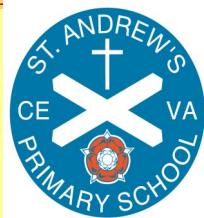




# St. Andrew's CEVA Primary Newsletter May 2022



Head Teacher Mrs Val Griffiths

**Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established.**

**Proverbs 15:3**

**Thank You!** Another busy half-term has flown by so quickly! Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for the wonderful welcome I have received from pupils, staff, governors and families since I started. It has really felt like 'coming home' and I cannot praise everyone enough for the support they have given me. I am so looking forward to leading the school in the years to come.

Congratulations to Mr Reed and his partner on the safe arrival of their daughter, Billie! Mr Reed is back in school, having enjoyed his paternity leave, and Billie has already made her first visit to meet us all. I know Mr Reed really appreciated all the messages of congratulations and gifts he received.

 Mrs McDermott has a few more weeks to go before she will be putting her feet up in preparation for the arrival of her baby. Mrs Willars will be covering her maternity leave, the children know her and she has already started to work alongside the class to make the switch as smooth as possible.

We have managed to fit a lot into the first half-term, with Year 6 enjoying their residential visit to Govilon in Wales. They demonstrated their I-ASPIRE characteristics in bucket-loads as they experienced caving, waterfall walking and demonstrated their teamwork skills. The children represented St. Andrew's brilliantly and I know the staff that accompanied them were extremely proud. Many thanks Miss Davidson for leading the trip and to Mrs Worth, Mrs Connors, Miss Tipler, Mrs Williams and Mrs Jameson for giving their time to make it possible for the children. Read more about their trip on page 11.



Year 6 have also completed the SATs, their end of Key Stage 2 assessments. Again, the children approached this challenge with positive attitudes and a drive to do well. We were all very proud of them and were delighted that they were able to celebrate together on the Friday with a pizza party – thank you FOSA for supporting this.

Year 2 are nearing the end of their end of Key Stage 1 assessments and have shown equal determination and positivity. Well done to all involved.

As I write this we are preparing for our Jubilee Celebrations. Every class has taken time to look at the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth II this week and I cannot wait to see what they have discovered. I know we will have a lovely celebration later on. Thank you for supporting the picnic and red, white and blue theme.

**We wish you all an enjoyable break, make the most of the extra bank holiday if you can, Much love, Mrs G**

## Information for parents/carers

**Last term we raised  
an amazing  
£297.92  
For Comic Relief  
Thank you for your  
support!**

### Pupil Absence:

Please make sure that your child's absence is reported before 9.30am.



Telephone 01604 406486  
Option 1: State your child's name and class and reason for absence: it is very important that you give clear information on the nature of illness.

**CALL BY 9.30AM PLEASE!**

### Nut Allergy

Please note that we have children in school who suffer from a severe allergic reaction to nuts which can result in emergency medical intervention and is a life threatening condition. We would ask that you do not pack any items that contain nuts for snack or for lunch. If we find any food for snack or lunch that contains nuts, we will have to take these away from children.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 6th June 2022** School opens to pupils.

**Thursday 21st July 2022** School closes for summer break.

**Monday 5th September 2022**

School opens to Pupils for new School Year.

**Reminder that this year we are having 3 school sports days:**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 9.00am – Sports Day for Years 5 and 6**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 9.00am – Sports Day for Recep, Years 1 & 2**

**Friday 1st July 9.00am – Sports Day for Years 3 and 4**

## Year R News

Happy Half Term!

We have had a great half term looking at numbers to 20, learning more digraphs, writing more sentences and looking at all different types of transport.



We have noticed how well the children are doing with their reading at the moment, please keep reading at home with your child it is such an important skill!

THANK YOU to those parents who are engaging in Tapestry. Please keep sharing what you get up to and checking for any homework tasks.



### Muddy Monday

We will be starting our Muddy Monday walks again from half term so please make sure your child has wellies in school. Also check the weather forecast and dress your child appropriately (jackets/sun hats/sun cream etc). On our walks we sometimes go through the fields, if your child has hay fever or pollen allergies please make sure they have taken appropriate medication beforehand.



Please speak to one of us if you have any concerns.

We had a robot come to deliver us a surprise this week. We loved listening to the robot talk to us, we are so lucky that we can now get things delivered so easily.



### Bikes / scooters



As part of our topic of transport we have had the balance bikes and scooters out which the children have loved. It has been great to see them develop confidence using these. Some children have also learnt to ride the pedal bikes without stabilisers. So if you have bikes at home get them to show you!

We have had a lovely term going on regular transport walks, we have been looking at the different types of vehicles that travel near our school.



This week we were lucky to go and see all the road works going on near our school and had a look at the different vehicles involved in re-surfacing the road.



losing items of clothing weekly, so please make sure everything is clearly named and remember to either take earrings out or cover them up please!

