



St John & St James' C of E Primary School

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Welcome back

We would like to send the best of wishes to each and every one of you for the coming year! We hope you all had a restful break and are all keeping well.

COVID Reminders

If your child is showing COVID-19 symptoms, a PCR test should be booked ASAP. Your child **MUST** isolate until you get the results of the test. If it is negative, your child can return to school. If it is positive your child must isolate. Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances. Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school.

Symptoms of Omicron are manifesting very differently to Delta with more cold-like symptoms - **sneezing and sore throat**. If your child develops any of these symptoms or a **new and continuous cough** or a **high temperature**, or has a **loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell** they **must not come into school and take a PCR test**.

You must inform the school if your child tests positive for COVID.

Term Dates for 2021-22:

Spring 1:

INSET: Tuesday 4th Jan
Wednesday 5th January to
Friday 11th February

Spring 2:

Monday 21st February to
Thursday 31st March

Summer 1:

Bank Hol: Mon 18th Apr
Tuesday 19th April to
Friday 27th May
Bank Hol: Mon 2nd May

Summer 2:

Monday 6th June to
Wednesday 20th July
INSET: Thurs 21st Jul



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

Wellbeing Tip

Shift, Snuggle, Snooze – a shortcut to understanding bedtime routines!

Shift - activities take less than 10 minutes and end with getting into bed (e.g. having a light snack, brushing teeth, saying goodnight to pets).

Snuggle - activities are what you do once you get into bed to help you settle down for the night. They should take about 15 minutes (e.g. read a book, listen to an audible or have a cuddle).

Snooze - activity is the thing that happens as you are finding your favourite position and closing your eyes. It might involve a goodnight kiss and a phrase that you repeat each night (e.g. "goodnight, sleep tight").

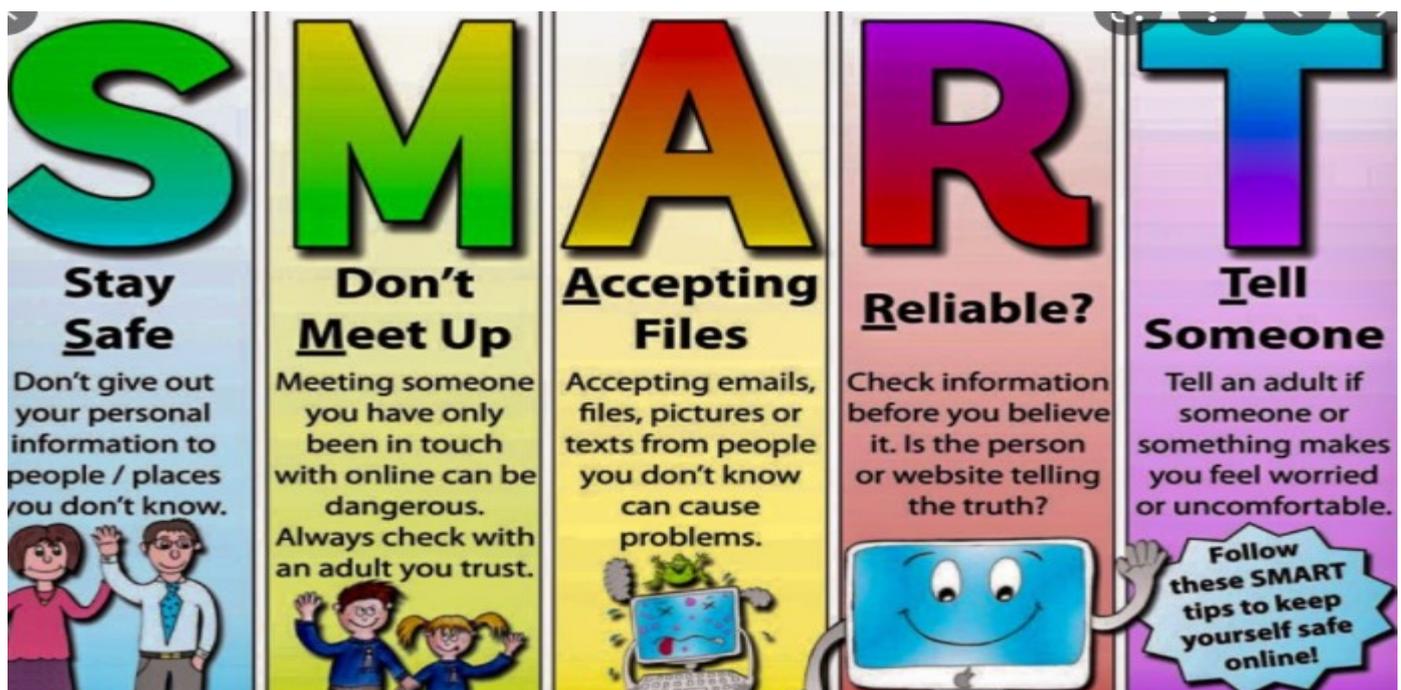
If your child won't settle or gets up after the end of the routine, one key tip is to be boring – don't ignore them, but avoid more games or stories (repeat snooze activities – don't start again from the top!).

