



**This Week...**

This week we have continued reading and discussing a range of poetry relating to our Water topic. We have also had the opportunity to work on writing our own poems. In Maths we have looked at data handling and bar charts. The children enjoyed taking maths outside to collect their data! In Geography, the children have looked at the different features of a river as well as continuing their research of world rivers in Computing. This week's R.E. lesson continued our study of the Lord's Prayer in greater depth, focussing on how God provides for us every day. In Art, we have continued to explore the works of Monet, Turner and Wilmslow Homer using different mediums! PE has surrounded a focus on ball skills within cricket. French lessons have concentrated on learning and recognising numbers.

**Next Week...**

In Maths, we will be looking to recap place value as we focus on written methods of addition. English will look at the structure and features of non-fiction texts to create an information booklet linked to our topic of Water.

**Black History Month**

October is Black History Month and so time will be spent over the month celebrating the lives of those that have made great achievements in their lives.

**Important Dates**

- Friday 23rd October – School breaks up for half term @3.15pm
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November @8.45am – school reopens
- Fri 18th Dec: School closes for Christmas holidays at 2:00pm

**World Mental Health Day**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October is World Mental Health Day. We have had many discussions this week relating to our theme of Courage during Worship. As this is a very strange time for all of us, it is incredibly important to talk and share our worries. The children have shown how brave and strong they can be by considering ways they can be courageous themselves, but also help others to find courage.

**Courageous Advocate**

To celebrate Black History Month, the Courageous Advocate that we have talked about this week is Thomas Dorsey. He was an American musician that dedicated his musical talents to the Church. He eventually became known as the 'Father of Gospel Music'.

**Homework and Reading**

I have been so impressed with how often the reading books have required changing because some children are reading so often at home! Thank you! ☺

However, I am finding that some children are not reading very often home and so they are not experiencing the full enjoyment of the books as they have the same one for a longer period of time. Please encourage your child to read regularly- at least 5 times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes.

There is a wealth of resources available on the website to support reading at home. This includes documents to help encourage children to have open discussions about the book whilst they are reading and thinking about all aspects of the book in more detail. Simply go to the 'Parents' section of the School website! ☺

Homework will continue to be sent home on a Thursday/Friday to be returned in to school on Tuesday. Children should choose **one** activity from the grid to complete, **plus** spellings and times table practice. Please make sure that all tasks have been completed when books are returned to school. Also, keep an eye out for Times Table Rock Stars Battles which will be set regularly!



**Special News!**

**Curriculum Award –**

Edward for challenging himself in Maths this week focussing on data handling.

**Christian Value Courage –**

Freddie Y for showing courage this week by overcoming some of his worries.



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**Have a lovely weekend!**

**Miss Shepherd ☺**