



# St. Joseph's Weekly News

Please look out for this each week to see some outstanding work from the children as well as general announcements and information. This week we've shared work from Nursery, Year 1, 3 & 5.

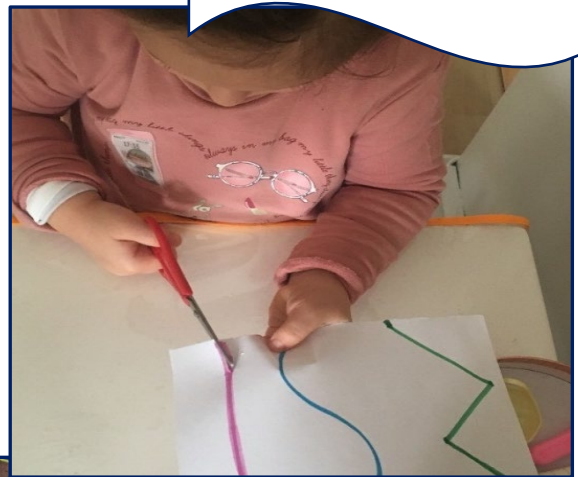
**Weekly Gospel – John 1: 35-42** The next day John was standing there again with two of his disciples, when he saw Jesus walking by. "There is the Lamb of God!" he said. The two disciples heard him say this and went with Jesus. Jesus turned, saw them following him, and asked, "What are you looking for?" They answered, "Where do you live, Rabbi?" (This word means "Teacher.") "Come and see," he answered. (It was then about four o'clock in the afternoon.) So they went with him and saw where he lived, and spent the rest of that day with him. One of them was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. At once he found his brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah." (This word means "Christ.") Then he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "Your name is Simon son of John, but you will be called Cephas." (This is the same as Peter and means "a rock.")



The gospel today tells us about how some of the disciples first became followers of Jesus.

Jesus looked at Simon and decided he should be called Peter, which means "rock". Why do you think Jesus chose this name for Simon Peter?

## This week in Little Gems...



## In White Class...

Sofia has been very busy at school. She has been working very hard on improving on her writing skills. She made her very own animal book inspired by the story 'Polar bear polar bear what do you hear?' Great work Sofia!



Celia really impressed Miss Miller this week when she showed off her super cutting skills! She was able to move the paper and snip at the same time. A very tricky skill indeed. Well done Celia! Keep up the great work.




## In Year 1...

This week in Year 1, children have continued work on their topic 'Poles Apart'. Maxi from Amber Class and Mylo from Orange Class have produced some very informative fact files on polar bears.

Polar Bears

What do polar bears eat?  
Polar Bears eat seals. They especially like seals blubber.

What do polar bears look like?  
Polar bears have white fur even though they have black skin.



Where do polar bears live?  
Polar bears live in the Arctic. They can survive freezing temperatures.

Interesting fact.  
Polar bears are superb swimmers. Did you know that polar bears can hold their breath for 2 minutes?

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021. (C3)  
LO: I can write sentences which are suitable for a non-fiction text.

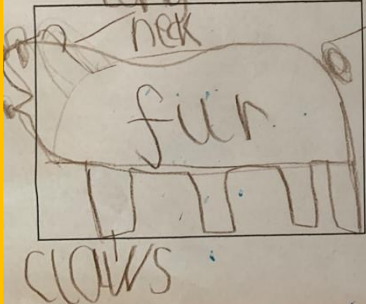
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Polar Bears

Where do polar bears live?  
Polar Bears live in the Arctic Circle, northern Canada, Greenland and northern Russia.

What do polar bears eat?  
They eat seals, birds, eggs, lemmings, lichens, mosses, and caribou.

What do polar bears look like?  
Their key features are white fur, dark eyes and nose.



Interesting fact  
The polar bear is the largest animal on land that eats meat.

How do polar bears survive in the arctic?  
They have thick layers of fur and blubber.



## In Year 3

When learning about the Epiphany, Natalia from Emerald Class wrote a wonderful recount. She tells us about the three kings and their journey to find the baby Jesus. Beautiful handwriting as well Natalia. Well done!



9/1/21 Religion

c:3 Three Wise Men came to see the new King!!!!!!

It all started when far away in the east there were three wise men one night they saw a beautiful star shining brightly over Bethlehem. They knew that it was a sign from God. They decided to follow it. They travelled all their way on camels for many days over deserts, mountains but no matter what they always followed the star. There was a bad king named Herod who was frightened that this new king might make him lose his kingdom! So he told the wise men to bring him there so he could worship him as well but he actually wanted to kill him. The wise men kept going. They were overjoyed to see that they finally reached their destination when the came there. They offered the new king gold, frankincense and myrrh. That night they went to bed but in a dream God warned them not to go back to king Herod so they did as God said. King Herod was very displeased that the wise men tricked him.

By Natalia



## WINSTON CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill was born on 30 November 1874 and died on 24 January 1965. He was born in a noble family. The name of the family of Churchill is Dukes of Marlborough. His father was Lord Randolph Churchill. He too was a politician.

As a boy, Churchill went to the famous Harrow School but he did not do well in school.



Winston Churchill became twice the Prime Minister of the UK. He was a politician as well as an author. His first term of office began on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1940 and ended on July 26, 1945. His second term of office began on October 26, 1951 and ended on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1955. He was one of the finest leaders of the 21<sup>st</sup> century during times of war.

### KEY EVENTS

#### World War II

At the start of World War II, Churchill was again put in charge of the Navy. In 1940 the war was going badly for Britain. Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned on May 10 and Churchill was given the job. Some people thought that Britain could not win the war, and that the British government should make peace with Hitler. Churchill was sure that Britain could win, and promised to continue the fight. He made famous speeches that are still remembered today.



From Indigo Class, Mr Hannigan really wanted to celebrate Charlie's artwork that he did as an extra piece of work. It really is extremely impressive. Fabulous work Charlie!

### **Year 6 Parents and Carers**

Many of you will be aware that the Government have made the decision to abandon Year 6 SATs once again this year, as a result of the pandemic. We want to reassure you that at St Joseph's, teaching and learning will continue with the same rigour so that all our Year 6 pupils are encouraged to reach their full potential by the end their time in primary school. During lockdown please ensure that your child continues to complete and submit the work that has been carefully planned and set by their class teachers. We look forward to the time when we can welcome all our children back to school once more.

Year 3 have also been busy learning about Prime Ministers, both past and present. After much research, Anthony from Green Class has produced this wonderful fact file on Winston Churchill. Great job Anthony!

## In Year 5...

Harry in Tanzanite Class used Scratch to add variables to a Maths quiz. He went above and beyond by editing more of the code as well, showing a fantastic understanding of how to use Scratch! Superb job Harry! Click on the link below to see Harry's work.

<https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/472834557>

To all our Parents and Carers,

As we come towards the end of the second week of this new lockdown, I wanted to inform you that feedback from staff and parents, regarding our remote learning provision, remains incredibly positive.

During lockdown, vulnerable pupils have a place in school, as do children of critical key workers. We have many more children of key workers in school than in March, as do many other schools; however, we are pleased to play our part in enabling key workers to go to work at this difficult time.

You are all doing a magnificent job! Once again you have been thrust into a scenario where you are balancing work, running a home, supporting your child's learning and much, much more. I do appreciate how difficult it is to support your children with their remote learning, but please remember that staff are always available to help, so if you do have any questions, concerns or just need some general guidance please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher for help.

We recommend the children get fresh air and exercise every day. We now know that this lockdown will continue until at least the February half term and the staff have been planning lots of activities to keep up the children's enthusiasm and motivation.

I hope you all have a good weekend. Stay safe.