As the weather is improving the children often take their coats off outside, please make sure **everything** is named!

Friday is still PE day, we are still

Well done to these children in Year R for receiving their I-ASPIRE certificates this term:

**Holcot:** Kieran, Druham, Henry, Gabriella and Alex.

**Sywell:** Victoria, Ryan, Matthew, Laura and Kayden.

## Year 1 News

The children have continued to work hard this term! We are very proud of all the children. Please continue to support your child with the knowledge of their sounds, using the sounds checklist sheet given out. Please ask for another checklist if you need one. As always thank you for all your support with your children.



## Why is water so precious?

This term the children discovered where drinking water comes from, and that we all need water to survive.

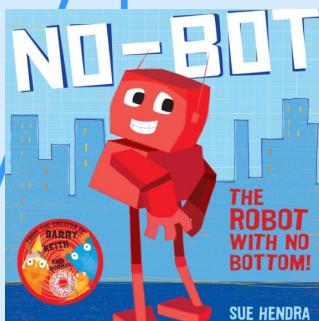
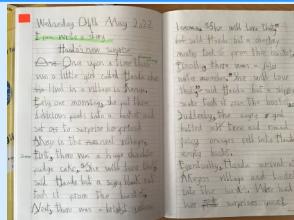
**Exploring seeds-** the children looked at a range of seeds e.g. cress, sunflower, broad bean, fruit seeds etc. The seeds were planted against the side of transparent drinking cups. Planting the sunflower, cress and runner beans seeds have been a successful lesson.

Over the past few weeks the children enjoyed watching the seeds grow and we are now hoping for them to flower before the end of next term.



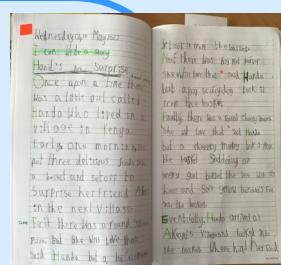
Well done to these children in Year 1 for receiving their I-ASPIRE certificates this term:

**Estela**  
**Cairo**  
**Lucas**  
**Donald**

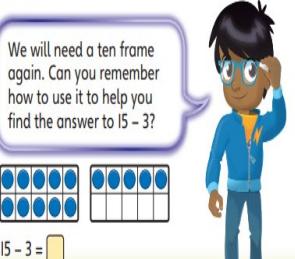


## English

This term we finished the text *Handa's Surprise*. The children were able to innovate and create their version of the story. There was some excellent pieces of writing.



In term 5 and 6 we will be looking at a finding tale called No-Bot the robot with no bottom by Sue Hendra. The children have searched high and low around the school to help Bernard, but at present we still haven't found his bottom.



## Maths

This Term, we have been comparing addition and subtraction. Solving word problems, subtracting tens and ones and investigating numbers to 50. We have also continued to learn about "inverse operations".

We are becoming more confident to quickly recall our number bond "Fact Families", to ensure we are becoming fluent and confident Mathematicians.



## Year 2 News



This term we have been working incredibly hard in preparation for our SAT's, revisiting prior learning and improving our use of different calculation methods.

In English, we have learnt the story '*Traction Man*' after creating some fantastic spine poems, we then created villain descriptions. Here are a few...

**Traction Man** stood in the haunted, dark alleyway. He looked up and heard a creepy noise. He wasn't alone. A suspicious man crept behind a tall tree. In the distance, he could just make out the man's features. His red eyes, like marks, popped out. A long, curved nose covered his rectangular face. The moustache was as dark as a demon. His golden teeth shined as light as a diamond. - Oliver.

**Traction Man** stood at the end of a dark, rocky cave. He glanced up and saw a man between some rocks. He wasn't alone. The man crept out. In the distance, he could just make out the man's features. The mysterious man tiptoed carefully out from behind the rocks. His piercing, red eyes stared brightly. A dark moustache swirled like whiskers. Long, pointed nose enveloped his face. Fang-like teeth were yellow and as sharp as a shark! - Elah

**He has a black curly moustache of medium-size and he is mysterious and malicious. He has a evil face, giant pale nose and is wanted for kidnapping children and making them his servants!** Reward: £100.—Ola

**His face is evil and scary, he is seven foot three tall and has a moustache like curly quavers. He is 62 years old and might be a grandad! His eyebrows are curly and long and his hat is massive.**—Oakley



### Computing

In Computing the children have continued to learn about algorithms. Using the Bee-Bots they have developed their problem solving skills and tested different algorithms.



### IASPIRE Stars

This terms stars are....

In Wilby: Sofia, Oliver and Skyla

In Ecton: Kaley, Arina and Francie

Well done all of you!

