



Weekly Learning Update 15 July 2022

Nursery

It has been a busy week in Nursery as we prepared for our first Sport's Day event! The children had a wonderful day and showed off their amazing sporting talents. We were so proud of them!

The children leaving Nursery have also worked hard to put on an amazing performance for their Graduation Ceremony. It was a wonderful event and we want to thank you all for supporting your children with their performance.

Reception (King Class and Parks Class)

It has been a fantastic week in Reception! The children have enjoyed discussions about their transition into Year 1 and on Thursday, King Class were able to spend time in their new class with the Windsor teaching team.

In literacy, the children have been showcasing their super sentences to their new teachers, which have been very well received!

In numeracy, we have continued to deepen the concept of sharing by showing what happens if a quantity cannot be evenly shared. The children have enjoyed identifying if there is anything left over and have been using the vocabulary of 'remainder.'

Reception had so much fun on Wednesday, taking part in their first ever St Gabriel's sports day! They all did so well and we are incredibly proud of their support for one another, they certainly demonstrated the value of Community.

Year 1 (Bell Class)

Another amazing week for Bell Class this week.

In English, we focused on how a writer describes a setting to help the reader **visualise** the image in their head. Focusing on our book, 'The Secret Sky Garden', the children designed their own garden and used this as a stimulus for their descriptive writing.

In Maths, we have learned about weight and mass and the children have been using the balancing scales to weigh various objects in the classroom and then ordered these from heaviest to lightest and lightest to heaviest.



In Science, the children learnt about the different parts of a tree including the crown, branch, leaves, trunk and roots and in RE discovered how babies are welcomed to the faith community of different religions.

Well done Bell Class for all of your hard work!

Year 2 (Braille Class)

We have had another epic week.

In English, we finally finished creating our books based on the story 'Jim and the Beanstalk.' The children have tried so hard to re-draft them and will be taking them home today. In Maths, we started our topic on statistics and the children have been super at making tally charts and interpreting data from them.

We also had a brilliant time on Wednesday participating in Sports Day and enjoyed the carousel of activities and the afternoon races.



Year 3 (Berners-Lee Class)

This week, the pupils have enjoyed learning and writing *Haiku* poetry in English linked to the theme of summer. In Maths, they have learnt all about different *angles* and types of lines. In Science, we have set up an investigation to observe how water is transported over time through a plant. In RE, they also enjoyed learning about the symbols in the festival of Diwali. Well done for another amazing week!

Year 4 (Hopper Class)

In Hopper Class, we have developed our understanding of the water cycle by creating our own microclimate where we could observe the process of evaporation, condensation and accumulation. We then worked on from this by looking at pollution and its impact on water around the globe, which has reached even as far down as the bottom of the *Mariana Trench!* In English, we have looked at themes and going beyond the words of the text to look at what the author may have meant with their *symbolism*. Our Maths lessons have focussed on further developing our understanding of *shape* by looking at the properties of parallelograms and quadrilaterals. We were also treated to a wonderful festival of sports during sports day with lots of fun had by everyone! An amazing week Hopper Class well done!

Year 5 (Jackson Class)

What an amazing week we have had in Year 5! The children worked so hard on Monday and Tuesday in their English lessons to produce their own piece of writing that aimed to place *hidden meaning* within their text. They thought carefully about how to leave hints for the reader and even brought a tear to Miss Coulson's eye! In Maths, the children have focused this week on conversion of time units and then *volume of shapes*. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents on Thursday to our Summer Showcase event – thank you to all of you who were able to make it, the children loved being hosts for the afternoon!

Year 6 (Gutenberg Class)

With this week being our final full week together, Year 6 have really enjoyed taking the time to celebrate all they have achieved during their time at Primary School. We have also spent time together reflecting on our hopes and dreams for the future. To do this, we have written letters to our future selves capturing all we hope to be, do and achieve during the next step of our educational journey. The children have also worked so hard in the rehearsals for our Leavers' Show – they selected many of the scenes and songs themselves and we hope you are all able to join us in drawing their time at St. Gabriel's to a close.

Next week, all Year 6 children will be going on a residential trip – they are all very excited and we cannot wait to hear about their experiences and adventures once they return.

Other News

We'd just like to say a massive well done to all of the children as they took part in our St Gabriel's Sports Day on Wednesday. The children had a fantastic time during the activities in the morning and enjoyed the races in the afternoon. It was a lovely day celebrated by all and thank you to all of our parents/carers who joined us in the afternoon.

Online Safety

This week's helpful website is all about opening the conversation to online safety with children. The [NSPCC](#) have some helpful advice about the risks children may face and tips on the conversation topics you may wish to discuss with them.

