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### **Sunday Gospel**

This weekend, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Easter. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who leads us and invites each of us to try our best to be His image in the world. "The sheep hear His voice, and He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." John 10:10

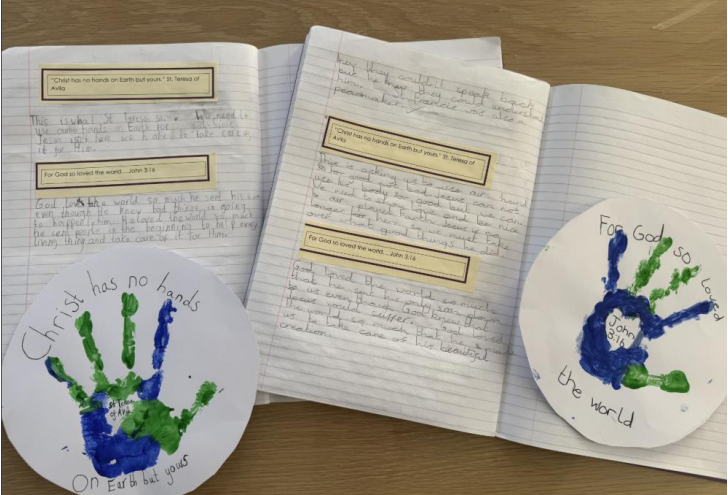


### **Caritas Social Teaching Award**



This week our Caritas Social Teaching Award goes to one of our parents, Mrs Blood. Mrs Blood took home all our lost property and washed it, sorted it into year groups and messaged parents to let them know they could come and collect it. She even returned a £20 note she found in a child's pocket! Mrs Blood, we are all so grateful for your kindness. Thank you!

**Earth Day**



Our Celebration of the Word this week linked with our being in the Jubilee Year of St. Francis and how we are inspired by his kindness and compassion towards nature not only when celebrating Earth Day but every day. Our Year 3 children explored scripture and prayer related to the need for us to take care and protect our common home.



Class 6K loved learning about earth day on Wednesday! Mrs Deignan's amazing assembly taught us all about Francis of Assisi and that he was the patron saint of animals and the environment. We then decided to help our school environment by planting more flowers.

Using paper pulp (biodegradable) and seeds, we created earth seed bombs. We then planted these in our school garden. We can't wait to see them grow and attract wildlife.

**CAFOD**

This morning we welcomed Charles, from CAFOD, to our whole school Caritas assembly. He came in to thank the children and families from St Winifred's for raising £1650 during the season of Lent. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Deignan for her

wonderful efforts in leading this fundraising for school. This fundraising will help children like Zunayed in Bangladesh to live their lives to the full and flourish.



## **Writing at St Winifred's**

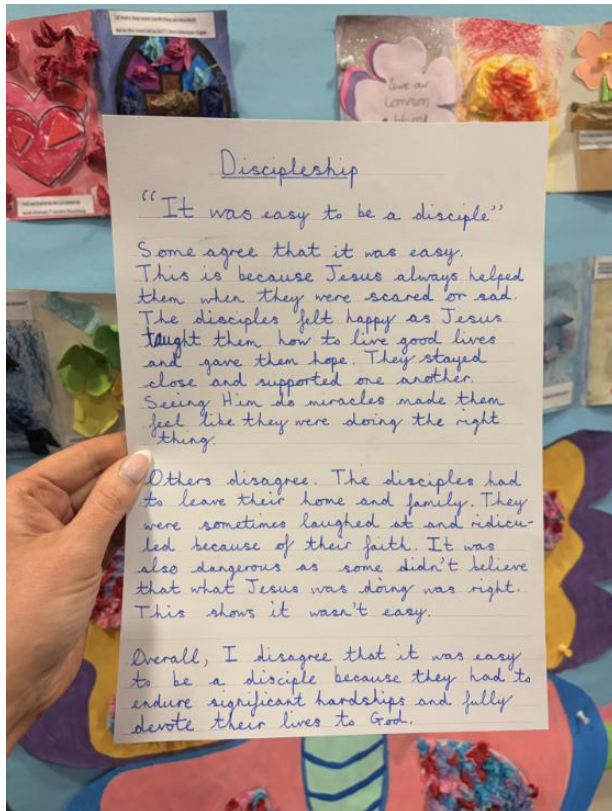
Recently we have reviewed our approach to writing in St Winifred's. Last Wednesday afternoon, we invited our governors in to speak to our pupils about the writing process at St Winifred's. Our governors were so impressed with the quality of our pupils' writing, that they asked me to share an example with you. This example comes from Adam, one of our Year 6 pupils, who was challenged to think about whether or not it was easy to be a disciple.

### **'Discipleship'**

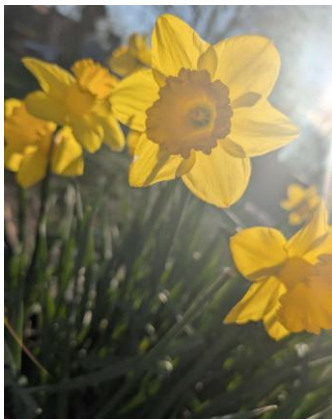
Some agree that it was easy. This is because Jesus always helped them when they were scared or sad. The disciples felt happy as Jesus taught them how to live good lives and gave them hope. They stayed close and supported one another. Seeing Him do miracles made them feel like they were always doing the right thing.

Others disagree. The disciples had to leave their home and their family. They were sometimes laughed at and ridiculed because of their faith. It was also dangerous as some didn't believe that what Jesus was doing was right. This shows it wasn't easy.

Overall, I disagree that it was easy to be a disciple because they had to endure significant hardships and fully devote their lives to God.



## **Mrs Willoughby needs your help!**



I'm sure you will agree that the flowers around school are looking absolutely beautiful. A huge thank you to Mrs Willoughby, Mrs Jackson and our wonderful pupils for all their hard work and care in maintaining our outdoor spaces. Their efforts really do make our school such a welcoming place.

Mrs Willoughby is now hoping to purchase some additional bedding plants, so any support that parents are able to give would be very much appreciated. Thank you so much for your continued support.

## **A message from Miss Mulligan**



I just wanted to say a HUGE thank you to the children, parents, and carers at school. The sponsorship money and the words of encouragement that you all gave me really meant the world. It was the hardest thing I've ever done and why I've been hobbling around all week, but worth all the pain!

You have helped to smash my £750 target to a current total of almost £1,700, which is just incredible. It will make a huge difference to Willow Wood Hospice and help to care for more people like my Mum and their families.

Love from, Miss Mulligan

## Year Five go to Blue Peter





This week Class 5M and 5P had the exciting opportunity to visit the Blue Peter Studios. They went behind the scenes to see how the programme is filmed. They visited the Gallery and green rooms. They were also introduced to all the presenters Abby, Joel, Shini Henry and Hacker! The children watched some amazing content and took part as the audience! Further details will follow regarding the dates of when our episodes will be aired on television. We would all like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Benham for organising this for Year 5.

Blue Peter also emailed the school with some feedback about our visit: 'The students of St Winifred's School performed excellently yesterday. I was deeply impressed by how supportive they were of the child performers invited to show their talents on the programme, especially towards the Irish dancer. It was really heart-warming to see.'

## Reception

This week in Reception, the pupils have celebrated Earth Day. They collected natural resources to create artwork. They have also worked on counting to and past 20. They have continued learning about growing.

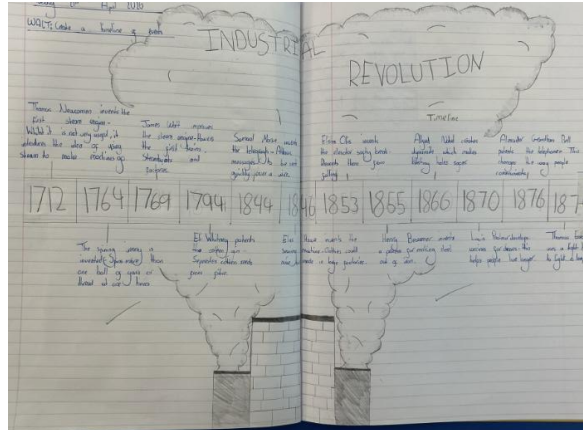
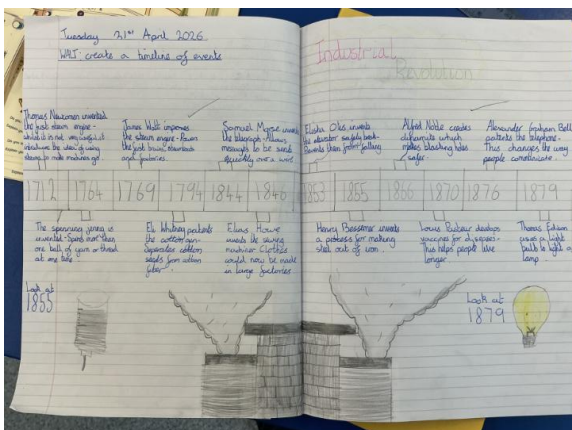


