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# Happy Half Term!

Welcome to the final newsletter of this first half term. It's come around so quickly! We have had such a wonderful half term featuring MP visits, swimming, pasty making, residentials, wonderful trips, PSCO assemblies and not forgetting our hugely successful Harvest Festival. The children have had such a fun filled half term, that we can't think how we're going to top it next term!

We would like to thank all of our wonderful children and families for helping our new staff members to settle into life at St. Mary's. It's been jam packed and we are sure that everyone is ready for a little break to recharge, ready to return and get stuck in!

As the nights draw in, we look forward to welcoming everyone back at 8.35am on Tuesday 31st ~~October~~ for our annual reading event Terrifying Tales, where we will be investigating the thriller genre - children are invited to wear a costume suitable for the genre!



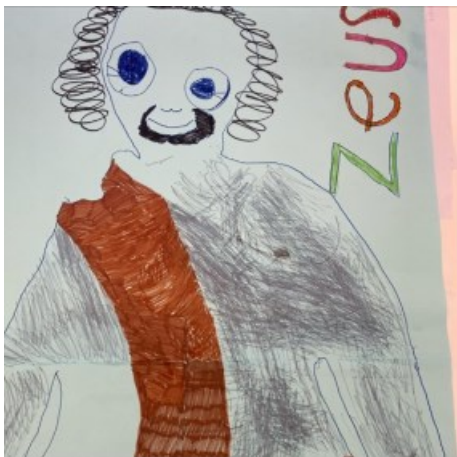
**You're never too young to make a difference,**  
*1 Timothy 4:12*

# Create the Gods

This week, Compassion Class have been learning about the twelve Olympian gods and goddesses and their associated symbols. First, the children used sources to 'hunt the gods'. They moved around the classroom and looked carefully at the photographs of Greek pots and identified the gods from the clues in their books.

Next, the children read about how ancient Greek people worshipped the gods, before putting their group work skills to the test and drawing life size gods and goddesses in pairs. The children had so much fun.

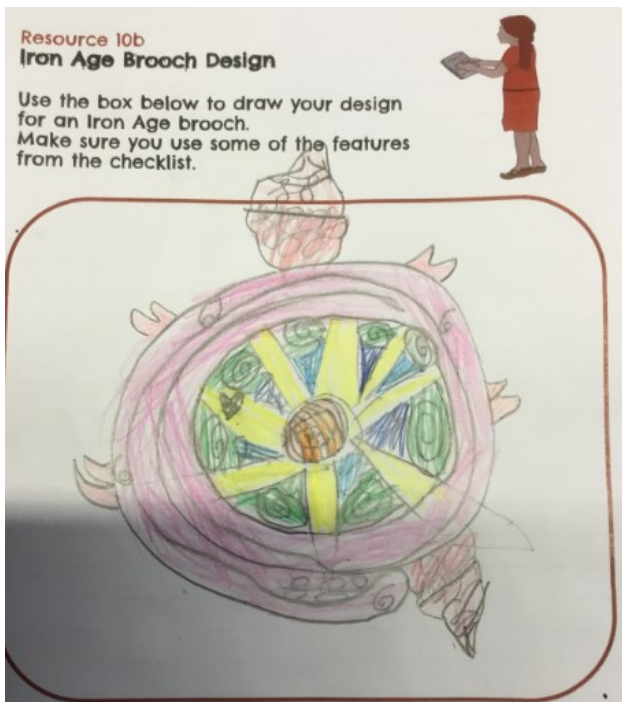
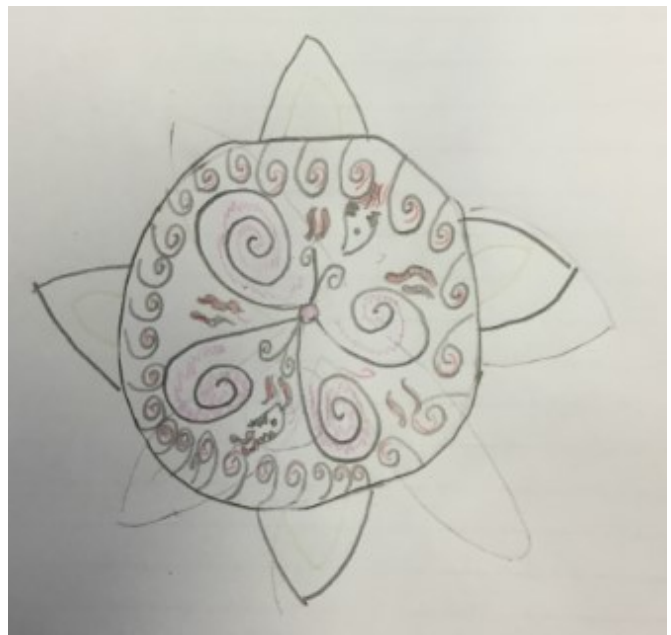
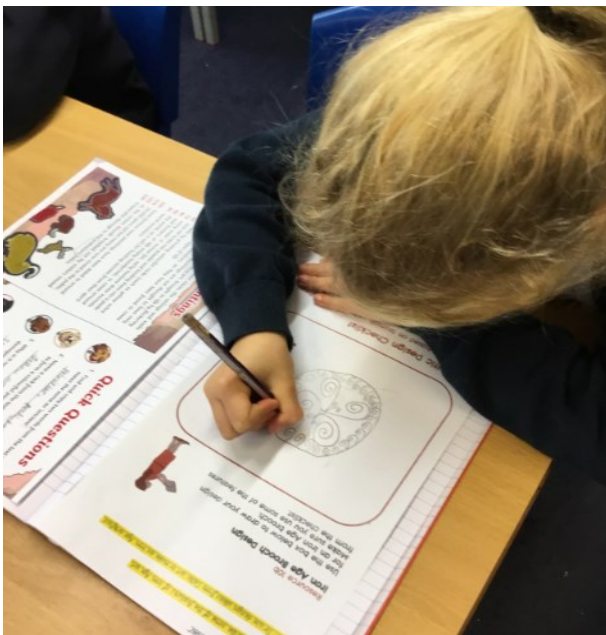
Finally, Compassion Class had a retrieval quiz, where the children read statements about the different gods and goddesses. Then, they moved around the classroom to stand next to the god or goddess that was being described. The whole class certainly showed how much they had learned and impressed Miss Rundle with their knowledge.





# Celtic Brooch Designs

This week in Hope Class, the children have been discussing as a class how British society changed in the Iron Age. They thought about the jobs people had and what people did in daily village life. The children then worked in groups to present their ideas and create a film. This film will be part of Hope Class's final end of topic presentation that they will share with everyone. The children also created their own 'Iron Age' Celtic inspired brooch design - they look really eye catching! Well done, Hope Class!



# Terrifying Tales!

We would like to extend an invitation to our wonderful parents and carers to join us for our annual Terrifying Tales reading event on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Linking to children's interests in the thriller genre, children are invited to dress in a costume they feel represents this style of story. Parents and carers are invited to join their children in the hall at **8.35am** to see how the school has been decorated to create a fun, suspenseful atmosphere and to have a photograph with their child.

Throughout the day, children will then complete a carousel of reading activities across their key stage, based on a range of thriller texts which are appropriate for their age range. This will develop their comprehension and vocabulary skills, as well as expose the children to new and exciting texts.

Parents are then invited back into their child's class at **3pm**, to listen to a story read by their class teacher. This is an important part of the St. Mary's daily routine that we look forward to sharing with you.

This event has been designed to create a magical, shared reading experience that will inspire your child to fall in love with books and develop their skills and love of reading.





# YEAR 2



## *History of Communication*

Year 2 would like to invite parents to their history of communication museum on Tuesday 7th November at 2:45pm in the school hall.

The children will share all of their learning from this half term.

# Pupil Achievements



As well as being academically fantastic, this term has also seen some impressive achievements outside of school for some of our children. Well done to Charlie and Oliver who both passed their yellow tag Taekwondo exam. They have worked so hard! The exam consisted of not only a practical element, but they also had a theory exam which included counting to ten in Korean!

Chughahaeyo (that's congratulations in Korean!)

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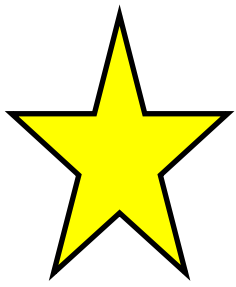
A big well done as well, to Samuel, who has gained a yellow belt in Karate, following his first grading this term. Samuel had a fantastic achievement of a near perfect score of 48/50 and achieving a Grade A. Samuel only started in June and has been dedicated two nights a week to work towards his grading. What a wonderful achievement. Next up, is the yellow stripe! Well done, Samuel!



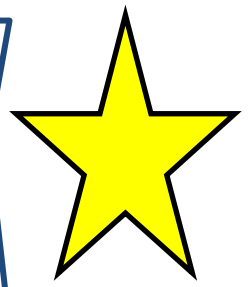


# Diary Dates

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| Monday 9th to 20th October 2023       | Year 5 Swimming                           |
| Monday 23rd October 2023              | Half Term Begins                          |
| Monday 30th October 2023              | INSET DAY                                 |
| Tuesday 31st October 2023             | School Opens                              |
| Tuesday 31st October 2023             | Terrifying Tales!                         |
| Tuesday 31st October to 10th November | Year 4 Swimming                           |
| Tuesday 7th November 2023             | Hatchbox School Photographs - Individuals |
| Tuesday 7th November 2023             | The History of Communication - Year 2     |
| Monday 13th November 2023             | Parent Update Sessions                    |
| Tuesday 14th November 2023            | Parent Update Sessions                    |
| Monday 13th to Friday 24th November   | Year 3 Swimming                           |
| Tuesday 21st November 2023            | Early Help Hub Drop In Session            |
| Wednesday 29th November 2023          | Rocksteady Christmas Concert 2023         |
| Tuesday 5th December 2023             | Nativity Play                             |
| Wednesday 6th December 2023           | Nativity Play                             |
| Monday 11th December 2023             | Christmas Service - Kenwyn Church         |
| Tuesday 12th December 2023            | Whole School Trip to HFC's Christmas Show |
| Wednesday 13th December 2023          | FSM Christmas Crafternoon                 |
| Thursday 14th December 2023           | Christmas Jumper Day                      |
| Wednesday 20th December 2023          | Christmas Break! Happy Christmas!         |
| Thursday 4th January 2024             | School Opens - Happy New Year!            |
| Tuesday 16th January 2024             | Early Help Hub Drop In Session            |
| Wednesday 23rds24th January 2024      | Year 6 Bristol Trip                       |
| Monday 12th February 2024             | Half Term                                 |
| Monday 19th February 2024             | School Opens                              |
| Wednesday 20th March 2024             | Rocksteady Easter Concert                 |



# STARS OF THE WEEK



Year R

Sunrise

Edward Williams

For consistently demonstrating he is ready to learn and trying his best

Year 1

Joy

Sam Morgan

For working hard on his handwriting all week

Year 2

Trust

Zak Abdalla

For identifying past tense irregular verbs

Year 3

Hope

Angel Lin

For being a wonderful role model in Hope Class, always smiling and trying your best

Year 4

Friendship

Louis Burrows

For independent writing of his instructions

Year 5

Compassion

Freddie Paul

For always working hard in class and asking great questions

Year 6

Courage

Zoe Lewis

For always being ready to learn and being the best version of herself, every day





# Reading Awards



**Bronze:** Skylar Fox, Ben Netherton, Ben Hocking, Esmay Nicholas, Alfie Naylor, Harry Stobbs

**Silver:** Luna-Rose Blaney, George Williams, Ralph Trevail, Monty Cannon, Isaac Shirley

## Jigsaw Weekly Celebration

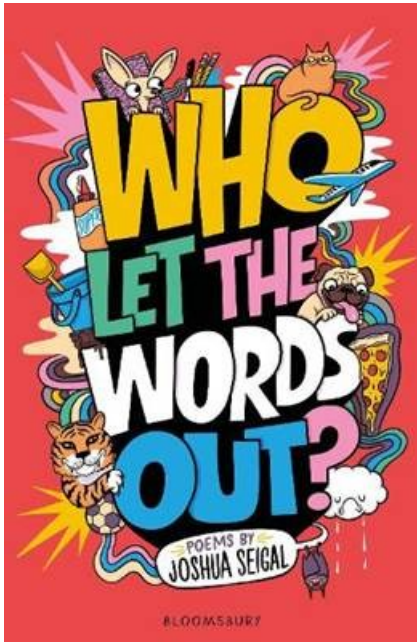
*This week, we will be celebrating people who:*

*Choose to follow the Learning Charter*

Harry Vanes, Luna Miller, Edward Williams, Harvey Headley - Brown, Lamorna Chase, Tristan Baden, Orla Jones, Sennen Stevenson, Amelia Abdalla, Gabriele Ziliukaite, Arlo Julyan, Rose Holmes, Sofia Mitchell, Lox-Lowen Walton, Hilary Alibuyog, Bear Thomas, Kayden Plows, Oliver Hagan, Jacob Trenerry - Talbot and George Williams, Annabelle Young, Travis Stock, Jack Savage, Rose Perry, Elowen Elliott-Bennett, Otto Butler, Arthur Hagan, Daniel Gomez, Freddie Hearn, Freya Howell-Round, Emilia Insa-James, Sienna Tanner, Ruan Lewis, Chad Currie, Eve Baker, Erica Green, Toby Duke, Harry Stobbs, Charlie Keast, Laila Green, Elsie Jones, Zoe Lewis, Alfie Naylor, Mason Thomas, Elissia Neil, Sophia Sommerville, Rami Talab



# Recommended Read



*Who Let the Words Out?*

*Author: Joshua Seigal*

*Illustrator: Chris Piascik*

*Never swim in lava, never tickle frogs, never poke your father, never pickle dogs*

*In this funny, engaging poetry collection. Joshua Seigal offers useful 'advice', interesting images and silly juxtapositions. The everyday is made new through his quirky lens.*

*With poems about all sorts of subjects, from funny pets to silly schools, this is a poetry collection to make you smile. The wordplay and humour is spot on for primary school children, including lots of puns, enabling them to feel that poetry is something for them. The strong rhythm and rhyme of many poems makes them fun to say aloud. There is a range of poetic forms on display, too, for instance haiku, couplets and shape poems. This would be an engaging poetry collection to share in classrooms.*

*Interest Age: 9-11 Reading Age: 7+*



Truro Rugby Football Club (TRFC), located at the top of St Clements Hill, offers coaching to both girls and boys in all age groups from the Under 7s through to the Under 18s. Most training sessions take place on Sundays, although there are other training opportunities during the week. TRFC is an all-inclusive, friendly club that has been actively promoting the game amongst children and youngsters by engaging them in a fun and safe environment for many decades. The club is also actively encouraging the game for the girls and its success in this area has been recognised by England's Rugby Football Union. For parents who might be interested for their children, please email [trurorugby@gmail.com](mailto:trurorugby@gmail.com) – or just come along on a Sunday morning.





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# Music in Cornwall



Cornwall Music Service Trust provides instrumental lessons, classroom support, music therapy and music ensembles in many educational and community settings throughout Cornwall.

There are currently spaces for new flute, clarinet, saxophone and bassoon pupils. Children can start from as young as Year 3 (saxophone normally from Year 5). All lesson costs, terms and conditions and where to sign up can be found on our website.

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TRURO

# Light Party

*Join us for a fun-filled party including games, crafts, food, music and a short talk from the Bible*

**31st October, 4 - 5.30pm @ St Kea All Hallows Church, TR3 6AE**

*Aimed at Year 1 - Year 6 and their families    Sign up online: [www.stkea.org.uk](http://www.stkea.org.uk)*