



St Mary's CEVA Primary



Academy Newsletter



"Do Everything in Love" 1 Corinthians 16:14

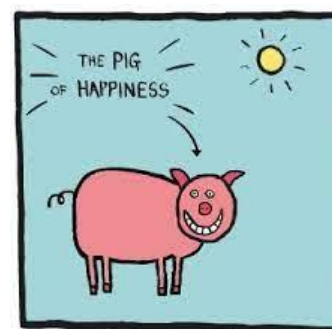


Friday 27th January 2023

Thank you so much for those who joined us for the parent forum, it was a really helpful and positive meeting. Below are some of the key points that came from the meeting:

- Adults love coming into school to join in with their children's learning
- They love the wide range of clubs on offer
- They love the trips and appreciate that the costs are kept lower than other schools
- Communication is excellent especially in EYFS
- Like more opportunities to come into school
- Enjoyed the reading cafes

This week we have had visitors from Northants Fire and Rescue in to see EYFS, and Major Nigel from the Salvation Army come to share a message about the 'happiness pig' who always saw the happy side of life and was so filled with happiness that he was able to share that happiness with others. We were all inspired to think of ways to share our happiness with others.



This week I have met with the Governors and shared the incredible progress of the children who took their SATs last year. Many of these children came back to tell us how well they were doing and are in top sets at secondary school. So many of our children exceed at secondary and go onto college and university; we love hearing their success stories. Thank you for all you do to support and encourage your children to succeed.

Great news... Bedrock is so impressed with our progress and engagement they are filming a video to tell the story of the impact it has on reading, writing, spelling and grammar. Our progress across the school is higher than national, and our children who speak a language other than English at home make the best progress. When I asked who wanted to talk about Bedrock, the hands shot up so quickly and I was so overwhelmed with numbers I had no choice but to draw names out of a hat.

Our pupil's voice:

Leah – year 5

I think Bedrock is really fun and enjoyable. My teachers and Mrs Wright our Headteacher often praises us about our progress and number of lessons in Bedrock. I really like the knowledge organisers because I can click on any words I'm not sure of and it will remind me about what the word means.

I also think the picture clues are really helpful with working out what the word means.

Ella – year 6

I am thrilled with the progress that I have made on Bedrock. Not only does it help me with my reading but I am able to use the new vocabulary that I have learnt in my writing. I also find that when I am doing my learning, the way the questions are written helps me develop my grammar knowledge and learn to spell the words correctly.

Lukas – year 6

When I heard we were top of the leader board for all primary schools in the country I was very excited. Our teachers encourage us to achieve the very best with our learning and Bedrock is one of the key ways to support our learning at home. The range of different texts help me in my writing because I get ideas about what I can add into my writing.

Ruth – year 4

At St Mary's we learn about how we can reach our full potential. Our teachers have high aspirations for us and want us to do Bedrock because they know it will really help us with our learning. I do lots of Bedrock at home so that I can reach my targets. I am predicted expected in reading and achieved that in my test.

I am very proud of the progress I have made.



Calling all childminders!

If you, or you know anyone that is a registered childminder and has availability to collect from our school and provide childcare for any of our students, please get in touch. We are happy to advertise to all of our parents on your behalf.

Little Lambs
Stay and play group

Where: Central Methodist Church
School Lane, Kettering

When: Tuesdays (from 10/1/23)
9:30-11.30am

Who: Pre-school children and their
parents/carers

What: Join us for coffee and chat,
play and craft activities,
singing and music.

St Mary's Homework Expectations

Year 1 and Year 2

- Daily reading
- Spellings
- Arithmetic sheet
- Number bonds

Year 3

- 2 Bedrock in total (1 session in school)
- Spelling
- TTS Rockstar's - 10 minutes daily
- Reading - 15 minutes x 3 times

Year 4

- 3 x Bedrock in total (1 session in school)
- Spelling
- TTS Rockstar's - 10 minutes daily
- Reading - 15 minutes x 3 times

Year 5

- 4 x Bedrock
- Spelling -
- TTS Rockstar's - 10 minutes daily (if not scoring at least 95)
- Reading - 15 minutes x 3 times

Year 6

- 4 x Bedrock
- Spelling
- TTS Rockstar's - 10 minutes daily (only if needed)
- Reading - 15 minutes x 3 times

From spring term

- Grammar, spelling, punctuation - 10 minutes per week
- Arithmetic - 10 minutes per week
- Bespoke maths linked to MAJ target setting - 10 minutes per week

This term, Mr Savage's class are learning all about plants in our science lessons! We have been focussing on trees in particular. We took a close look at the trees in the front area of our school and were able to identify them as deciduous. Back in the classroom, we looked at images of what the trees may look like during the spring and summer! We are looking forward to observing how the trees' appearances change throughout the year.

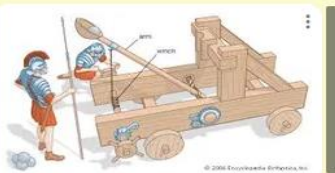


And in Design and Technology, our students in Year groups 1-6 have been very busy designing their own creations, in response to design briefs. They have been learning to experiment using a range of techniques while evaluating their finished products.

Design technology

"Design is a funny word. Some people think design means how it looks. But of course, if you look deeper, it's really how it works." Steve Jobs

Roman catapults- year 3-6. The competition to propel the silver foil canon balls the furthest created great class competitiveness.



Year 5/6 electrical circuit Christmas cards



Year 3/4 lever and linkages Christmas cards



Year 1/2 made Nativity puppets for a puppet show.





OUR SPECIAL VISIT FROM NORTHAMPTONSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE 23/01/2023





23RD-27TH JANUARY 2023

STAR OF THE WEEK

Grace

Year 1

Edmund

Year 1-2

Szymon

Year 3-4

Rupert

Year 4-5



Miraz

Year 2

Mia C

Year 3

Amarnie

EYFS

KingDavid

Year 5-6

Finley

Year 6