

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th March 2024

Dear parents and carers

This has been a very special week at English Martyrs'. The week was packed with activities for all children to mark **Book Week**. Activities included **Storyteller workshops** for 6 classes, a **book fair** over 5 days, **assemblies** and of course coming to school in **character costumes** on World Book Day itself on Thursday. It was a wonderful week and we hope that our pupils will continue to be inspired to enjoy their reading even more.



This week we also continued to reflect on the special **Season of Lent** and how we can make best use of this time to repent and move closer to God. This was also **Assessment Week** and all children in Years 1 to 6 have been working hard on their end of Spring term test papers. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss progress and attainment with class teachers at the **Termly Learning Conferences** in two weeks time. Today, a big thank you goes to 3M for their wonderful assembly in Building 2.

On a final note, we wish all mums a wonderful day this Sunday, **Mothers' Day**. Thank you and have a good weekend.

CORE VALUE - SPRING 2

Our Spring 2 core value is **FAIRNESS**. This is about making sure we are treating everyone else equally and in a fair manner and without any prejudice. **Do you always show FAIRNESS towards others at home, in school and everywhere else?**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Tuesday 12th March
SATs meeting for parents of all Year 6 pupils.
2.45 p.m.

Thursday 14th March
Class 5T
Visit to the British Museum

Friday 15th March
Class 5E
Visit to the British Museum

Friday 15th March
Class Assembly - 4G
Parents of children in 3M invited to attend in Building 2

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES

Our Termly Learning Conferences will take place from



**Tuesday 19th
to
Thursday 21st March.**

**Appointment slips will be sent home on
Monday.**

Each parent will have **10 minutes** to speak to the class teacher so **punctuality** is of utmost importance.

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Every Wednesday we ask our children to have a look and read through THE WEDNESDAY WORD.



This is a Catholic flyer about the Sunday Mass readings and includes a range of activities for children. Use the link below to share this Sunday's gospel as a family.

[https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/prayer?
pid=MTA101634&v=17.8](https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/prayer?pid=MTA101634&v=17.8)

BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Parents who are interested in applying for a place in either of these clubs can collect a registration form from the school office or download one from our school website. (see link - [Breakfast & After School Club \(englishmartyrsrprimary.co.uk\)](#))

Breakfast club is from 7.40 am. while our After school club runs from home time until 5.30 pm each day.

MOTHERS' DAY

Sunday 10th March 2024

We would like to wish all mothers a
happy
Mothers' day.



Every week our Mid-day meals supervisors award stars to pupils who show our school values during lunchtime breaks.

The following are the names of our Star children for this week.



Nursery:

Charlotte, Elioenai

Reception:

Luana, Abdul

Year 1:

Olivera, Iman, David

Year 2:

Nzola, Irewole

Year 3:

Kiyana, Dylan

Year 4:

Gideon, Tatiana, Augusta

Year 5:

Atinuke, Silk

Year 6:

Victoria, Michael, Dulcie



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

CLASS 1L

In 1L this week, we have been working hard to complete our spring term assessments for reading and maths.



In DT, we have been making **finger puppets** and **pop-out cards**.



In maths, we have been learning about **money** and identify which coins to use to purchase an item from the shop.

We have also been continuing with our science topic which is '**Plants**'.



We have been learning about different types of **garden and wild plants**. Using what we've learnt, we were able to identify if our class plant is a garden plant or a wild plant.

This week we have been celebrating **book week** with many fun reading activities. On Monday, we had a special visit from an **author** who told us stories through song, dance and acting. On Thursday, was **world book day** and we dressed up as our favourite book characters!

CLASS 3C

This week we celebrated **World Book Day**. On Monday, we had a fantastic story telling session from the **author Sally Pomme Clayton** also known as 'Pomme.' Everyone in 3C had a wonderful time listening to the stories she performed. On Thursday, we all came dressed as our favourite book characters. It was lovely to see everyone in their **costumes** celebrating the joys of reading.

In our Writing lessons, we have been enjoying doing work inspired by the story **Black Dog** by Levi Penfold. In class we learnt how to use **speech punctuation** and also had fun creating **expanded noun phrases** to describe the black dog in the story.

Finally last week, we had an exciting trip to **Kew Gardens** where we visited the **palm house** and had two engaging workshops where our activities included studying **plants** through microscopes and learning all about **seed dispersal**. We were even lucky enough to see the **world's largest seed – the coco-de-mer**.



CLASS 2J

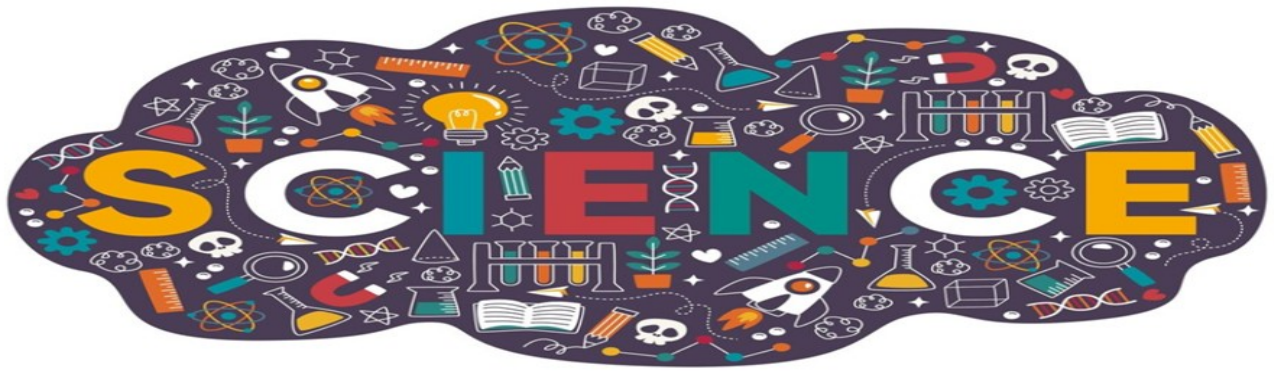


In 2J this week, we have been working hard to complete our spring term **assessments** for reading and maths. We are also continuing to work on our topic '**Going green**', with a focus of looking at maps and drawing our own maps of the school. In PSHE we have been discussing ways that we can keep our **bodies and minds healthy**. In maths, we have been learning about **fractions of amounts** and practising

