

St Petroc's Post



Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic start to the second half of term. I have been very impressed with how the children have resumed their routines, maintained their standards and continued to meet the expectations placed on them. As we know, our school is a very busy, dynamic environment and our children achieve an incredible amount. The pupils were even on top form this morning, despite last night's Hallowe'en excitement. The Year 1 and 2 children assembled a particularly impressive coven of witches and other spooky creations! From the weather perspective, it is also clear that we are a remarkably hardy bunch and the children have been toggged up against the elements and taking full advantage of the Outdoor Learning Classroom throughout the week. Despite our resilience and optimism, however, we have been forced to make the difficult but sensible decision to postpone the Friends of St Petroc's Fireworks Display from tomorrow until Tuesday 5th November. Please do spread the word to as many people as you can; it is a fantastic event and there is lots of fun to be had. I hope to see as many of you as possible, including our Early Years families, on Tuesday evening. I'm very grateful to the Friends of St Petroc's for the tremendous amount of work and planning that goes into running such a large event. Please join us on Tuesday and help to continue its success.

Our Open Days this week were, as always, a wonderful opportunity to welcome new visitors into the school to experience St Petroc's for themselves. The children were superb advocates for the school, despite my best efforts to put them on the spot! They are very happy children, who are confident when speaking to guests and I am very proud of them all. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend, in particular the Reception cohort for 2020. Next year's Reception Class is already looking very healthy and continuing to grow nicely. Those advanced registrations really do enable us to successfully plan transitions, staffing, room and resource allocations, so thank you to everyone who has already completed their registration. We look forward to welcoming more people next week, when we have some additional tours booked in. For those of you in Early Years who are considering onward journeys into education, please do book an appointment to come and look around. You are already part of the school family and are welcome any time.

Finally, at this exciting time of year, I wish you all a great but safe weekend. I'd also like to wish my friends in the England squad the very best of luck for Saturday's final. In sport, complacency is one's biggest weakness.

Ben Hilton
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Diary Dates

Monday 4th - Thursday 7th

November

Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 5th November

5:15pm Friends of
St Petroc's Firework Display
(No KS2 Activities)

Wednesday 6th November

U11's Mixed Netball
tournament
v St Joseph's (Away)

Friday 8th November

KS2 Cross Country
at Kingsley College

Friday 15th November

Children in Need

Year 5 Class Assembly

Friday 22nd November

7.30pm Friends of
St Petroc's Quiz Night

Saturday 7th December

Friends of St Petroc's
Christmas Bazaar

Thursday 12th December

4:30pm Christmas Carol
Concert at Central
Methodist Church

Last Day of Term
(No Stay & Play)

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

DOORS OPEN AT 5.15PM

ST. PETROC'S SCHOOL FIELD,
OCEAN VIEW ROAD, BUDE

RESCHEDULED TO
TUESDAY 5TH NOV

ADULT £3

CHILD £2

CASH AND CONTACTLESS CARD
PAYMENT ACCEPTED

ALL WELCOME

BBQ & BAR

KID'S FACEPAINT & SPARKLERS



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Little Turtles

Reflective learning



The Little Turtles have been super busy exploring and investigating this week and we particularly love our mirrored wooden blocks. We can use them to make simple structures, they make a great sound when we bang them together and we can see our fabulous faces in them! Some of the babies have been doing some really clever problem solving - the wooden balls will only fit down some of the tubes and we have been busy finding out which ones!



Sea Lions

Bundles of fun



The Sea Lions have been a busy bunch as always, thoroughly enjoying this week's Hallowe'en theme. We've made happy and sad pumpkins, as well as bats and ghosts, for our themed display. With Bonfire Night fast approaching, we've also been talking about what to expect, from the noises to the colours. The children said "pretty", "bang" and "up in the sky". With the days getting colder and the nights drawing in, outside fun is even more important. We've been bundling up and braving the Autumn weather to have fun with our friends, catching our breath against the fence when we've been running around!





Dolphins

Tricks, treats and textures



This week, the Dolphins children have arrived back from Half Term full of beans. Some of them have been very excited about dressing up in Hallowe'en costumes and going trick or treating with their families. They explored the texture of a pumpkin and had fun carving it, before using a new painting technique to create silhouettes of pumpkins, ghosts and bats. The Dolphins also made lanterns, listening carefully to the instructions and remembering how to use scissors.



