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Year 6 Leavers Celebration

We are really pleased to confirm that we can go ahead with our Year 6 Leavers Celebration on Tuesday 14th July at 4pm-6pm weather permitting. More details to follow.

School Opening

On Wednesday, the Secretary of State for Education clarified the position regarding the full opening of primary schools for a month before the end of term. He accepted that schools cannot welcome back all students but went on to say that if schools have capacity the government would like to see schools bring back more children before the end of term. I am pleased to confirm that we will be opening our school to all the children who have now confirmed that they will be attending on 22nd June. Due to the increase in pupil numbers, we will be **closing every Friday afternoon at 1pm**. This is to provide extra time for deep cleaning.

Social Distancing

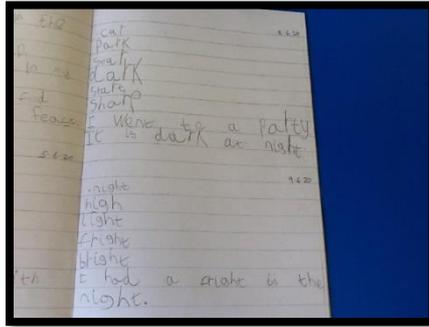
Could we please ask that parents always practise social distancing on and outside our school site. Also, children need to be collected and taken home promptly and should not be allowed to play. Apologies to those who are keeping to our new expectations as your efforts are enabling us to stay safe.

POD NEWS

Pod R – Mrs Rushton

We have had another fun week in Pod R.

In phonics, we have practised the sounds 'ar', 'igh', 'air' and 'or'. We wrote words and sentences using these sounds.



In maths, we have been learning to make and read o'clock times.



We have enjoyed using the glockenspiels to accompany some of our favourite songs.



We have been making up and acting out our own helicopter stories outside.



In PE, we have been learning the dance routine to the song 'Let it go' from 'Frozen'. We have learned to play 'Kick-it Cricket' too!



We have had lots of fun in our outside area!



Hello from Pod 2!

We can't quite believe that we're coming to the end of our second week back together. Time really does fly when you're having fun! PE lessons are keeping us fit and healthy. It feels good to get our hearts pumping and enjoy time outdoors in the fresh air.

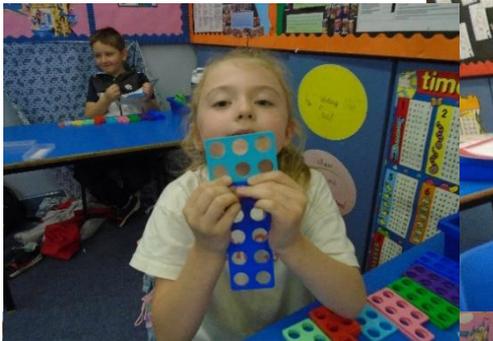
We have been reading a range of traditional tales, including our personal



favourites. We have also been acting out the story on the spot. The children have particularly enjoyed circle time on the field where we take part in 'Helicopter stories', where the children work together to create their own story. We have continued to take part in a range of phonics games and activities.

This week we have been working on various things in mathematics including adding and subtracting 10 from any given number, finding one more and one less, using the 100 square to help us count forwards and backwards to 100 and looking at patterns within the 100 square. We have also been making and comparing different numbers using numicon.

Brooke, Maciej and Julia found different ways how to make 11!



The children have been picking a number from the 100 square and using Numicon to add and subtract 10 from it.

In music lessons we have been perfecting our glockenspiel skills! We can play Old McDonald with our eyes closed. Isabel particularly enjoys doing her solo part, singing and playing the glockenspiel to her own made up songs.

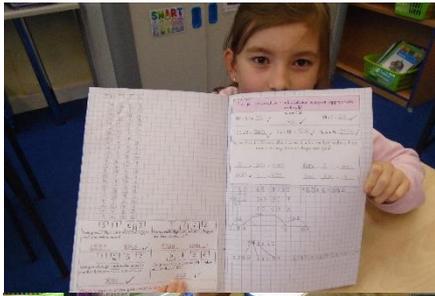
We have enjoyed playing on the field in the sun. When it rains, we have been singing 'Rain, rain, go away, come back another day!' We are not sure it's working! Beth has been very excited to have her own 'office'.

Lots of love, Pod 2.

Hello from POD 4!

Pod 4 have continued to work extremely hard and have produced some FANTASTIC work that they should all be extremely proud of. We have been making potions to help Harry Potter go invisible, writing newspaper reports about an escape from Azkaban prison and we have looked at a fictional text about a child pirate who sails the seven seas and meets his favourite pirate! Pod 4's work this week has been out of this world!





Pod 4 would like to send a big AIR hug to the rest of St. Mary's!

Challenge for you!



Can you create your own magical potion using a range of strange and mysterious ingredients to help Harry become invisible?

First, put the shiny hippogriff feather into dark red liquid from the dirty old troll!

Hello from POD 5

Hi Everybody,



I hope you are all keeping well at home and continuing with your learning packs. We have had another very busy week in school! In our writing we have been debating about whether animals should be kept in zoos or not, discussing the for and against and developing our arguments.

In maths this week we have been working through our five-minute frenzy multiplication tasks as well as through place value problems. This is to continue to consolidate our learning ready for next year.

We have been learning lots of new dances in our PE slots and are keen to show you all, as you start to return. We have also learnt how to play Jamaican Cricket, which involves no contact at all! We all loved it.



Holly and Louise are feeling more settled as they are now used to our new norm!

This week POD 5 welcomed back Gracie-Mai, who has loved her first week back at school. Despite feeling quite anxious about returning, we cannot stop her from talking now!



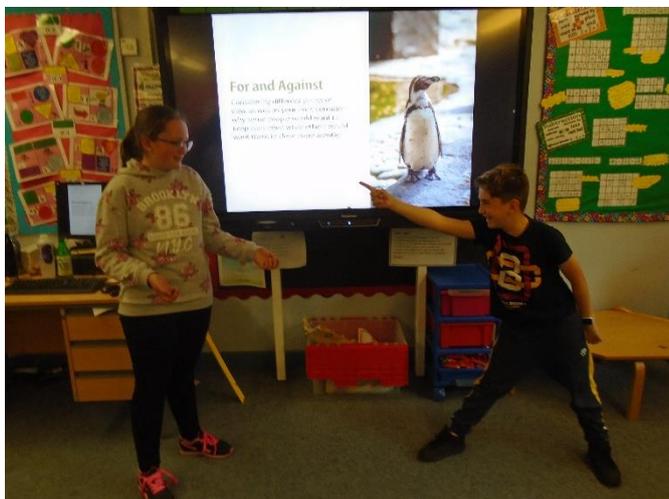
Hello from Pod 6

The children are really enjoying spending time with each other and engaging in their learning. We have already finished one book together and have started another!

Discussion point: should zoos exist? We have been pondering this thought and creating a debate considering both sides of the argument. We have used this as our stimulus in writing, we love our animals and it has produced some interesting opinions both for and against.



The Rosary prayer focusses on the life of Jesus from the Scriptures. We have familiarised ourselves with praying the rosary and created information cards for others to inform them and help them pray. We have also focussed on the different ways we pray and the different types of prayer. Sometimes we say thanksgiving prayers or prayers of praise. Sometimes we need to say prayers of sorrow and at other times we pray to ask for something (petition)



P.E has kept us active and the children have created some fantastic dances, it looks like a flash mob has taken over Saint Mary's. Although I have just been informed that none of the children in the pod know what a flash mob is, so feel free to google it! The energy in each lesson is fantastic.