Online Safety Tip

This half term we are focusing on the A in our SMART rules.

Accepting

Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems. This term your child will be taught to think carefully before clicking on or opening something on line. They are taught not to accept anything if they are unsure of who the person is or what they've been sent .



Reception Application

If your child was born between **01.09.20217** and **31.08.2018** and therefore currently in Nursery class, you will need to apply for a Reception place by **Saturday 15th January 2022**.

Applications must be made through the eadmission website, and you will need a registered email address to complete it.

If you need any support in doing this, please contact the office.



Español at SJSJ



This week's phrase of the week is: **Necesito ayuda, por favor (I need your help, please)**

Scan the QR code to hear the correct pronunciation:



This half across key stage 2, we will be launching some exciting new units of work. The children will be learning about:

- El Supermercado (The Supermarket) in **Year 3**
- El Transporte (Transport) in **Year 4**
- El Sistema Solar (The Solar System) in **Year 5**
- La Comida (Food) in **Year 6**

Each class has a Spanish folder on their class seesaw account, which is where you can stay up-to-date with the children's learning in Spanish lesson.

Our Spanish Ambassadors are looking forward to finding ways to help support and develop the use of the Spanish language across our school—feel free to give them some tips and ideas if you see them around school.

Homerton and Clapton Window Wanderland

It seems to me it ain't the world that's so bad, but what we're doing to it, and all I'm saying is see what a wonderful world it would be if only we'd give it a chance. Love, baby, love. That's the secret! – Louis Armstrong

Homerton and Clapton Window Wanderland Team are pretty excited to announce the dates of the next Homerton & Clapton Window Wanderland:

Saturday 19 – Tuesday 22 February 2022.

And the theme is ... O U R E A R T H

We only have one home. And as Louis said, we've trashed it. How can we make it up to Mother Nature?

Net zero. Climate justice. Reducing carbon emissions. Plant a tree. Save the whale. Reduce plastic. Recycle. Repurpose. Rebel for life. Keep 1.5 degrees alive. This is not a drill. What's your passion? How can we show our love to our world? What will your window say?

Next February, with your help, we will transform the neighbourhood into a magical outdoor gallery for all to enjoy!

Please join us!

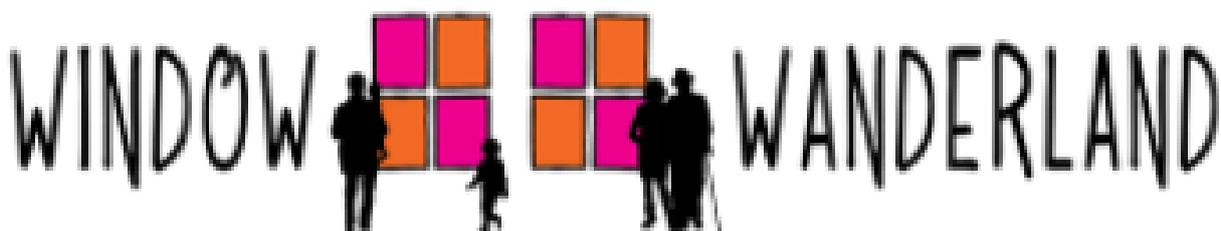
g part as a Window maker is FREE, and everyone's welcome. You can make a display in the windows of your flat, house, business, school, nursery, car, campervan, shop, or on the fence outside your block, or in your front garden! There were some fantastic windows in 2021 – and though we aren't able to load all of them to this site, our gallery has some great ideas, from the simple to the superb.

