



ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

At St George's, God calls us by name to love,
learn and achieve together, safe in the palm of His hands.

'I have called you by your name; you are mine' Isaiah 43



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To our wonderful community,

Where did this week go?

Mrs Wallen and I were so looking forward to chatting to parents this week, however, time and technology were against us! We will be calling early next week and as I said previously, we can't wait!

I know the children continue to enjoy their Google Meet sessions with their classteachers and class LSAs have also been joining some of the meets this week, which has been brilliant. I am constantly amazed at the work the children are producing and how engaged they are in their learning. I know there will be some children that may have run out of enthusiasm this week – the weather certainly hasn't helped – and perhaps haven't been as engaged. Please do not worry, I think we all find this a challenging time and have days when we struggle. As parents and carers, you are all doing an amazing job under very difficult circumstances. We appreciate all the support you are giving your child during this time of remote learning. It will look different for each family, as each family is very different. Please remember if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to get in touch. You can email the school using office@st-georges.southend.sch.uk, and the office will pass any messages on straight away. Don't forget, there are lots of different types of activities for the children to do – Artist of the Week, Sporting ideas and a weekly STEM activity that can change things up a bit and re-engage the children.

I look forward to speaking to many of you next week,

Take care and stay safe

Much love, Annabelle Delgado



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Head Teacher Awards

George ~ (St Francis) ~ for super work on our 'Arctic' animals theme. You created a fantastic story linked to this learning, well done!

Aaron ~ (St Therese) ~ for his continued enthusiasm and motivation to try his best in every activity! Keep it up Aaron!

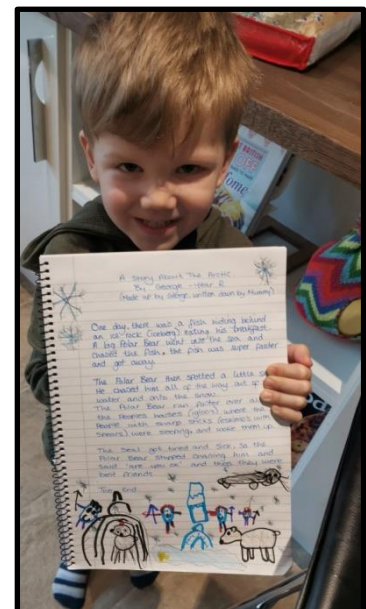
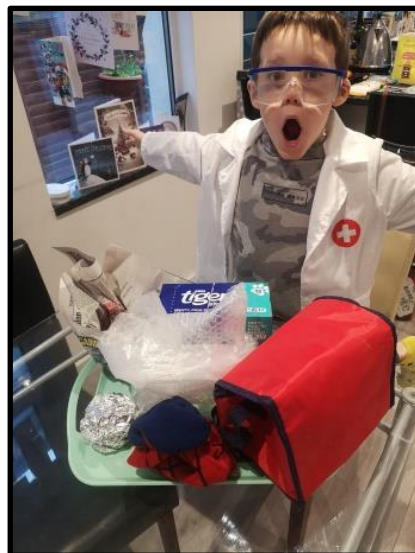
Amelie ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for always working very work hard in everything she does. She even had a spider jump onto the table next to her, during one of our Google Meet sessions and she still came back as keen as ever the next day!

Mia ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for her outstanding effort when completing our maths challenges and for really going the extra mile with her topic work this week. Well done Mia!

Corey ~ (St Joseph) ~ for showing fantastic enthusiasm, motivation and a conscientious approach to learning remotely. Corey regularly produces excellent work and always has a smile on his face in the Google Meets. You're a superstar - well done!

Harley ~ (St Anthony) ~ for his wonderful super smile on our Google Meets every day! Harley is working so hard to complete all his tasks each day and share his work onscreen. You are a superstar Harley, keep up the great work!

Jessica ~ (St Peter) ~ for showing outstanding engagement in all aspects of remote learning & completing all of her work to the highest standard.



Home Learning update

EYFS



We have been so impressed with the range of activities we have seen happening at home! The class have really enjoyed our learning about 'Arctic Animals' and have created some wonderful 'animal fact files' using describing words. The 'ice' investigation has also proved to be popular. Our phonics learning has been the main focus for our 'Google Meets' sessions and we have seen some wonderful writing of words containing the sounds that we have been practising. These have been consolidated with additional phonics tasks throughout the week.