Love in a Box

Helping under-privileged children this Christmas

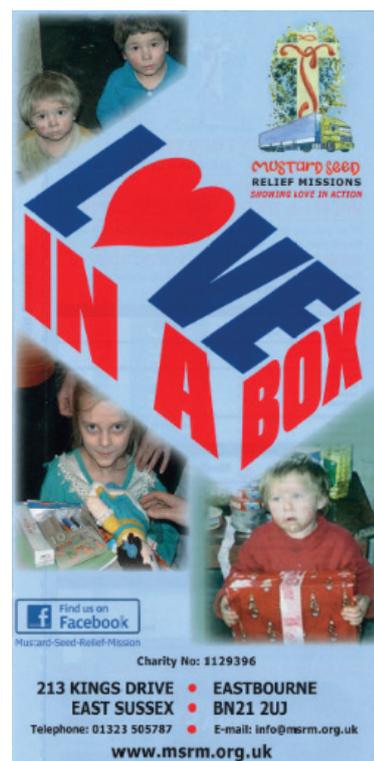
Please join us in supporting the Mustard Seed Relief Mission's 'Love in a Box' collection this year, to send much-needed items to under-privileged children in Eastern Europe this Christmas.

Take a look at the leaflet sent home in book bags for some suggestions of what you could put in your box(es), according to the age of the recipient.

If you need further information or another leaflet please ask in the main office.

Remember to wrap the box and lid separately, then secure them together with a rubber band, as all the boxes have to be checked by Mustard Seed.

Please note: all boxes need to be brought into school by Friday 15th November ready for collection.





Reception

Arachnid antics

Reception have been embracing Autumn and this spooky time of year through themed activities and the stories 'Funnybones' and 'Room on the Broom'. We have been developing our fine motor skills by catching spiders using tongs and we made phoneme spiders to practise our letter formation in a fun way. The children continue to grow their knowledge of phonics and enjoyed using Mrs Cuff's large umbrella to reinforce the letter 'u'. Giving children real-life experiences of letters enables them to remember the letters and the action connected to them more easily.



**How many children can fit under Mrs Cuff's umbrella?
Answer - 14!**

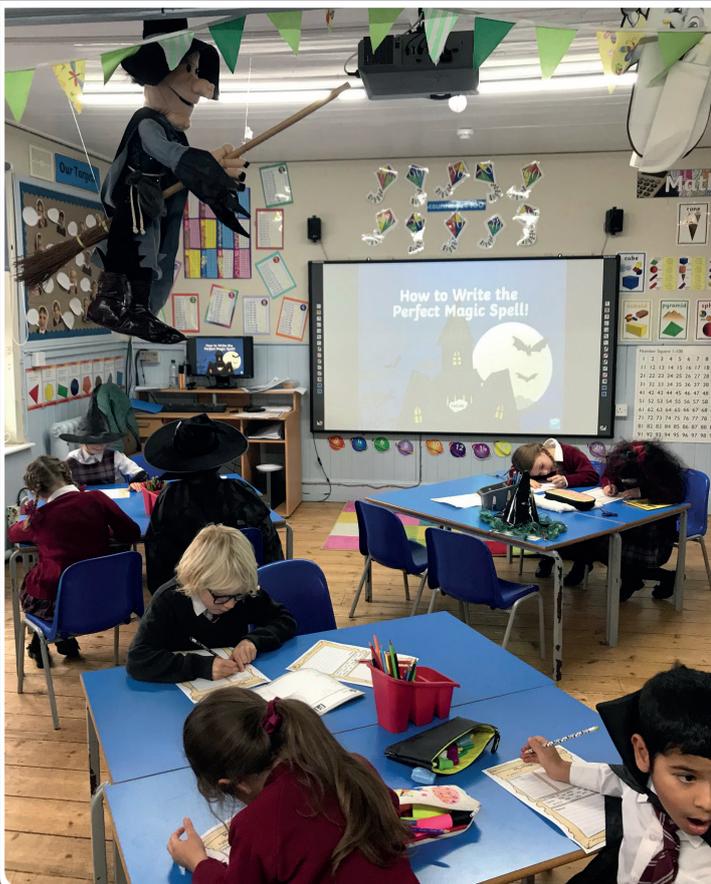
Reception Class also made skeletons using art materials, labelling the parts of the body, and explored a dark den using torches to see. The children loved writing their own spooky stories and then told their stories to the witch puppet who visited our classroom. Finally, we had a go at making potions and used our magic rhyming words to make the potions fizz when mixing bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. What a fantastic week!



Years 1 & 2

Magical Maths

Hallowe'en arrived in style in the classroom this week! There were magic spells and potions being made with a wonderful variety of ingredients ranging from grated unicorn horn to breaths of fire! Maths had a spooky theme and we had a problem solving challenge which was won by Amy, who astounded us all by solving a very tricky conundrum!

