



# St. Michael's CE (VC) First School Newsletter

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The children have all quickly settled back into school following the Christmas holidays and are all fully engaged in their classroom learning. This week they have enjoyed sharing their learning and talking about school life with the visiting Ofsted inspectors and we will share our report with you once it is published.

Year 4 have had an exciting week of adventure on their residential visit—they have tried out lots of exciting activities including climbing and enjoyed a campfire with toasted marshmallows! We are very proud of them in all their achievements this week.

There are lots of activities ahead this term including our Snowball disco and NSPCC Number Day, keep an eye out for letters giving further information.

We look forward to a busy and exciting Spring Term.

Mrs J Wass  
Headteacher

## Certificates and Special Awards

### Nursery

Anna      Theo      Ronnie      Zachary      Mabel

### Early Years

Heidi      Rosa      Mila      James

### Year 1

Thomas      James      Amelia      Clara

### Year 2

Tiffany      Rosie      Esmee      Rouke      Elijah      Sophia

### Year 3

Beth      Chloe      Leah      April      Delcie      Billy      Elijah

### Year 4

Harry

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## Nursery

Our new role-play is a Doctors Surgery and we have already had lots of fun with bandages. Nursery's new topic is winter, and our phonics board is full of children's names written on snowmen pictures. We are focusing on the Raymond Briggs story - The Snowman and the pupils have practised their scissor skills by cutting out snowflakes. In maths we are re-visiting 2d shapes and have created colourful 2d collages for display.



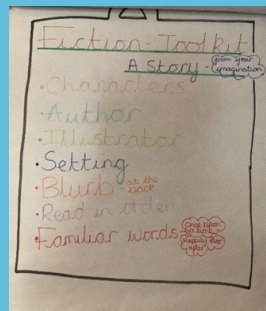
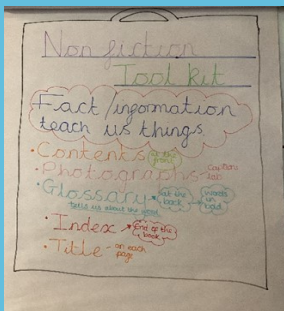
## Early Years

We have been reading the stories Supertato, designing our own and creating them in DT lessons. The children have shown great imagination and skills in their designs.



## Year 1

This week we have explored lots of different non-fiction and fiction texts and identified the different features. We then created a toolkit to help remind us of the important features. We also enjoyed bringing in our favourite books to write an exciting book review thinking about the different features our book had.



## Year 2



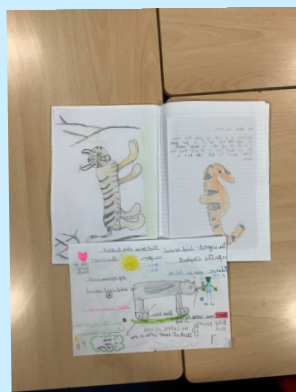
We have been learning about 2D and 3D shape this week.

We have also started a new RE Topic about Hinduism and created some fabulous elephant pictures.



## Year 3

Last half term, every other Friday, the children were able to bring a story bag home. These bags allowed the children to learn about different animals and insects. We have been amazed by the pieces of work the children have produced so far. We are very much looking forward to seeing what the children produce this half term for our class books.



## Year 4

We have had a very exciting week at Laches Wood, trying out new activities.



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# Christian Values Certificates

The following children have been presented with a Christian Values Certificate for demonstrating one of our school values

## Nursery

Evie      Holly

## Early Years

Seth      Abigail      Eevee      Megan

## Year 1

Zoja      Nyla      Caleb      Annabelle

## Year 2

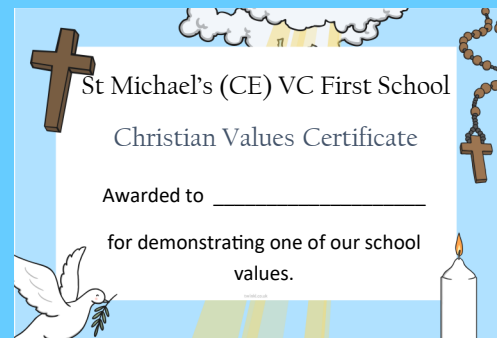
Bonnie      Lilliana      Ted      Florence

## Year 3

Bella      Abigail      Will      Thea

## Year 4

Annie



## Geography



The next stop on our 'Journey around the world' is going to take us to one of only two places in the world that produce vanilla - imagine life with no vanilla ice cream!

This country is also special because over 90% of its wildlife is not found anywhere else in the world.

Can you work out where we are going?

If you need a clue there might be a film to help? The film is about a group of animals who have spent all their life in a New York Zoo, and they must adjust to living in the jungles in the wild in this country....

Mrs R James

Geography Lead



## Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for all your donations.

We raised a total of £100  
for Birmingham  
Children's Hospital.

## School Council

Our School Council are still  
collecting food for the  
Community Hub and would be  
grateful for your donations.

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### Diary Dates

Thursday 19th January	Special Lunch—Census Day
Friday 27th January	PTA Snowball Disco (Tickets only)
Friday 3rd February	NSPCC Number Day (letter emailed)
Thursday 16th February	Nursery Chinese New Year Activities for Parents
Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February	Half Term, School Closed
Monday 27th February	School Opens
Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April	Easter Holidays, School Closed
Monday 17th April	School Opens
Monday 1st May	May Day, School Closed
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday (King's Coronation) School Closed
Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June	Half Term, School Closed
Monday 5th June	School Opens
Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July	Inset Days, School Closed
Wednesday 26th July— Friday 1st September	Summer Holidays, School Closed

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