Christ Church on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December if you order by 15<sup>th</sup> November. Please remember Plants & Bulbs & Christmas Trees may only be collected from Christ Church but otherwise there items will be available for collection at Christ Church or Holy Trinity, please do specify on checkout. All that remains is for you to shop until you drop, keep supporting in this time of giving and receiving as all funds raised through the purchase of these gifts will go towards our fabulous Federation! **THANK YOU**



**Our Elf Auction runs from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** raising money for Reception Class resources hosted by our two Reception Classes. *Christmas goodies usually include bottles of Champagne, Christmas treats, homemade chocolates and gifts, indulgent bubble baths or spoiling spa treats, hampers, electronic games or tickets to a Christmas pantomime, homemade chutneys or even Christmas crackers.*

Please send your lot donations to **Katie Rose** at

**[krose@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:krose@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk)**. Lot values can range from £10 - £100 all in the name of the season of goodwill.

## Open Afternoon

Thank you to all our parents and carers who came along to our open afternoon on Tuesday. We hope you enjoyed looking at your child's work!



### Studying Miracles in Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about the miracles that have been written in the Bible. Some of our children have also been telling us all about the miracles in the Quran which is the holy scripture of the Islamic faith. They also shared with us special books which they use for their studies, a prayer mat and prayer beads.

*"We were talking about the Islamic rules and miracles of our prophet Muhammad who was the last prophet to come to Earth." S*

*"Before you pray there is a washing cleaning rule and it is called Wudu. You do all this bare foot. The first step is to wash your hands then you do your face, your ears and rinse your mouth. You have to wash down both arms. When you wash your feet, you have to wash the right foot all the way up the leg and then do the same with the left. When we have finished washing we are ready for prayer." A*

*"The first miracle Muhammad performed was before he became known as a prophet. Many did not believe he was a prophet and so, to prove to the people who didn't believe him, he prayed to Allah to give him power and he split the moon in half – he made one piece go to the left and one to go to the right and then he put them back together again. The Quran was Muhammad's greatest miracle." S*

*"There was a village that was really thirsty so the prophet got a stick and smashed it on a stone and then water came out, the water was fresh and the people could drink. Another miracle was when in another a village, two tribes were having wars and the leader of one group of people was very strong and could defeat anyone. One day during a war the leader of the other tribe said to his army whoever defeats the leader will marry my daughter. A prophet stepped up and he wasn't wearing any armour. The leader said to him you can't defeat him you are really weak without armour. The army tried to put armour on him, but the prophet found it uncomfortable so he took it off and instead he got a bag and filled it with rocks. He got a sling shot and fired a stone on the leaders head of the other tribe and then the rock smacked his forehead and he died. His tribe ran away and the leader was so grateful that the prophet helped him in all future wars." SA*



### Christ Church and Holy Trinity Summer 2021 Leavers

We would like to share this lovely photo of former Christ Church and Holy Trinity pupils taking part in a GCH Theme Day at Grey Coat Hospital School.



### Hooke Court Forms

**Reminder to  
Y4 Parent**



The Deadline for the return of the consent, emergency contact and confidential information forms is

**Friday 12th November**

Please hand these forms in to Miss Kennedy.

Many thanks.

### Message from the Kensington & Chelsea Foodbank

Following incredibly generous donations from everyone during Harvest Festivals, a series of events conspired to prevent Kensington and Chelsea Foodbank (KCFB) from benefitting from your kindness. All your wonderful gifts were donated to the local Methodist Church food-outreach service, so that people in need in our immediate community will not go hungry. Thank you.

The challenges that beset KCFB related to transport - not only did harvest coincide with the fuel crisis, but the introduction of ULEZ into the borough, meant the diesel van they accessed to transport super-large loads had to be sold & no replacement was ready. So the Foodbank missed out on two very substantial collections to stock up for autumn and winter.

Might you be able to bear that in mind with your donations this month? Susannah requests:

Long life Milk  
Long life fruit Juice  
Tinned meats  
Tinned fish  
Dried rice  
Tinned fruit  
Coffee  
Honey  
Chocolate spread/Peanut butter  
Cooking oil  
Rice pudding  
Custard

Washing up liquid, washing powder, shower gel, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste.  
Any warm clothes that are in good condition, would be welcome in separate bags.



***You can leave your donations at Holy Trinity from 04-05 November between 10.00-16.00 and before/after 11.00-12.15 Eucharist service on Sunday 07 November. Thank you for your kindness***

KCFB Team

**Christ Church & Holy Trinity Year 3  
DT -Sandwich Making**

Y3 Christ Church and Holy Trinity Children did a session on garnish making at Holy Trinity School, where they learned how they could display their garnishes in a beautiful way! They then went back to their class and made sandwiches that had been ordered by Y1 children.



