

St. Joseph's Weekly News

As a school we continue to be so impressed with the children both at home and at school. Not just with the incredible work they are producing but also with their resilience and dedication. We are very proud of them all indeed! This week we've shared work from Nursery, Year 1, 3 & 5.

Weekly Gospel – Mark 1:21-28 Jesus and his disciples came to the town of Capernaum, and on the next Sabbath Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. The people who heard him were amazed at the way he taught, for he wasn't like the teachers of the Law; instead, he taught with authority. Just then a man with an evil spirit came into the synagogue and screamed, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Are you here to destroy us? I know who you are — you are God's holy messenger!" Jesus ordered the spirit, "Be quiet, and come out of the man!" The evil spirit shook the man hard, gave a loud scream, and came out of him. The people were all so amazed that they started saying to one another, "What is this? Is it some kind of new teaching? This man has authority to give orders to the evil spirits, and they obey him!" And so the news about Jesus spread quickly everywhere in the province of Galilee.

Jesus starts to teach in the temple, where the Jewish people went to pray. The people are surprised and impressed with the way he teaches. Why do you think that is?

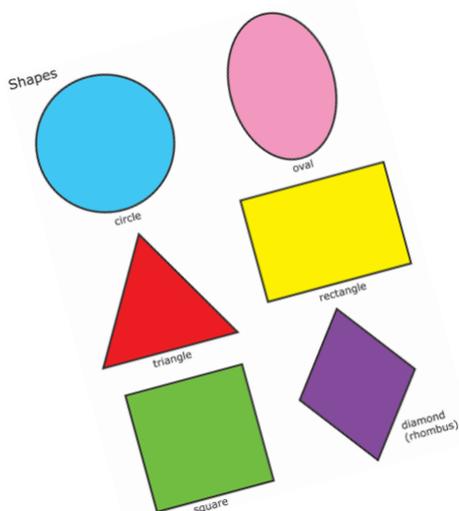
The people in the temple believe what Jesus says and they trust him, more than the teachers they usually listen to. Why did they see Jesus as special?



In White Class...



In Nursery this week, the children have been learning about shapes. They have been focusing on triangles and circles. The children had to go on a hunt to find these shapes in their environment and Zak found a circle in the magnifying glass. Clever boy Zak!



This week in Pearl Class...



As well as shapes, Nursery have also been learning about the artist Wassily Kandinsky. He used circles and triangles to create his work too! This is Jack in Pearl Class, hard at work making his Kandinsky inspired creation.



In Year 1...

In Year 1 this week, the children have been hearing the story The Little Polar Bear. They were then asked to complete a missing poster for Lars and they had to use adjectives to describe him. Emily from Orange class really impressed Miss McCarron with hers. Amazing adjectives Emily!

MISSING!



Name Lars

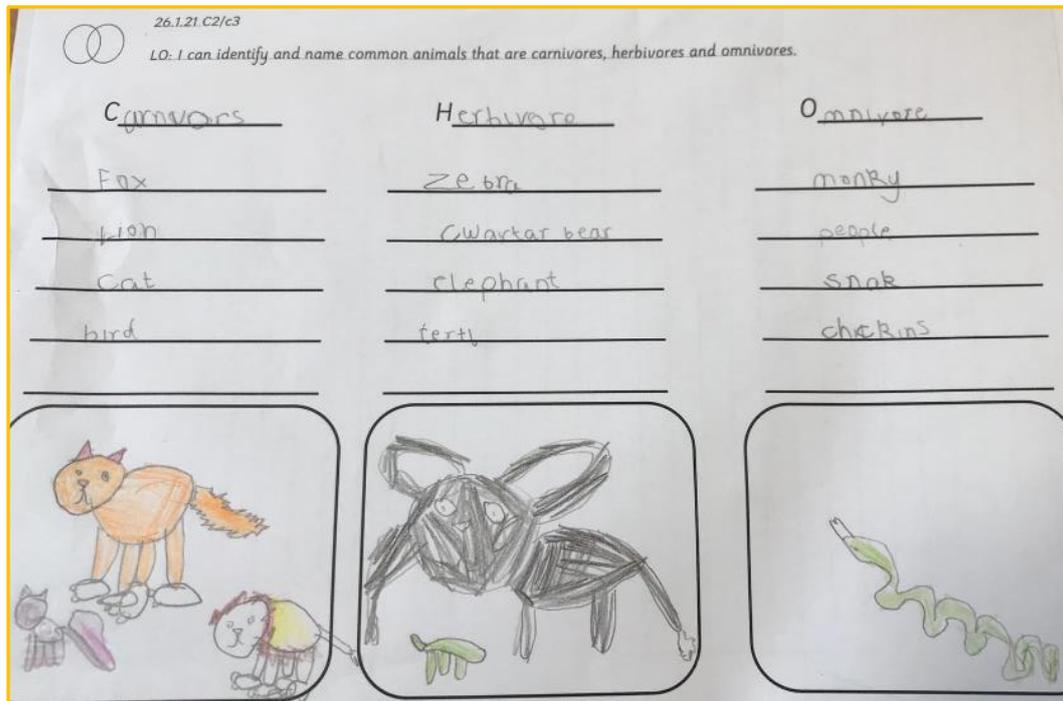
Appearance: (what he looks like)
He is a small polar bear with a little tail. He is covered in white fur and has black eyes and a black nose.

