

Princess Fred's Matters

Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written. John 21:25



Friday 15th February '19

Dear parents/carers,

The first half-term of this calendar year has been all about getting back into routines after Christmas and getting excited about different subject areas. Firstly, we had Science Week which we were delighted to see so many children positive about. The whole week was based around engineering and we were lucky to be joined by Steve and Jen from Joined-Up Science. They combined stories with engineering and all the children constructed something based around engineering and technology. We also had assemblies led by scientists and parents along with workshops in all classes from nursery to Year 6, all with the aim of getting children enthused about the wonderful subject that is science. We will be repeating this focus week again next year with a slightly different focus.

Another focus week we will be repeating next year is E-Safety Week. This was all about raising awareness about staying safe while online. Assemblies and lessons in class focused on different challenges that children are very likely to come across and making sure they understand the risks without being frightened.

Excitement is also building for the PSA Book Week which is the second week after the half-term on the 4th March. We are hoping that it will be the best yet and the children and staff are looking forward to meeting some famous authors whose books they have read. Our fantastic PSA have arranged for the following authors to come : Maz Evans, Ross Welford, Joshua Seigal and Valerie Bloom. The early years and year 1 will also be exploring some favourite books through drama with a visiting drama company.

We finished the half-term with a house group maths quiz. Children from Year 1-6 were involved in competition with an overall year group winner and winning house group.

The Headship team would like to thank everyone for their support and wish you all a well deserved break. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 25th February '19.

Mr Richards, Ms Christopher and Ms Banks



Nursery

This half term in Nursery has been very exciting and busy. We had Jen and Steve come and visit us, as part of Science week. They talked to us about melting and freezing and told us a story about Mavis the dragon who visited London. We all enjoyed making a spinner with their help so we could tell the story too!

Our topic has been Superheroes, which has meant we have been reading some very exciting stories together. We decided to become superheroes ourselves and have each made our own superhero mask and capes, which we decorated and then cut out using scissors. Although we found this tricky, we all kept trying and have now started to cut and decorate others things. Some of us have very exciting super powers. It has also been Chinese New Year this half term, so we have been learning about how it is celebrated. We especially liked looking at videos of the dragons and lions dancing to the beat of a drum and we tried to recreate these ourselves. Everyone also made a lantern to take home, as they symbolise good fortune and a healthy life. Mr Olubanjo, Miss Qassem and I are all so impressed with how well the class are taking to new challenges and experiences. We hope you all enjoy your half term break.

Miss Bellini



Reception

We have had a brilliant half-term in Reception learning about superheroes. The children made their own Supertatos and enjoyed writing about their own superhero powers in English. In maths, we have been learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, as well as learning about patterns and how to count in 2s. We have had lots of fun playing number games and singing songs about counting in class.

This half-term we were lucky enough to celebrate Science Week by making moving dragons. The children also explored why objects float and sink and enjoyed getting messy testing their predictions in the water tray! We have also started African drumming lessons with Mr Tang. The children love making lots of noise while learning new songs and dances.

We wish you all a restful break and look forward to seeing the children after half-term for more adventures.

Ms Mulry and Ms O'Sullivan



Year 1

It has been a very busy half term for year 1 who have been working really hard on a range of new topics. The children were introduced to the very exciting cross-curricular topic of the Great Fire of London in history and learned lots of information about all of the different things that happened in 1666. In English, the children have been learning about report writing and the different features of a report. They have written a report about the Great Fire of London and also one on London's landmarks. They particularly enjoyed finding out interesting facts about the landmarks as part of their homework. The children have loved making fire engines in DT and we would like to thank you all very much for supplying the boxes.

In science, the children have been looking at light sources and deciding whether particular light sources are man-made or natural. The children have really enjoyed computing this half term and have learned how to create a pictogram and how to sort and group objects using the computer. Lastly, in RE, the children have learned about Judaism and can now recognise some important Jewish symbols and artefacts. Have a wonderful half term!
Miss Moore and Miss Staron



Year 2

Year 2 have had a brilliant half term learning all about pirates. This topic has been linked to most of our learning across the curriculum and the children have been enthused and excited. We went on our second school trip to the V&A Museum of Childhood where the children learnt all about both fictional and real pirates and were able to dress up and pretend to be real pirates sailing the seas. In English the children have been writing their own adventure stories and non-chronological reports all about life on board a pirate ship. In maths we have learnt all about length, mass and temperature and the children have enjoyed the challenge of applying this understanding to word problems. In history the children have had a lot of fun learning all about the life of a pirate and what it was like to be on board. In RE the children have had the opportunity to learn all about Judaism and their celebrations and had the chance to try some Jewish foods. Finally, in science, the children have been learning all about sound and how it travels and made their own string telephones to communicate with their friends.