*"At Holy Trinity we worked together to learn how to make a garnish for our sandwiches. We made a garnish out of cucumber and cut them into shapes like flowers. When I made my sandwich, it was a bagel with tuna and cucumber. We had to do all the preparations ourselves and we gave them to the Y1 children to eat. Artemis had the sandwich I made and she liked it."* **Hero**

*"I made three sandwiches, ham, honey and cheese. I had to butter the bread first, chop up the cheese, ham and the cucumber. We kept the spare bits of garnish in one bowl so that we could have a munch ourselves later. I made my sandwich for Emilia in Y1 and she had a bit of each sandwich."* **Petra**



*I made a cheese sandwich for Michael in Y1 and I think he really enjoyed it. We had to wash our hands and we had plates to put the sandwich on. Michael's sandwich was just cheese. He wanted cheese and mango but I didn't think that would taste nice and we didn't have any anyway!* **Ciara**



## Year 1 Guided Walk

As you may remember, just before half term Year 1 went on a guided walk with tour guide, Nadia, a friend to the school and an ex-Christ Church parent. The walk was linked to Year 1's geography topic, the local area. The children were in split into two groups and in the last newsletter we saw photos from the first group—here are photos from the second group.



*"While we were on our walk, we went to the street I live on, Paradise Walk. On the walk we saw a sculpture that looked like a camel but it was actually a statue of a bird of prey. A famous person kept loads of animals in their house! Even monkeys! (Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Poet and Painter) At the Physic Garden there was a picture on the gate of a person and a dragon and Nadia said the person was fighting the dragon." Archie*



*"We found it very interesting that the reason Flood Street is called Flood street is because there had been a flood! A long long time ago, Chelsea used to be all countryside. We went to Swan House and saw the picture of the swans on the door. It was very interesting how many statues there are in Chelsea. My favourite one is the dolphin one by Albert Bridge. We saw blue plaques where famous people lived and statues of people who had died a long time ago." Olivia*





## Recommended Read



### Midnight Magic (ages 6-8 & up)

**Author:** Michelle Harrison **Illustrator:** Elissa Elwick **Publisher:** Little Tiger



From the moment she was born on a snowy winter's night, there has been something special about Midnight. Little does she know that black cats born at midnight have magical gifts – she just thinks all kittens can fly on brooms and shrink themselves so they can win hide-and-seek.

But what Midnight would really like is a family and a place to call home. When she crosses paths with Trixie, who happens to be looking for an adventure, the two seem perfectly matched.

Trixie's dad isn't sure he wants a kitten in the house, but her nan has the deciding vote, so Midnight stays. But how will the family react when magic and mischief take over their previously quiet lives?

This fabulous rhyming story is a captivating, enchanting adventure, fully illustrated in shades of magical purple.

Trixie's multicultural family and their multi-generational household are endearing and entertaining. Her dad is initially wary of the strange, supernatural happenings but, with some encouragement from Nan, he eventually embraces the chaos. Newly independent readers will find the clever rhymes, repeated rhythm and detailed pictures help them through Midnight's story, while the same qualities make this an ideal bedtime read for younger children.

## TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS!



### Weekly Headlines



Most Accurate	Fastest	Most Active	Rank Amongst Local schools
Year 3 EH 96.09 %	Year 5 MB (1.07 sec/q)	Year 5 CH 35%	19/30

### Individual Class Leaderboards

#### Holy Trinity

Year 2 <sub>ZP</sub>	Year 3 <sub>JD</sub>	Year 4 <sub>EA</sub>	Year 5 <sub>CH</sub>	Year 6 <sub>TM</sub>
Annabelle	Abigail	Jayden	Niyaz	Uliks

#### Christ Church

Year 2 <sub>MK</sub>	Year 3 <sub>EH</sub>	Year 4 <sub>NK</sub>	Year 5 <sub>MB</sub>	Year 6 <sub>EH</sub>
Yaseen	James	Altay	Adam	Lara



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November

## Reception Class Newsletter

### This week we:

- Learnt how to read and write the sounds /ck/ (rock), /e/ and /u/ in our Alphabet Code lessons. We are starting to read and write words with four sounds in them!
- Read *The Jolly Postman* in our English lessons. We had lots of fun pretending to work in our role-play Post Office. We even posted letters in our very own post box! We labelled characters from the story and drew a story map detailing the postman's route. We designed our own stamps. Some of us also wrote a letter to the Jolly Postman to say thank you for delivering the post.
- Compared amounts and numerals, saying which was worth *more* or *less*. We also can say *greater than* and *equal to* when describing quantity. We looked at number patterns and identified which number came next.
- Read *The Very Worried Sparrow* in R.E. We talked about what we can do to make ourselves feel better when we are feeling anxious. Lots of the children said that they could talk to their family or friends. Some people turn to God when they are feeling worried.
- Explored colour mixing in our Art lesson. We listened to the story *Little Blue and Little Yellow*. We then mixed primary coloured playdough together to make secondary colours.
- Started to learn the names of zoo animals in our Spanish lessons with Miss Aina.
- Started our *Understanding the World* unit, *Slimy Things*. We made our own slime and described its properties e.g. thick, runny, sticky, bumpy.