### How are animal like us?

In Connected Curriculum we have been learning about how animals are like us. During this time we have been nature detectives, artists, scientists and musicians. We have had a fantastic time looking at the local wildlife, habitats and using this knowledge to create some beautiful pieces of artwork.



## Year 3 News

# Are Bugs Important?

This term, we have been learning all about living things, including animals and plants. We have carried out lots of investigations, such as growing cress to investigate photosynthesis, and we have even watched caterpillars develop into butterflies. We went on a lovely walk around Ecton Brook and identified many habitats and collected items to create our own natural art sculptures. We have dissected daffodils and learnt about food chains. Overall, we have been very busy this term!



### Computing

In our computing lessons this term, we have been learning how to create branching databases on laptops to classify animals. We have had to think carefully to ensure that we are using questions with a very definite yes or no answer.

### I ASPIRE STAR

Well done to the following children for receiving IASPIRE certificates for demonstrating the school's values:

**Pitsford:** David, Charlie, Stephanie, Kamsi



**Moulton:** Kai, Sophia, Aryton, Beverley



### English

We have been writing character transformation stories this term, using Cinderella as an example. We have begun to look at writing persuasive letters, which we will continue after half term by writing a letter to the Queen!



### Maths

In Maths, we have been learning all about fractions. We



have developed our understanding on what a fraction is by using key vocabulary such as denominators and numerators.

### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

We have been very busy this week, celebrating the Queen's jubilee. We have learnt about the Royal Family, sketched a portrait of the Queen, written acrostic poems and made bunting and crowns for our Jubilee party!

We hope you all have a lovely half term.



# Year 4 News

*It has been a very busy term and we have learnt a lot.*



## Connected Curriculum – What happens inside us?

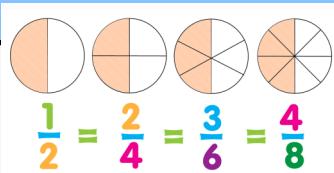
We have been learning about the organs in the body, in particular, the organs in the digestive system. We did an investigation of the digestive system using orange juice, water, crackers, banana, tights, plastic bags and plastic cups. It was rather yukky!

Did you know that the small intestine in an adult human is about 6.5m long?



## Maths

We have had an exciting term learning about area and most recently fractions. Did you know that there are improper fractions, mixed numbers, equivalent fractions and simplified fractions. So complicated.



## P.E.

As part of our topic on ‘What happens inside us?’, we have also looked at the effects of exercise on our heart and fitness. In groups, we created our own fitness regime and measured our pulse before and after exercising, checking to see if we improved from week to week.

This term, I-ASPIRE certificates went to:

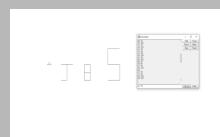
Brixworth—Mason, Anastazja, Daisy, Helen and Joshua.

Denton—Kendra, Nathaniel, Rachael, Toby and Antonia.



## English

In English, we have been writing persuasive texts. We have focussed on using positive and persuasive vocabulary, facts, opinions, quotes, rhetorical questions and imperative verbs. For our hot task, we needed to persuade the reader to come to our hotel using the features above.



## Computing

We learnt how to use code, such as FD 100 and RT 90 to write letters.

In R.E. we have been learning about the Pentecost and the Holy Spirit and the emotions around the miraculous event.



We have continued our reading competition between Brixworth and Denton on who can read the most each week? This half term the winners are.... Denton!

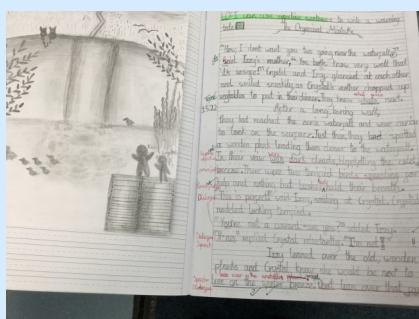
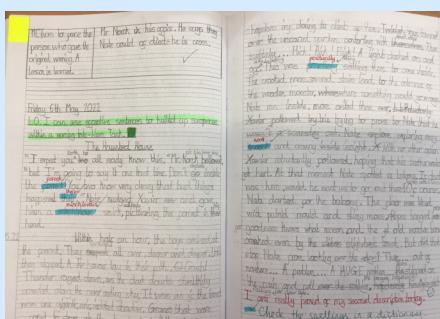
## Year 5 news

### Wonderful Warning Tales

This term we have been writing warning tales in English. We started off with some drama and role play related to the warning. Our task was to create a scene where one of the characters was warned about not going through the mysterious doors. We had to verbalise the warning and use appropriate body language to match it.

### Examples of Warning Tales

We worked hard to include many elements of figurative and descriptive language in our stories. These were personification, metaphors, similes, power of 3 sentences, adjectives and fronted adverbials. Your child should be able to explain what these are!