What to do next:

- Click on the 'Take part in this event' button to register and add your window location to our map.
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- Tell your friends and neighbours – become a 'neighbourhood champion' – how many in your block or street can you get to take part?
- Check back here for updates and info about free materials for those who need it, workshops to get your creative juices flowing, and info about the sponsors we hope to find.

Sign up soon so others are encouraged to join in!

<https://www.windowwanderland.com/event/homerton-clapton-london-2022/>



Amazing work...

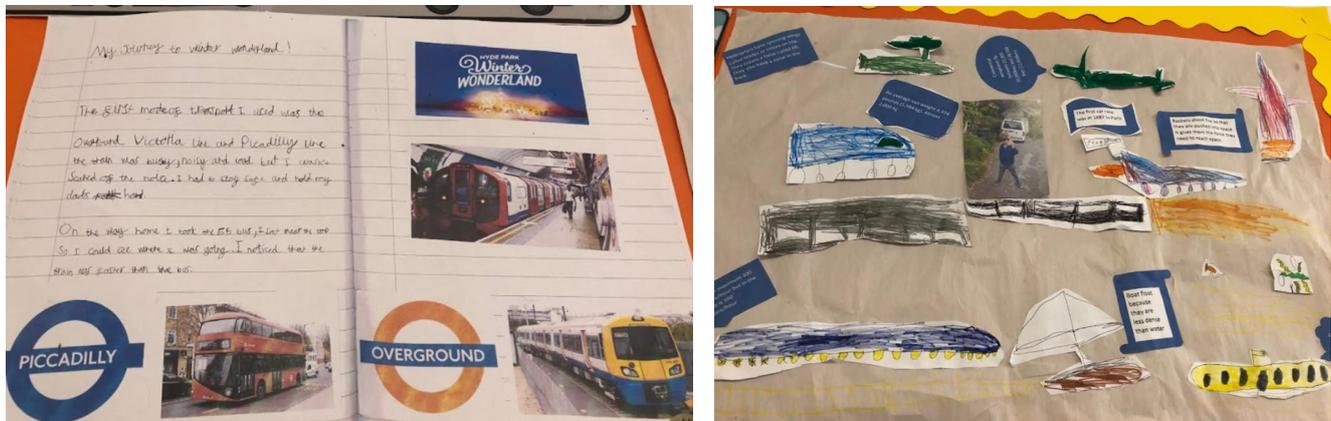
Nursery have been learning about all things Winter! The class put arctic animals into a bowl of water and made predictions on what they thought might happen when they put it in the freezer. The children felt and described the ice and made predictions of what would happen if they left it out on our table. How would the animals escape? The ice melted back to water, releasing the arctic animals.