We hope you have a restful holiday and look forward to welcoming the children back for the next half term.

Mr Duker and Miss Coode



Year 3

Year 3 have had an interesting half term. We took part in Steve McQueen's year three Tate Gallery photo project, which involved a photographer coming to school to take photos of both classes. These will be on display in the Tate Britain from November to March, along with photos of year 3 classes from hundreds of other schools.

In English we have been writing stories altering traditional tales. We have also written reports on aspects of Ancient Roman, after researching in books and on the internet, linking to our history topic. Many children have shared their fantastic homework projects, giving a speech about a Roman god or goddess.

Our challenge in maths this half term has been learning to tell the time! We have been learning to tell the time to the nearest minute on analogue and digital clocks.

We learnt how to create branching databases in computing and have been experimenting with shadows in science. RE has focused on Judaism, learning about the Exodus and Passover. Weekly swimming lessons are continuing well.

In DT the children have thoroughly enjoyed making pizzas. They have learnt how to make pizza dough, designed and added their own toppings and have even designed packaging to take the pizza home in!

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Ms Griffin and Ms Greenaway



Year 4

Wow, what an exciting start we have had to 2019 in Year 4.

We have been learning about a diverse range of different things including decimals and fractions in maths, sound in science, Sikhism in RE and have just started a new history topic on the Anglo-Saxons. Our author focus this term has been Neil Gaiman and Year 4 would highly recommend that you read his awesome book Coraline. Using our descriptive



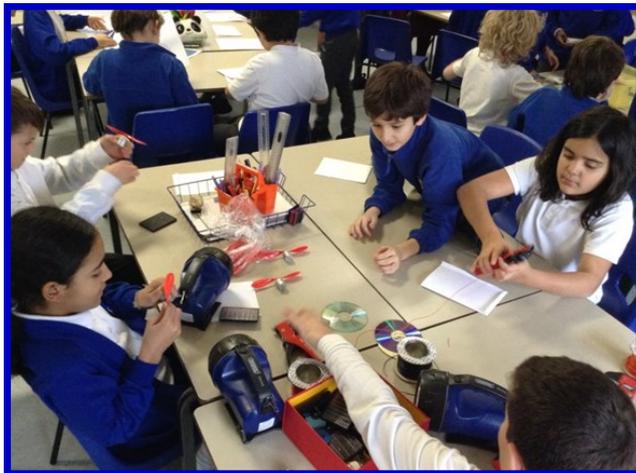
language skills, we wrote very imaginative setting descriptions of our own realms based on the book. The highlight this term has to be the wonderful class assemblies. The children worked incredibly hard to learn their lines and songs. We were amazed at the quality of their acting and may have some budding actors and actresses in our midst!

The children have had an enjoyable half term and have learnt lots of new skills. One of these was to create a collage in the style of Henri Matisse which will be up on display for all children, staff and parents to enjoy. In computing we have been looking at a new programme called Logo on Purple Mash- which children can continue with at home using their Mathematics log in. We particularly enjoyed Science Week where the children took part in innovative workshops; attended talks by engineers and scientists and saw some truly magnificent experiments. Have a wonderful break, be proud of all your achievements this half term and we look forward to seeing you next half term.
Mrs Brookes, Mrs Jariwala and Mr Sowa

Year 5

This term Year 5 have been learning about a range of topics including rivers, materials, Sikhism and print-making. It has been most pleasing to see the way students have approached a wide range of new topics with enthusiasm and applied themselves fully to the learning of new skills and acquisition of knowledge.

English studies have focused upon the book 'Floodlands' by Marcus Sedgwick which has been used as a writing prompt for the children to compose diary entries, 'mock-interviews' and descriptive writing pieces. Children also undertook a mini-unit



on non-chronological reports where they were allowed to select their own special interest to create an informed report after exploring a range of other reports and learning about their features and structure. The children continue to impress with the high standard of work produced and should be congratulated for their effort this half term.

In maths the children have learned about negative numbers, decimals, percentages, and measurement involving both metric and imperial measures. This has been supplemented by the on-going development of basic arithmetic, conducted via regular learning activities and weekly quizzes, and a special focus on problem solving.

Both classes also had the pleasure of attending Science Week workshops on topics including computer science, astronomy, physics and chemistry and are looking forward to a class trip to the local library and a visit from the Young Shakespeare Company in the near future.