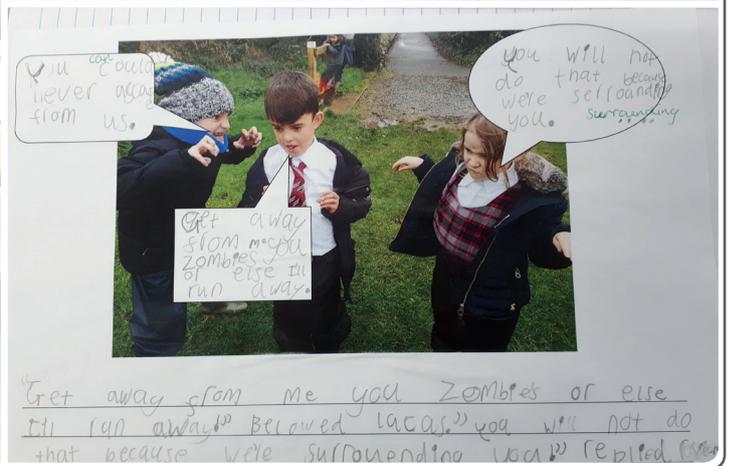
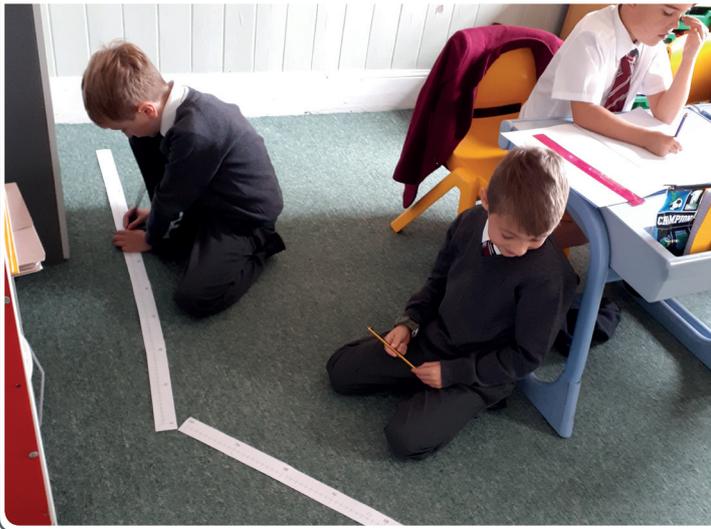




Years 3 & 4

Order!

The Year 3 and 4 children have been very busy this week. In Maths, they have been working with number lines, ordering and rounding numbers to help and putting the information to good use when subtracting and adding. One of our English tasks has been to revise speech punctuation. The children enjoyed working with their own words.

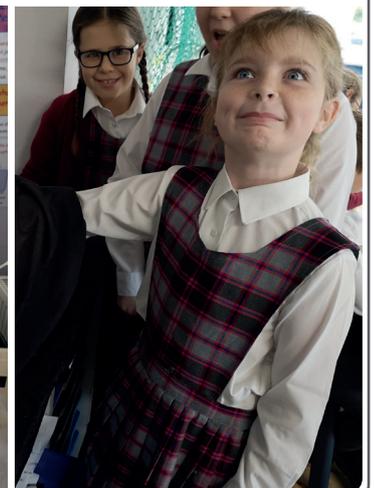


Year 5



Spooky Maths!

Year 5 had to be brave and find their Maths work in the creepy crawly box of horror! Hiding amongst the spiders and ghostly webs were the questions needed for Thursday's lesson. The questions were based around Hallowe'en, sweets and money, and required excellent problem solving skills to decipher the 2 and 3 step challenges. Everyone survived and Maths has since returned to normal...