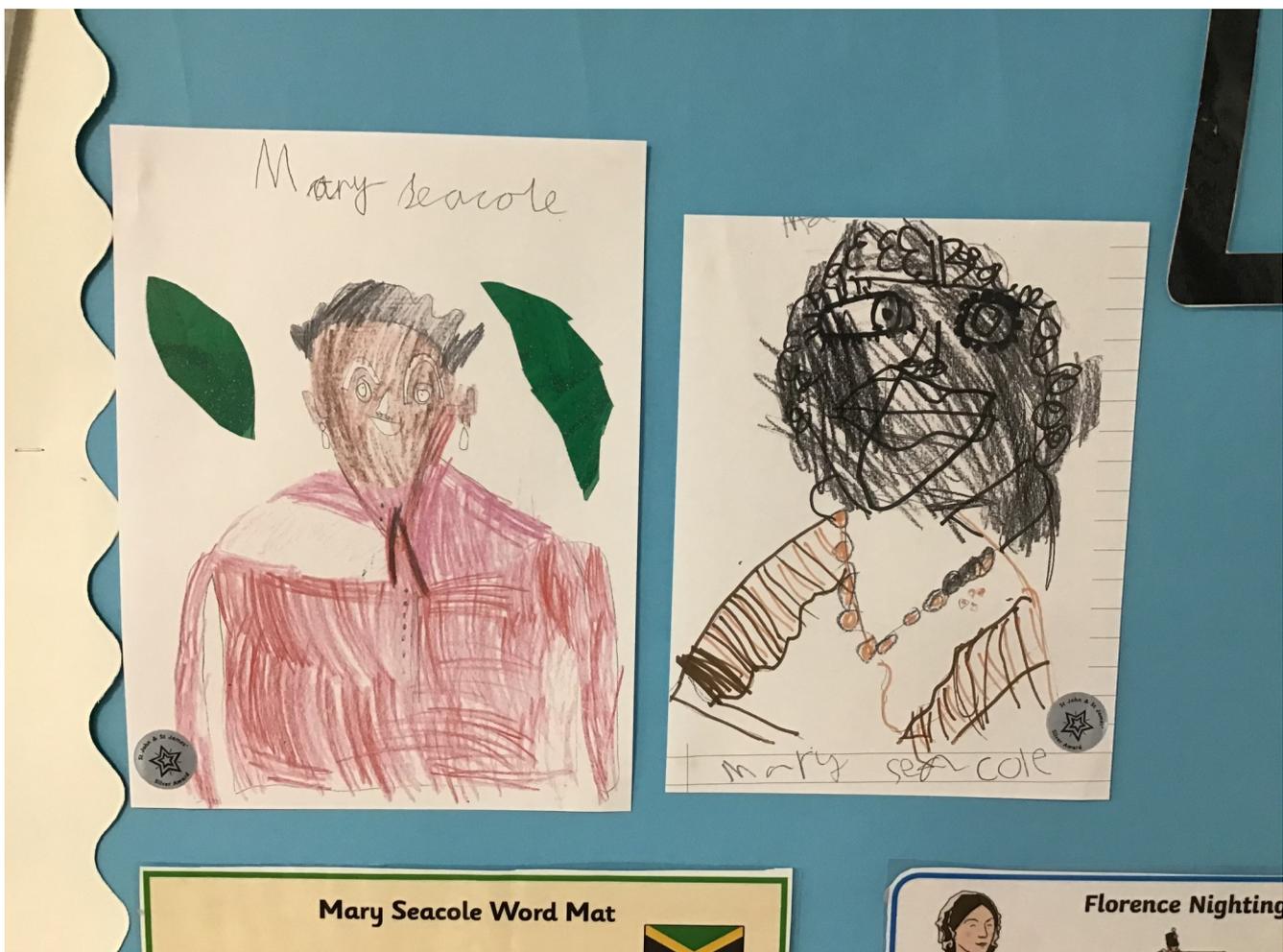
Reception children have enjoyed settling back into the routine of school. They improved their hand strength and communication skills by play dough cooking together. Children problem solved to get the dough the exact right consistency. In This week in PE Reception children enjoyed focusing on ball control skills as they bounced, caught and of course scored!



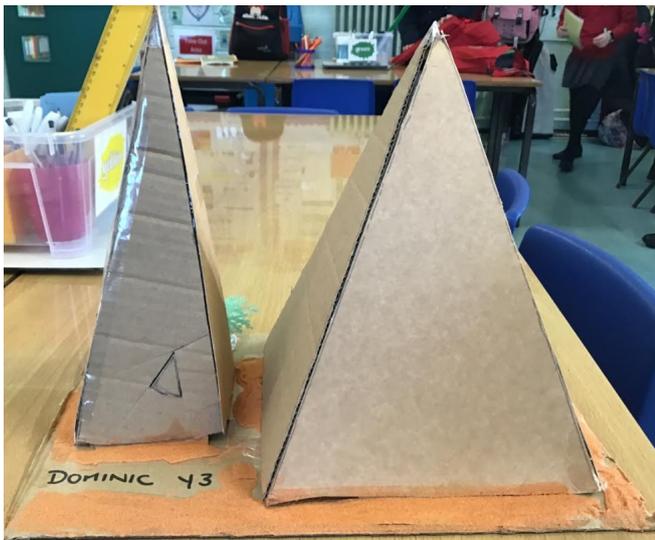
For **Year 1's** new topic on transport and the industrial revolution, Ahria wrote about her trip to Winter wonderland. She described all the different modes of transport she took to get there! Max created a fact file all about the different modes of transport he knows. Have a look at their brilliant work.



Year 2 are learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole this half term for their history topic. For their homework they research some amazing facts about their key historical figures. Take a look at Jonah & Seth's drawing of Mary Seacole!

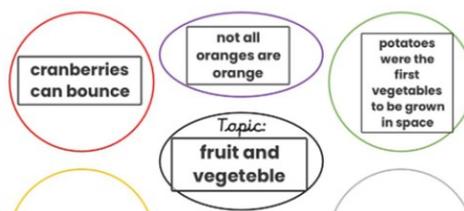
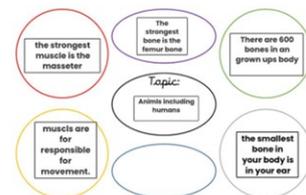


Fantastic homework on Ancient Egypt from Dominic and Sariah in **Year 3**. The class had their first history lesson and the children are all excited to learn more about this topic!