## Design Technology in Year one



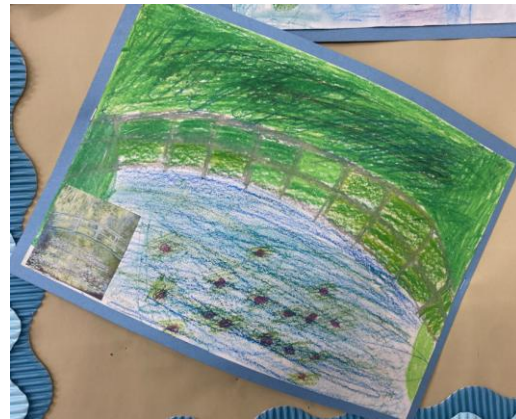
Class 1M had so much fun making their fruit kebabs this week. We followed our design pattern to make them and then ate them in a flash! Everyone loved their design.

## History in Year Five



Class 5P have begun their learning about the Industrial Revolution. We discussed how Britain changed over that period and created a timeline to highlight some of the important inventions of the time.

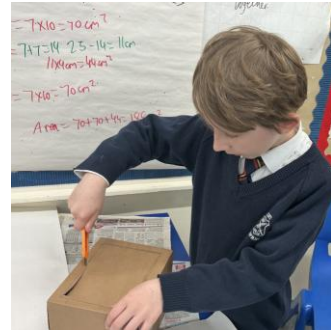
## Art in Year Two



Year 2 have been learning about how to shade and use tints and tones. We used these skills to create our final Monet piece.

## Design Technology in Year Five





This week, 5P had a great day producing their final cam toys. They used skills like measuring, sawing, painting and making the cam and follower align to allow rotary movement to turn into reciprocating movement.

## Stockport Book Award Virtual Author Visit



1M had an amazing time this morning on the Stockport Book Awards virtual author visits with Frances Stickley and Jo Weaver. We loved listening to the story and following Jo's instructions to draw our own pufflings. Our drawings are amazing and we got a shout out too. Look at our amazing pufflings! We've had a very book/author inspired day hearing all about the Gladiator Fury too!

## Mathematics in Year One





In maths this week, 1M have been looking at adding equal groups and making arrays. We used all types of different equipment to help us do this and wrote matching number sentences to each array.

## Pupil Attendance

Please see below the figures for pupil attendance for last week. Our school target is 96% pupil attendance. Please remember that school begins at 8:45am.

Student Group	Present R/C	Auth. Absent R/C		Unauth. Absent R/C
	Marks (%)	Marks (%)	Marks (%)	Marks (%)
Year 1	97.8%		1.95%	0.24%
Year 2	90.65%		6.3%	3.04%
Year 3	94.6%		5.4%	0%
Year 4	94.46%		3.57%	1.96%
Year 5	97.67%		2%	0.33%
Year 6	96.9%		2.07%	1.03%
Year R	93.81%		5.71%	0.48%

We warmly welcome parents to approach us with any questions about school life. Please note that your first point of contact is always your class teacher.

In addition, Mrs Bird (Deputy Head Teacher), Mrs Gibb (Early Years), Mr Hanvey (Lower Key Stage Two), Mrs Kendry (Upper Key Stage Two) and I are always available to work in to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

We value open communication and welcome all to work together for the benefit of all our pupils.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs A Duffy  
Headteacher