Personality: (how he acts with evidence from the book.)
He is a bit nervous because he is only used to the North pole. He does like to explore new things to find out about them.

Last seen: too
sleeping behind a pile of snow in the north

If seen pole,
please bring him home. Tell him his mummy and daddy are worried.

Year 1 have been learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores this week. They learnt that animals are grouped depending on what they eat. Roise, from Amber class, produced some beautiful work in this lesson where she was able to identify and label different animals that belonged in each group. Well done Roise!



In Year 3

This week, the children in Year 3 have been focussing on reading with volume and intonation to interest their listeners. The children shared videos of themselves reading a page from our class reader "The Accidental Prime Minister" From Green class, Emelia has shown what a confident and clear reader she is. Great job Amelia!



This week in Science, Year 3 have been learning about the importance of the skeleton and its main functions. Joe has made a video presentation outlining this as well as the different types of joints in the body. He demonstrated great presenting skills, showing real confidence and used solid visuals to back up his points! The Liverpool kit was the cherry on top for Mr Forbes!



In Year 5...



In their topic lesson the children were learning about how a river is initially formed and the journey of a river. Ella-Grace in Tanzanite class created a fantastic presentation which explains the process perfectly. Check it out here.

During Art and Design, the children have been doing some Art Appreciation. They have learnt about Vincent Van Gogh and his work. Maya from Indigo class produced this truly fabulous piece inspired by the Dutch painter. Don't you agree that she has really understood and replicated his brush stroke techniques!



Wider Re-Opening of Schools

I'm sure you will be aware of the Government's announcement that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half-term. Boris Johnson instead hopes it will be safe to commence the re-opening of schools and colleges from Monday 8th March. This is in response to the national public health data and pressure on NHS capacity. If the Government achieves its target of vaccinating everyone in the four most vulnerable groups with their first dose by 15 February, then those groups will have developed immunity from the virus around three weeks later, that is by 8th March. It is for this reason that we hope it will therefore be safe to commence the wider reopening of schools from Monday 8th March. However, we continue to follow the advice and directive from both Public Health England and the Department for Education. We will continue to notify and update you as soon as we receive further information.

In the meantime, we would like to once again thank you, the parents and carers, for your wonderful support and dedication in your efforts to protect our school community. It does not go unnoticed and we truly appreciate how challenging these circumstances are. We have been constantly amazed at the work your children are producing as well as their own resilience and attitudes to their learning.

We look forward to the time when our corridors are full of the usual laughter, hustle and bustle of happy children. For now, stay safe and have a wonderful weekend.

Children's Mental Health Week (1st – 7th February)

Next week sees the start of Children's Mental Health Week and this year's theme is 'Express Yourself'. At this time of uncertainty, thinking about our own mental health and the children's is so important.

Keeping a healthy mind is central to us getting through this pandemic.

We are all great role models to our children and by sharing how we look after our own wellbeing through this year's theme, we will encourage our children to do the same in their own way.

Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, sport and doing activities that make you feel good.

Please keep a look out for some tasks which your child's teacher will set in celebration of this important week.

Holland Walk Stabbing

Sadly this week there was a report of a fatal incident involving a 15 year old boy. It took place within our local area and indeed where some of our children live. If any parent or carer has any concerns and would like to speak to someone, please get in touch with a member of our Senior Leadership Team via the school office.



SEND and Safeguarding

A reminder to parents that if you have any concerns or questions about your child and their learning, please contact Ms. Cousins via the school office.