### Next week we will:

- Learn how to read and write the sounds /r/, /b/ and /h/.
- Focus on the correct formation of the numerals from 0-10.

Have a lovely weekend ☺



## Learning at Christ Church in Year 1

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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In English this week we have continued looking at The Great Fire of London and have sequenced the events of the fire. We thought carefully about what happened using pictures to help us sequence the events of The Great Fire of London in 1666.

In Maths, we have been looking at ordinal numbers, from 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, and how they are different from cardinal numbers (the numbers we count with). Ordinal numbers tell us the position something is in a list. For example, someone coming first in a race.

For Alphabet Code this week we have been looking at the /or/ code and writing sentences using this code. Next week, we will start the /ow/ code.

In PSHE, we continued to look at the zones of regulation and thought about the strategies we could use to help ourselves manage our emotions.

In History, we have started learning about the 4<sup>th</sup> of November and why it is such an important historical day. We made our own bonfire night display pictures using wax crayons to colour and then went over the top with a black crayon for the night's sky.

In Art, we continued practicing drawing different types of lines on leaves just like Leonardo da Vinci and David Hockney use in their artwork.

Next week, we will be writing about the setting of The Great Fire of London.

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A lovely week in Year 1!  
Have a fantastic weekend!



## Learning at Christ Church in Year 2

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2021

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It's been a busy week of learning, both inside and outside of the classroom. The highlights of the week were open afternoon and our trip to Battersea Park. We foraged for lots of objects such as leaves and sticks which we then used to create different artworks.

In Maths we continued working on subtracting numbers up to 40 using vertical subtraction. We then did a combination of addition and subtraction questions. We had to be very meticulous to ensure we were doing the correct operation. We then began practising regrouping tens into ones, ready for vertical subtraction with regrouping.

In English we continued our unit on Traditional Tales by exploring the beginning, middle and end of The Frog Prince. We orally retold each part of the story then wrote the story in our own words. Next week we will write our own story about what happens next!

In Science we started our new unit Material Monsters. We made the material monster very happy with our prior knowledge of materials, listing things such as glass, plastic, wood, rubber and brick. We also listed some of the properties of materials such as hard, soft, transparent and opaque. With help from parents, we then went on a material hunt in the piazza using our keen observational skills. What a fantastic lot of scientists we are!

In RE we were led to temptation when we returned from lunch with raisins on our desks. We were able to eat our raisin at any time however, if we waited until the end of the lesson, we would get two raisins. We discussed what Jesus meant when he said pray 'Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil' and thought about the choices we would make in a range of scenarios. We then described a time where we felt tempted but made the right choice, with lots of us referencing the raisins!

**Reminder:** Parent interviews on November 10 and 17.

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Well done, Year 2.

Have a fun, restful weekend! 😊

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## Learning at Christ Church in Year 3

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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In Maths this week, we've been recapping on lots of our place value skills and using these to help us tackle some word problems involving addition and subtraction. We will be consolidating this further next week before moving on to multiplication and division. Year 3 responded well to their first formal times tables test this week – do keep up practise on TT Rockstars as this can really help to make sure retrieval of these key facts is speedy and reliable!

In English, we have been thinking about the purpose of our writing. We enjoyed looking at writers who write for different purposes and thinking about how and why they write in a particular way. This has helped us to think about our own writing, particularly as we seek to understand why we're writing and how this affects the language that we choose. We applied this to write a riveting recount of a firework display. Year 3 have done a wonderful job

We loved having lots of visitors to join us for our cave painting session earlier this week – if you haven't yet seen the fantastic work that was produced, do visit the Year 3 cloakroom to see it on display!

We've also been consolidating our knowledge about Stonehenge in History, exploring the work of Louise Bourgeois in Art, learning the names of different body parts in Spanish, researching how and why Christians pray in RE and starting to understand our solar system in Science. Our Science topic for this term is based around space exploration which is an excellent one for extra reading and can be handy inspiration for educational gifts...!