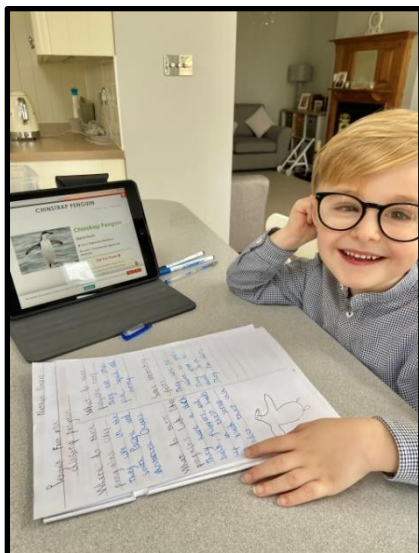
Everyone has also been working

really hard on their handwriting and we have seen some super letter formation this week. The maths activities have been very practical, with number creations made from lego, playdoh and other materials. We have also been going on a 'rectangle' shape hunt around our homes! Many children have completed some 2do tasks on Purple Mash too. Finally, we have seen some fantastic 'arctic' scenes created from a range of different materials. Well done children—keep up the fantastic work!

From Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Philips



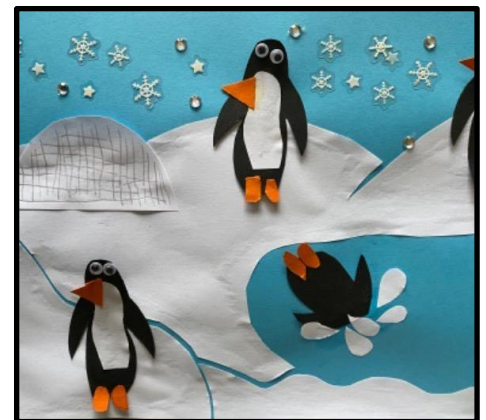
Year One



It's been an exciting week in Year One this week. Not only have we been working hard on our Google Meets doing phonics and writing activities, we have also been having great fun in our other topics too. We've been researching penguins this week and have found lots of

amazing facts about all different types of penguins. This has

got us all creative too and the children have come up with all different ideas to create their penguins, from colouring and puppets to wintry scenes, clay and collage. I have been thrilled to see all the different pieces of art work!



In keeping up with our winter theme, Mrs Cracknell also asked the children to conduct an exciting science experiment to see how quickly ice cubes would melt in different materials. Year One quickly transformed themselves into scientists to find lots of different materials to test. There has been predictions, experiments and results happening all week this week! It seems that tissue paper is not the best insulator of ice cubes! Well done everyone on another super lockdown week. Keep up that amazing effort!

From Mrs McLoughlin



Year Two

This week has been another very busy one in St Elizabeth's Class. Our Space topic work has been at the heart of our creative writing this week and the children have been studying a poetry book called 'Show and Tell' where an alien takes all of Class 2's objects back to his planet at the end of the story! This inspired the children to write their very own poem with rhyming words during one of our Google Meet sessions and made up their own rhyming chains of words. The children also loved watching the



author and illustrator of the story (Rob Biddulph) show them how to draw an alien. Then they designed their own fantastic aliens.

This week, Mrs Beales set the children some Maths work about money and the children really enjoyed playing the toy shop money game. Lots of children have also enjoyed taking part in the P.E challenge to run 1km as fast as possible and the STEM challenge to make a marble run. Well done to all of our Year 2 parents who have supported the children this week with their home school learning and well done to the children for being so enthusiastic in our Google Meet sessions and home learning tasks

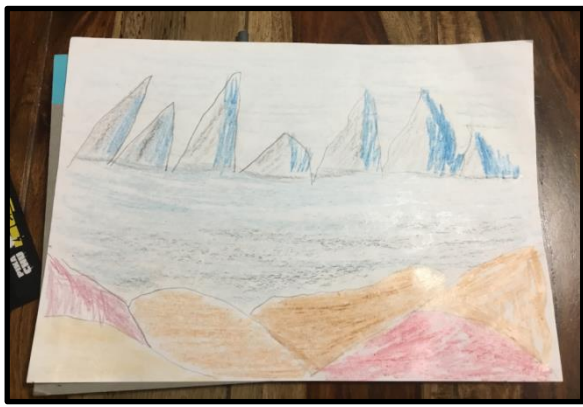
From Mrs Gillett



Year 3

What a fabulous start to the new year. Year 3 have settled into their new topics fantastically and are really enjoying the different things we are learning about. In English we have been learning about something called "flotsam and jetsam" which are bits of debris in the sea. Our book "Flotsam" is wordless so we have been imagining we are turtles and creating adventures and journeys, imagining what the