### Fraction Action

Maths has been all about fractions this term. We used our reasoning skills and Maths Talk questions and sentence stems to develop our understanding of this tricky topic.



### I-ASPIRE STARS



Althorp:

Alvi, Faith, Kai, Kiyomi and Vanessa

Isham:

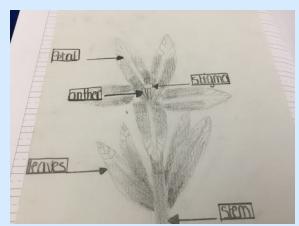
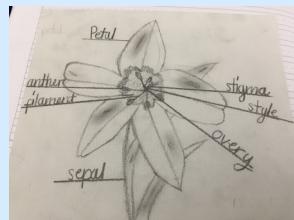
Divine, Charlie, Scarlett and Michael

*Congratulations to all*



### Superb Science

We have been studying plants in Science this term. We have planted some beans and dissected a flower to learn about its parts.



## Year 6 news

### SATs

This term we have been working so hard and we have completed our SATs assessments! Yay!! We worked so hard and are proud of all our achievements and enjoyed the chance to show off what we have learnt in KS2. The tests we completed were:

- Monday—Spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- Tuesday—Reading
- Wednesday—Arithmetic and Maths reasoning
- Thursday—Maths reasoning.

Each morning before our assessments took place, we had toast and jam and a banana too (Mrs Worth and Mrs Connors also treated us to lots of other goodies as well). As a well done for all our hard work, we celebrated with Dominoes pizza and ice-cream on the Friday. It was amazing! Thank you to FOSA for paying for this for us.

We actually really enjoyed SATs week and a lot of us wanted to do it all over again!!

**A huge well done from the whole Year 6 team to all of the fantastic children in Year 6 who have worked their socks off this year in preparation for their SATs. We are really proud of you all :-)**



### STEM challenge

At the end of SATs week, Mrs Worth and Mrs Connors set us a STEM challenge. With a fictitious £10 budget, we had to design, purchase materials and construct a tower that could hold a 100ml cup of water for 30 seconds. The tower had to be at least 30cm high too. Here are some of the winning towers that were able to complete the challenge:



### The Great UK Geographical Challenge

Since our SATs assessments have finished, we have started this new challenge. We have been split up into groups and we have to research a region of the UK:

- Scotland with a focus on Edinburgh
- Wales with a focus on Cardiff
- The South East with a focus on London
- The Midlands with a focus on Birmingham
- The South West with a focus on Bristol

Our job is to research our area in teams of 3 and then present our findings back to the class. Wish us luck!



Well done to those children who have been awarded an I ASPIRE certificate this term for all of their hard work.

\*Abilash, Alfie H and Jack-Junior in Grendon and the whole class for super effort in SATs.



\*Eugene, Liam and Vanessa in Lamport and the whole class week for super effort in SATs.



## Year 6 Activity week

A few weeks ago, some of us went on a school trip to Govilon and the rest of us stayed at school and had an activity week. On Monday, we were divided into groups and some of us went to different classrooms while the rest of us went to do gardening. For gardening, we took out weeds so we could plant fruits and vegetables. On Tuesday, the other group did cooking and made bread and cheese straws while the other group helped out in classrooms all day and we planted strawberries and sweet potatoes.

The next day it was the opposite of the previous day which meant group 1, who had helped out in classes, did cooking, and, group 2 who did cooking, helped in classes. On Thursday, Mrs Arkell took us on our own fun trip to a trampoline centre which we all loved! We did archery, trampolining and many more activities and at the end of the day we gave our helpers, who work at the centre, chocolate to say thank you. On Friday, we helped in classrooms and for the rest of the day we did gardening! Next time you come into school, make sure you look at the bug hotel which we created during this week. You'll find it in the garden at the front of school.

We really enjoyed activity week and we thank Mrs Arkell for preparing it for us.

By Ira and Alisha (Year 6)



## Year 6 Govilon

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of April, most of Year 6 went to Govilon in Wales. We found Govilon super fun as we did lots of learning and had fun—all in one happy trip! On Monday, we settled in and did a mountain walk at sunset. On Tuesday, we did caving (different groups did different activities on different days). On Wednesday, we did the Waterfall Walk which was so much fun although we got soaking wet! On Thursday, we did canoeing. On Friday, we all went down a local coal mine and we couldn't believe how cold it was! The instructors don't force you to do any activities but just recommend trying everything because it's fun. The food was amazing especially the desserts! It helped us learn new skills and conquer our fears. The staff were kind and helpful.

Julia's favorite part was the Waterfall Walk and sleeping!! Gabriele's favorite part was the dessert and canoeing. The trip was extremely FUN and we would recommend it to you all!

Written by Gabriele and Julia (Year 6)