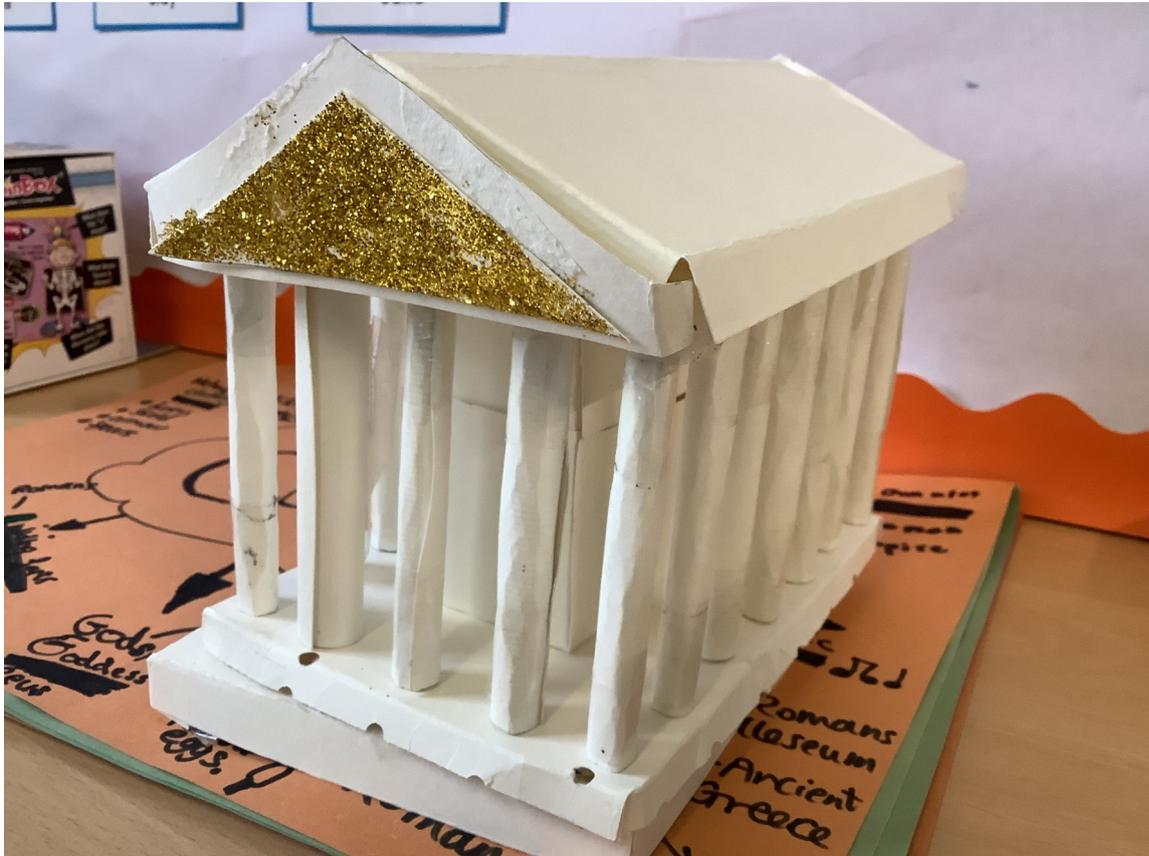


To launch their new science unit, 'Animals including Humans' **Year 4** took part in a carousel of activities that gave them an opportunity to draw upon and build on any prior knowledge. In the past, Year 4 have studied the 5 food groups, explored the human digestive system and discovered the names and functions of different human teeth.

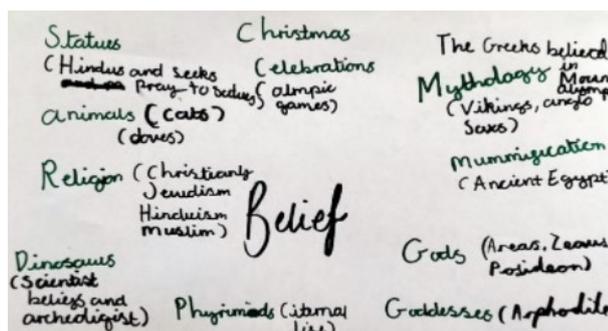
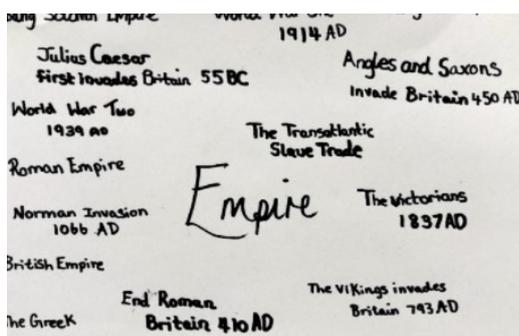
This half term, the children will continue to build on this knowledge by looking further into the food groups and making decisions about healthy diets and balanced meals. They will also be developing their knowledge of the human body by learning about the functions of specific bones and muscles.



Mateus from **Year 5** made a model Greek temple using recyclable items as part of his homework during the holiday.



This week, **Year 6** started their new history topic by reflecting on their key history themes, "Government," "Empire," "Belief," and "Culture." The class worked in groups to draw on their prior learning and think about the history topics they have previously studied, which link to these themes. They also built a bank of history vocabulary which links to each of these themes. It was really interesting to discuss their understanding of each of the key themes through reflecting on what they have studied in history throughout primary school and building up a bank of vocabulary which reflects their understanding of each concept. Have a look at the mindmaps they created, which will support them when they come to start learning about their new history topic, Crime and Punishment.





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Important Dates

Details of Event	Time	Date
Reception Application Submission Deadline	-	15.01.2022
Dr Martin Luther King Day	-	17.01.2022
Parent Workshop: Positive and Effective Behaviors At Home	2.30pm	19.01.2022
Recycling Workshop: Years 1, 3, 5 and 6	Various	20.01.2022
Recycling workshop: Years 2 and 4	Various	21.01.2022
Chinese New Year	-	01.02.2022
Sustainability Workshop: Year 2 and 3	Various	01.02.2022
Red Nose Day	-	04.02.2022
Children's Mental Health Week	-	07.02.2022
Art Week	-	07.02.2022
Safer Internet Day	-	08.02.2022
Ben Kinsella Trust Knife Workshop - Year 6	10.00am	09.02.2022
Last day of term	3.30	11.02.2022