Mr McCann and Mr Cheeseman

Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed a busy and varied first Spring half-term. In English, we were enthralled reading *The Giant's Necklace* by Michael Morpurgo and have produced a range of fantastic written work inspired by it. Our newspaper editorials have caused a healthy level of debate in the classroom! In maths, we have been learning area and perimeter of 2D shapes, volume of 3D shapes and translating shapes on a four quadrant grid.

The children have designed and now begun to manufacture their own slippers in D.T. We will continue these next half-term but there will be a lot of very stylish year 6 children relaxing on their sofas when they are finished! We have also enjoyed beginning the topics of evolution and World War 1 in science and history, both of which will continue into next half-term.

We benefited from an educational and informative visit from a police community support official who provided an engaging and informative session on keeping safe as we grow older in the city. We hope you all enjoy the break and look forward to seeing you soon.

Mr Larke and Ms. Yerlisu

Physical Education

This half term in PE we have been looking at fitness, stamina, circuit training and understanding why it's good to be healthy and maintain an active lifestyle.

Year 6 have been working on building a balanced fitness circuit that is designed for their own personal requirements and shows activities that benefit different parts of their bodies and muscles. They know names of muscles; where they are in the body and their functions.

Year 5 have developed their personal fitness over the past few weeks, using different circuits and equipment. They have learnt that circuits can take different forms and can work on different fitness elements.

Year 4 have learnt that a circuit can be sport specific. They have performed simple ball skill circuits with accuracy, understanding and good technique.

Year 3 are working hard every week in the swimming pool. Lots of children are working in the main pool on their backstroke and front crawl this half term.

Year 2 have been learning a range of skills through a series of circuits. They have learnt basic movements as well as ways to develop balance, agility and co-ordination.

Year 1 have started to identify different skills and techniques to help with their movement and agility. They have developed their hand-eye co-ordination and have learnt how important our core muscles are to help us with these different skills.

Reception are developing their communication and teamwork skills by working with a partner or in small groups.

Nursery children have continued to develop confidence. They have shown different ways to travel, (jumping, hopping, skipping, jogging) good spatial awareness, movement and balance. They have also continued to work on their hand-eye co-ordination skills using various pieces of equipment. (throwing, rolling, catching)

In January, year 6 children participated in a Brent Swimming Gala at Willesden Sports Centre. They competed against other Brent schools in a range of different swimming styles—both individual and relay. Princess Frederica came third out of 8 schools and many of the children won individual medals.

We also competed in the Brent Borough Indoor Athletics Tournament that was also at Willesden Sports Centre. On this occasion, we competed against 18 schools. The event was made up of various field events such as triple jump and javelin as well as running races. As a school we had a combined team from Years 4-6 (different to other schools who were only represented by Year 6 children). Overall we came 9th and, even more pleasing, was that it was noted by organisers and staff from other schools about the exemplary behaviour and sporting conduct both on and off the track of the children. The school was very proud of them.

Mr Chantler.

Music

This term in music, Reception started African Drumming, Year 2 started glock, year 3 started recorder and half of year 4, 5 and 6 started composition and song writing, while the other half learnt steel pans. Year 1 continued learning violin. Over 150 children



are now taking part in extra-curricular music lessons within school, including french horn, baritone brass, trumpet, trombone, guitar, drumkit, saxophone, clarinet, fife, violin, viola, cello, and singing. The term also saw the birth of a Junior Boys' Singing Club, the 4th Choir at the school. The other choirs are the Open Choir (y3-6), a Girl's Choir (y5-6) and the Boys' Singing Club (y5-6).

The Term finished with 2 Extravaganzas, which included steel pans, strings, piano, the choirs, trumpets, clarinets, drumkit and a rock band. The concerts also featured, for the first time, year 1, 2 and 3 performing on African Drums.

We also have some exciting plans for next half-term. Year 2 will help to teach glock to the reception children. Some children in year 4, 5 and 6 will sing in Prom Praise, a huge event in the Royal Albert Hall. The choirs will compete in the Brent Choir of the Year Competition, and the choirs and ensembles will submit an entry for Music for Youth, a national competition. After half a year of African Drumming, Years 1, 2 and 3 will now learn African Dancing. Year 4 will write and rehearse their Easter Play, which will be performed at the Easter Church service at the start of the Summer Term.

Thank you for your continued support of music here at Princess Frederica.

Mr Tang



School Prayer

Father God,

We thank you for loving and making each one of us,

Help us to respect and care for each other and our environment.

Help us to work hard and play fairly

That our school may be a place of joy, peace and hope and a light in this community

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ

Amen