



ST BARNABAS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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## DEAR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

Welcome back to school. It has been so lovely to see everyone and already the children seem settled and happy in every class. Welcome to our new families, we are delighted to meet you and hope you will be very happy at St Barnabas. It's been a busy first proper week back...

Everyone in FSU seems to be settling back into the routine well and rekindling their friendships which has been lovely to see. This week their topic they have been learning about how our brain works and how much work it does without us realising. They've been reviewing all of the phonic sounds they've learnt so far as well as counting in different ways and preparing for Mothering Sunday at the weekend.

Year 1 have spent lots of time outside. They have been singing Teddy Bear Rock and roll, learning number of the day and have been finding their favourite place to read in school and plotting the site on a map of the school.

Year 2 are enjoying working with Mrs Camps. In maths they have been navigating each other around the playground and are now in the process of creating their own treasure map with compass directions and instructions to find the treasure! They have also been learning about the difference between bulbs and seeds and have planted some sunflower seeds and onion bulbs to see what happens as they grow.

Y4 have learned five traditional Anansi tales from the Caribbean. These stories originated in West Africa and feature Anansi, the greedy trickster spider and his attempts to get away with things (not always successfully). Hopefully the children will want to share some of these stories with you, do please ask them. The class have also started learning about food chains and will be exploring animals and their habitats over the coming weeks. They are all very relieved to see each other and we look forward to getting back to work.

Y5 began the week watching a lamb being born, on a live stream, which was very exciting! They had a great online workshop with Helen Pooley about the history of maths, from the History of Science Museum in Oxford and learnt about Napier's Bones, Roman Numerals, Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs, plus some famous mathematicians such as Ada Lovelace and Charles Babbage: they even managed to make binary bracelets! They are catching up on lots of creative art, such as making our London skyline at dusk silhouettes and have been carrying out some science investigations involving mixtures and solutions. Year 5 have also amazed Mrs Pogose with their percentage work.

Year 6 have been learning about the water cycle. We recreated the water cycle in a bowl using hot water, ice cubes and cling film and then used this to write a scientific report for our River books. Today we are making stop motion films of the water cycle. We hope everyone has a good weekend and look forward to next week.

Karen Donaghey Headteacher

Our motto... To be kind, learn as much as you can and encourage one another.

## COVID-19

**Lock down is not over yet and we know socialising is still not allowed. Please continue to socially distance and to wear masks in and around school. We continue to follow Government/Public Health guidelines which are received daily. Thank you for your co-operation, we do not want to have to close a bubble or have to go back to home learning.**

**Sponsored read: Please remember to pay your reading sponsorship money in using the donate button.**

**The dinners are being updated on Monday, please help us by keeping your account up to date.**

## RED NOSE DAY FRIDAY 19 MARCH

- Children can come to school dressed in pyjamas or something red.
- We are also creating a whole school joke book which will be sent to all parents, in return please give a donation via a link that will be sent to you via School Gateway.

**Please do not send cash to school.**

**WE ARE A NUT, SEED AND KIWI FREE SCHOOL.** Please check cereal bars and snacks and do not send products such as Nutella to school. This includes pine nuts, humus and tahini.

## Children's health

**If there are changes to your child's health please let us know so we can care for them appropriately.**

**TERM ENDS WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH AT 1.30PM**

**TERM 3 BEGINS ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

**INSET DAYS Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

## 'THE MORE YOU READ THE MORE YOU LEARN'

At St Barnabas we are fortunate to have an amazing library. During lock down we have added to the range of books and continue to improve what we have to offer the children. In addition, each half term classes focus on one specific book. The idea is by studying one book, in depth, per half term the children will leave St Barnabas with a secure knowledge of 36 books. These books are in addition to the St Barnabas Top 100 books to read by the time you leave primary school. These books are chosen to give the children a wide range of literature to choose from in free reading time.

We are very grateful for the donations of money and vouchers to buy new books and will continue to add to our range of new titles.