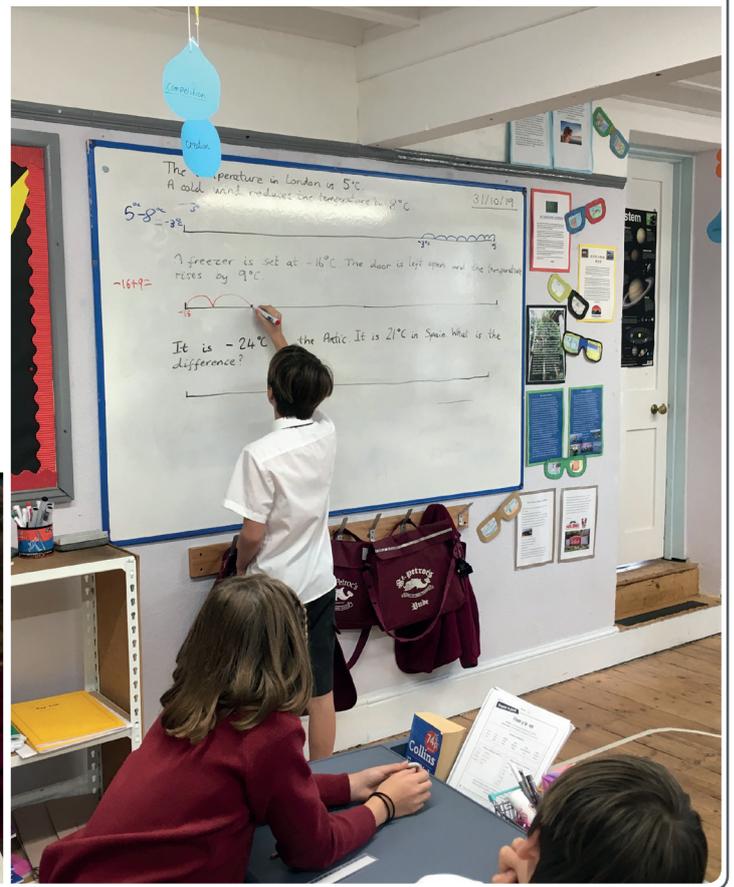
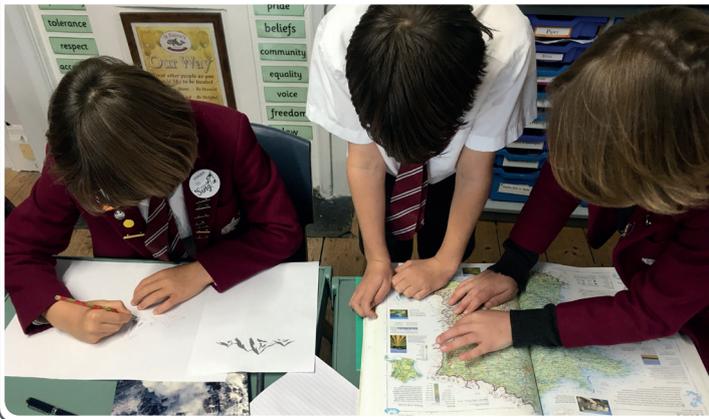




Year 6

Maths mountains

Year 6 have had to embrace colder climates this week, as their Maths and Geography lessons have been taking them up snowy mountain ranges and had them comparing bracing negative numbers in the form of temperatures. As we enter November, they have been reminding themselves of the significance of Remembrance Day, through a number of non-fiction comprehension activities. They have also started to explore the imagery in war poems from poets such as Rupert Brooke and will next week move onto Wilfred Owen.



Stay & Play



Shaping up nicely

There was snow and blizzards galore in this week's 'Christmas Craft' Stay and Play session. The children made a village using rectangles, squares and triangles, then added lots of snow to form a snowy village. The work is now up on display in the corridor near the Hall - come and take a look!

A reminder:

- Please remember to book your session requirements for the coming week each Monday morning.
- Don't forget to circle whether you'll be collecting your child(ren) at 4:45pm or 5:30pm.
- If you need regular days each week, let Lisa know and we'll book you in automatically (just remember to let us know if it changes!).





Cookery Club

Sweet treats

As a bit of a treat this week, we made Hallowe'en cup cakes with spooky sweets. Mrs Rees was particularly impressed with Indigo's Harry Potter inspired cupcakes. Happy Hallowe'en from Cookery Club!



Beach Rangers



"Brrr!"

That's one way to describe this week's Beach Rangers session... "Wet and wild!" That's another! The children braved the bitter weather to learn about the power of water. They saw close up the effect that strong waters can have, carving through sand and stone. This was followed by a stone skimming session, where the Year 6 boys and Mr Fox demonstrated super skills in sending their stones up the river and over the waves. With the standard set, the rest of the Beach Rangers practised hard and, by the end of the session, there were plenty of pebbles a-bouncing!



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**Friday 15th
November
2019**

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FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2019

ST PETROC'S SCHOOL, 40 OCEAN VIEW ROAD, BUDE

DOORS AT 7.30PM FOR 8PM START

TICKETS £5 PER PERSON ★ INCLUDES CHEESEBOARD AND SNACKS ★ PAYABLE ON THE NIGHT

MAXIMUM 6 PER TEAM ★ CHARITY RAFFLE

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