how to find a half or a quarter of a given number. We have also been continuing with our science topic which is '**Plants**'. We are experimenting what happens to seeds when they are placed in different conditions, e.g., what happens to a seed if it has no light or heat? In art, we have been practising how to make **coil pots** using Plasticine.

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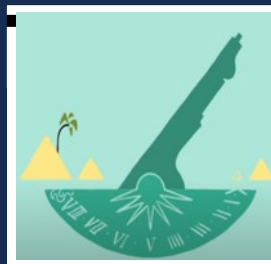


English Martyrs' Spring 2 Science Poster Project connects with British Science Week's 2024 theme of TIME!



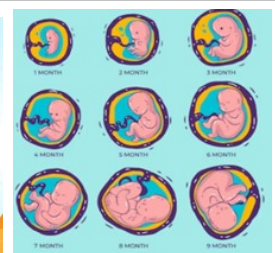
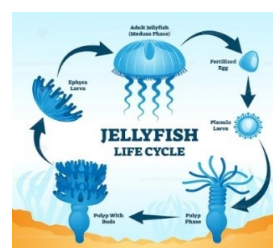
How has a certain technology changed over time?

How has time telling technology advanced over time?

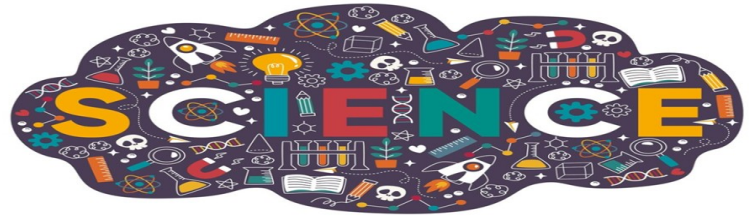


How might the world look in future years to come, or what was life like 5,000 years ago?

Nature is full of timely topics you could explore too – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and gestation.



Can you creatively and scientifically answer any one of these questions? Perhaps you would like to answer one of your very own questions about our science theme this term? Or perhaps you want to create your very own artwork. Please bring in your wonderful poster creations (A4 size) throughout the term so that we can show the rest of the school how much you love science! Please do try and bring your poster in as soon as possible, so that we can also display these during British Science Week, which we will be celebrating during the week of **18th March**. This time there are prizes for our winners in celebration of British Science Week. Winning submissions entered before the **28th March** will also be put into an external competition being run by The British Science Association.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are thrilled to announce our Spring 2 Term Science Poster Project, which will also be coinciding with British Science Week. This is an engaging and educational opportunity for your family and is part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a love for science and learning at English Martyrs' Primary School.

This term's topic is centred around the theme of "TIME". The aim is to encourage your child's curiosity and creativity of the world around them in exploring scientific questions related to this topic. Children and families can research any one idea or question around the theme of 'time'. Some ideas to help you could be:

1. How has technology changed over time?
2. How has time telling technology changed over time?
3. How might the world look in future years to come, or what was life like in the past and how has it changed?
4. Nature is full of timely topics too – lifecycles, lifespans, seasons, evolution, and gestation.
5. How has electricity changed over time?
6. How about researching space and all the different discoveries and changes in technology?
7. Or how about researching a scientist who has made an impact in any of these fields?

We invite your child to research and express their understanding in any way they wish through an A4 page wall displayable poster. This could take the form of an art piece, poster, drawing, collage, creative written piece (eg. written science experiment, influential letter, diary entry), photos of a model they have created, or any other creative means they feel inspired to undertake.

Please ensure that the completed projects are submitted to the front office throughout the term. We would love to receive posters as soon as possible, as we would like to display these during British Science Week, which we will be celebrating during the week of 18th March 2024. Don't forget to make sure to include an explanation of your work, your name and classroom. We will be giving out certificates and lots of wonderful prizes for our winning posters at the end of this term too. We will also be submitting some of our favourites in a further competition being run by the British Science Association.

This is an excellent opportunity for your child and family to not only investigate science around them, showcase their scientific knowledge but also to be acknowledged for their hard work and creativity. We encourage you to support your child in this exciting endeavour, providing them with the resources and encouragement they may need. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support in nurturing our students' passion for learning.

Kind regards,

Ms Marlene Zammit

Science and DT Lead



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OPEN MORNING INVITATION SATURDAY 27 APRIL

Year 7, Year 9 and Sixth Form Entry

We warmly invite the families of your current Year 5 pupils, who are considering secondary education in September 2025 to our Open Morning on Saturday 27 April 2024.

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Kind regards
Lucy, Fabia, Clare and Becca

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LOCATION ADDRESS & SESSION TIMES:

St. Faith's Community Centre,
Red Post Hill,
London SE24 9JQ
(By appointment only)

Every Monday by appointment
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Last entry at 1:30pm

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