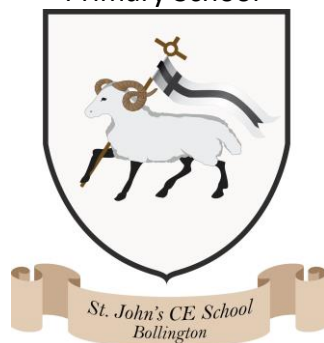


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Joy

"For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." Romans 14:17

25th November 2022

Head's Message

The Christmas tree has gone up in the hall, marking the official start of the festive season here at St John's. Despite all the rain, our spirits have stayed high throughout the week. We had the most marvellous day on Tuesday when Anchor Education visited us and worked with all the children, teaching them fun songs to help them remember their grammar rules. If you would like to learn more about Anchor Education, then please visit YouTube where you can find their videos. On Wednesday, as well as Love Music Trust, Year 6 visited Tytherington for a Forensic Science transition event, and Year 5 had a Road Safety talk. Yesterday, Mrs Jobbins and Mrs Smith ran a phonics workshop for parents of children in the infants. Thank you to the families who came, and we do hope you found it useful. Next week, Rev Nancy will be leading worship on Thursday. Then, on Saturday, we have our PTA Christmas Fair which is always such a lovely event. We do hope to see you all there.

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have focused on clouds as part of our Weather Wonders topic. We introduced the story Little Cloud by Anne Booth which helped us to understand that clouds are made of water droplets and not fluff! We linked the story to our writing as we wrote a caption about the characters in the story that were happy to see the rain. In maths, we have focused on the part whole model, initially looking at objects that have two parts that then become a whole before moving on to numbers. We looked at the composition of different numbers, but linked the outcome to the vocabulary 'part', 'part', 'whole'. In geography we set up a weather station outside. We have two windsocks, a thermometer and a pine cone to help us understand the weather each day. We will add a rain gauge next week. We are still filling in our weather diaries each day.

News from Class 2

This week, Class 2 have continued our writing based on 'The Owl and the Pussycat' and have written our own version of the poem using interesting adjectives. In maths, Year 1s began to look at subtraction by finding a part and moved on to writing fact families for a part whole model. Year 2 also found fact families and explored related facts. In our IPC topic, 'Treasure Islands' we looked at the geography of the United Kingdom and created a glossary for our topic. In RE, we retold the nativity story. Most excitingly, we started to practice our nativity play with Class 1 and enjoyed learning the songs we will sing.

On Tuesday, we enjoyed a workshop provided by Anchor Creative Education in which we practised past, present and future tense and adding ed to words.

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, we have continued our topic of addition and subtraction. The children have started to look at two or more numbers without exchanges. We have looked to make links between number facts. In English, we have reached the end of our class book, 'Shackleton's Journey'. The children have explored characters through role play and summarised events within a story. We have started to identify features of a newspaper report in preparation for next week. In our new topic of 'Island Life', the children have thought about how we can describe rivers before creating their own river fact file. In RE, the children have researched puja within Hinduism.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, in Year 5, we have been learning about square and cube numbers and multiplication and division by 10, 100 and 1000. In Year 6, we have been looking at putting fractions onto number lines and comparing and ordering them using equivalence. In English, we have started a new book called 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. We have asked questions and made predictions based on the first chapter. In IPC, we have been using various sources of information to develop our knowledge of the Benin civilisation and what daily life would have been like.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, the children have focussed on coordination with an 'under the sea' theme, pretending to be different creatures under the sea collecting sea shells (bean bags) and transferring them to other locations.

Class 2 – The children have been working on gross motor skills (receiving items), looking at different ways to receive via catching or controlling their bodies.

Class 3 & 4 – In hockey, the children are looking to move into hockey match situations and to understand the rules and regulations within a game. In gymnastics, they have been working in groups to form the start of sequences, using rolling, balancing, travelling and jumping activities.

Star Performers

Class 1: Samuel and Orin

Class 2: Austin and Dyiako

Class 3: Hugo and Natalia

Class 4: Stella and Lucy