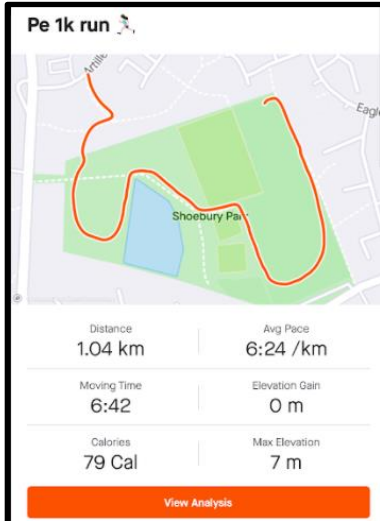
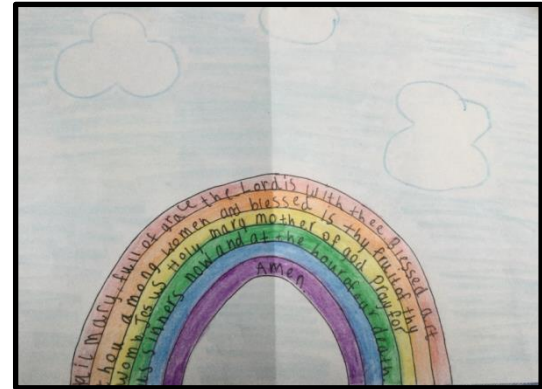




turtle will see and find in the sea.

In topic we have been continuing learning all about mountains and have been exploring how they are formed. We have also been inspired by two different painters who like to paint mountain landscapes, they are called Nicholas Roerich and Albert Bierstadt

and have created some amazing pictures using their techniques.

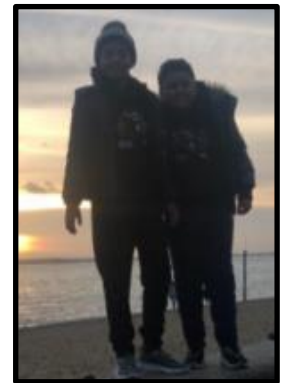


In science, we have also started a new topic and have been learning about the importance of healthy, balanced meals. Some of us have also been baking yummy cakes and croissants though- it's important to enjoy a treat every now and then. Plus many of us have been joining in with the 1k challenge and seeing how fast we can run. It's been wonderful to see so many happy, smiley faces on google meet each day with children full of energy, chatter and laughter. Thank you children for being wonderful! **From Miss Rusz**

Year 4



Year 4 have had another busy week, with daily video calls focusing once again on maths and English. Maths this week has been on division methods, and in English, we have been reading 'School Swap' – a story about a teacher and pupil who change places. Some of the written work produced has been absolutely outstanding. The children have been conscientiously completing lots of work in other subjects, particularly enjoying our topic, 'Extreme Earth', where we have seen some excellent pictures of tsunamis. In science, we have been sorting animals into



different groups, and our R.E has seen us produce poems about 'Church'.

On top of this, some of the children have found time to complete extra work in a range of different subjects, with time for baking, P.E and some extra science investigations. Keep up the enthusiasm – you're all superstars!

Thank you for your continued efforts. Stay safe. **Mr Sims**



Year 5



Another great week for St Anthony's Class. We have moved on to Fractions this week in Maths and I have been so pleased with all the children's hard work. Our Year 5s are showing great engagement in Top of The Rocks, the Southend Schools Tournament on TTRS. I am excited to see that our class are currently the lead class from St George's, a

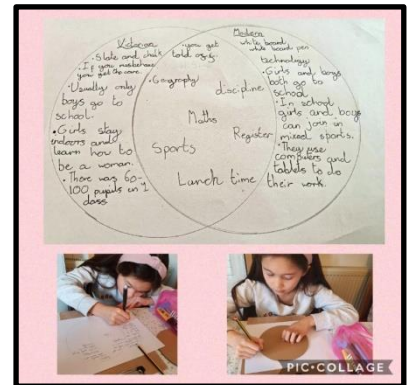
tremendous effort.

In English, we are coming to the end of our Oliver Twist unit and I have seen some outstanding work; we have been making links across the curriculum with our topic this term and the children's knowledge of the Victorian era is really impressing me. Linking to English, we were excited to receive a personal class video message from Jenny McLachlan, the author of our current class read on our Google Meets, 'The Land of Roar'. We also sent questions to another wonderful author, Frank Cottrell-Boyce, who wrote another of our recent class reads, 'Cosmic'. We were able to watch his live stream Q & A session yesterday afternoon and waited with baited breath for a shoutout and questions answered. Success! Well done to Harry C and Isla – great questions.