*Good questions to ask your child this week are:*

*How does Louise Bourgeois express feelings about her life in her artwork?*

*What words could you use to describe the sight, sound and smell of a firework display?*

*Why and how do Christians pray?*

Have a wonderful weekend!



Learning in Year 4 at Christ Church  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Year 4 have been brilliant this week and accomplished so much. Their writing has been particularly impressive and after a week of working together to brainstorm different descriptive writing techniques, they set about on writing their own description of a storm which I look forward to reading over the next week. They have learnt different sentence types such as 2A sentences (expanded noun phrases) and sentences with personification, similes, emotive fronted adverbials and double 'ly' ending word sentences.

They have revised different strategies to multiply including the partitioning method and short multiplication. Their homework this week is to solve multiplication word problems where they will need to alternate the methods. This is important as it demonstrates what they are actually doing when they multiply a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number which may involve regrouping of ones, tens and hundreds.

Partitioning method for multiplication

$$\begin{aligned} 37 \times 4 &= \\ 30 \times 4 &= 120 \\ 7 \times 4 &= 28 \\ 120 + 28 &= 148 \end{aligned}$$

Short written method for multiplication

$$\begin{array}{r} \phantom{2} \mathbf{3} \mathbf{4} \mathbf{2} \\ \times \phantom{2} \phantom{3} \phantom{9} \mathbf{7} \\ \hline \mathbf{2} \mathbf{3} \mathbf{9} \mathbf{4} \\ \phantom{2} \mathbf{2} \phantom{3} \phantom{9} \phantom{4} \\ \hline \phantom{2} \phantom{3} \phantom{9} \phantom{4} \phantom{2} \phantom{3} \phantom{9} \phantom{4} \end{array}$$

In history, Year 4 used their notes on Tudor portraits to write a 'Who am I?' which will be turned into a pop-up card and brought home next week. Please keep an eye out for this as they should be able to tell you about how different people lived during the Tudor period.

There is art homework this week which involves them finding an object in which they feel represents them or they have a connection to. If they could bring in this object for their art lesson on Tuesday, then they can incorporate this object into their self-portraits, inspired by Frida Kahlo.

Hooke Court is not far away now – your child should've come home with 3 forms that need to be completed and brought back to the office by 12<sup>th</sup> November. Mrs Kelly has also sent these forms via email, in case they go missing!

Best wishes for a lovely weekend-  
Miss Kennedy



## Learning at Christ Church

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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The first week back from half term has been filled with learning! It was great to be back at school this week and to have the parents with us for an afternoon. We enjoyed being able to share what we do at school with you.

In English, we learned how to incorporate quotes into a news report, and we talked about how to punctuate quotes appropriately.

In Maths, we learned how to multiply a two, three and even four-digit number by a two-digit number. We have had lots of practice with this new skill.

In History, we learned about school in the Victorian Era and reflected on how different school is now compared to the past.

In PSHE, we learned about celebrations all over the world and we discussed some of the similarities between them.

In Art, we compared Grayson Perry and Joseph Cornell's Art, reflecting upon symbolism versus abstract, using Art as a means of protest versus using Art to express personal emotions.

In Science, we learned about forces, gravity, and about the difference between mass and weight.

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**Have a lovely weekend!**

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Learning at Christ Church

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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This week in Maths, we have been learning about square, cubed and prime numbers. Using our knowledge of factors, we sorted numbers into prime and composite groups depending on if they had more than two factors (one and itself). We learnt how *square numbers* are formed when a number is multiplied by itself and a *cubed number* is where three of the same number are multiplied together. We also looked at how we can find the square root of square numbers. We have begun to revise place value of decimals and compared and ordered them based on their size. We have multiplied and divided decimals by factors of ten by moving the number up or down the place value chart. We also revisited the idea that addition is commutative and how we can use that fact to make mental addition problems easier.

In English, we were given a story opening that was not in the correct order and had to put it back together. We discussed the importance of a story being well-structured for sense, progression and suspense. We also talked about how paragraphs need to have a similar theme running through them so that all the sentences link together. We revised different sentence types: embedded clauses, 'ing' verbs and fronted adverbials. Finally, we wrote our story opening and they were brilliant! Lots of personification, use of senses and interesting sentence structure!

In Reading, we have started a new book, *Wolf Brother*, and looked at how we can make predictions about a story based on evidence from the front cover. In Science, we continued to learn about the circulatory system and what blood is made up of. In History, we watched a video clip about a woman who was evacuated in WW2 and considered what her experience would have been like. We also had a wonderful trip to the National Army Museum and learnt all about the Blitz in a workshop.

Upcoming Events:

Parent Meetings – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November from 1.30

Trip to the Poppy Factory – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November

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**I hope you all have a lovely weekend!**