I have been delighted that our boys and girls are engaging in activities across the curriculum. Their art work has been amazing, science superb, reading remarkable and sporting

achievements spectacular! Keep up the great work my Fabulous 5s! And finally, Thank You to all our fabulous parents and families too, for supporting and encouraging the children of this wonderful class. Have a great week ahead, stay safe and well. From Mrs Howell



Year 6



Year 6 have continued to produce some fabulous pieces of work this week. They have drafted and started to write biography pieces on a famous American person, and used a criteria to help them with this process. We look forward to reading about their chosen American soon!

Furthermore, they have worked hard on our most recent maths topic – decimals. We have reviewed their work on decimals through google meets, and they have shown great progress!

We look forward to developing their knowledge on percentages next week.

It's been lovely to see some of our year 6's on our blog, showing some of the activities they have been getting up to recently. Natalia has independently made cookies, which look mouth-watering! Ted and Henry have also shared some lovely photos of their dog walk around Foulness Island.

We hope that you have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week, during our google meets.

Take care, Mrs Sayer & Mrs Bracknell



Mrs Gillett's Artist of the week



This week has been another busy week on the Artist of the Week Blog with amazing work from everyone. Well done to our winner - Alicia for her drawing of a tsunami. She has added lots of detail and captured the power of the gigantic wave so well through using pastels and pencils. Congratulations on a brilliant, yet terrifying picture!

Mrs Gillett

Mrs Philips Reading Awards

I am so pleased that you are all keeping up your reading while at home. Don't forget, as soon as you reach a milestone, ask you parent or carer to send an email so we can send you your certificate and put your name in the newsletter. Well done to our readers this week.

Mrs Philips

Congratulations to **Addilyn & Ezinne** (St Francis Class), **Darcey** (St Therese) and **Florence O.** (St Peter) who have earned their **BRONZE** reading certificate this week

And to the children who have earned their **SILVER** reading certificates this week:

Abigail & Ezinne (St Francis), **Jude** (St Therese), **Albert & Jake** (St Elizabeth),

George & Hannah (St Bernadette) and **Natalia** (St Peter)

Miss Rusz's Sports Performer



What a week! It was almost impossible to choose our Sports Performer this week, so I have chosen 2! The first performer is **Jack** (St Bernadette's Class). Jack was so determined to run the fastest 1k he could, so he went out 3 times in one day to be the best he could be!

Well done Jack!

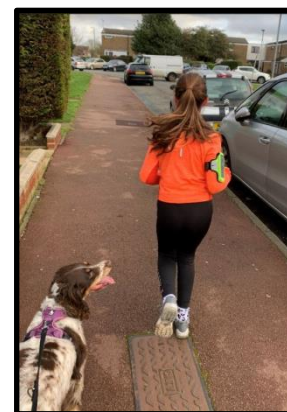
Our other performer is **Amaya** (St Therese Class).

Amaya has been really pushing herself when completing her 1k run. Fantastic job, Amaya!



This week's improver is **Harry C.** (St Anthony Class). Harry went out consecutively and improved his 1k time each day, showing

excellent resilience and determination. Excellent attitude, Harry! I'm already looking forward to seeing all your sporty snaps next week!



THIS WEEK			
	1.01km Run		20/01/2021
	00:05:25	1.0 km	5:23 min/km
	1.05km Run		19/01/2021
	00:05:59	1.0 km	5:42 min/km
	1.03km Run		18/01/2021
	00:06:24	1.0 km	6:12 min/km

Miss Rusz

Mrs Bracknell's STEM challenges

I have received a range of fantastic marble runs this week, which have demonstrated creativity and great engineering skills! It was very difficult to choose a winner this week, however I have made my decision based on skill, creativity and the time it took for the marble to travel the length of the marble run. Therefore, this week's winner is **Katie Taylor in year 2!**

Thank you so much for all your entries. It has been a pleasure looking at your creations.

For the next STEM challenge, click on the following link:

<https://stgeorges-cps-southend.primarysite.media/media/stem-challenge-22121>

Closing date for entries is Thursday noon.

Mrs Bracknell



Birthdays



Congratulations to **Anina** (St Therese), **Thomas** (St Joseph) and **Mrs Meechan** who celebrated their birthdays this week

Prayers



We continue to pray for our family, our friends and our community.

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado