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Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning began in earnest this week, with children being introduced to their new topics for the term ahead. There has been much excitement as children have taken part in activities to hook their learning; it is clear to see that they are all going to achieve well this term.

Our **School Council** began the term as they mean to go on – looking at ways in which they can enhance the experiences of all our children by taking part in a cluster wide school council meeting all about **Play**. The children discussed the importance of play, how they can ensure the playground is fun, fair and friendly for everyone and they debated the impact screentime has on children wanting to engage in outdoor play. The councillors greatly enjoyed their online discussion and I have no doubt that they will have lots of ideas to share with Mr Glackin-McColgan in their next meeting.

In other news, it was wonderful to see the sun begin to shine this week, the children greatly enjoy brighter days at school. However, this means that the children often discard their jumpers and misplace them! Can I ask that **all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name** to help us reunite lost items with their owners. Despite the sunshine, it is still quite chilly, so please remember to send your child in with a coat to keep them warm went at play.

Next Wednesday we say goodbye to Ms Andrea who has been working with us one day a week, for just under two years, to complete a qualification placement to become a Teaching Assistant. A former pupil of St John's, Ms Andrea has been working with the children who are now in our Year Two class. I know you will join me in thanking her for her hard work and wishing her all the best as she readies herself for the world of work!

Below is a summary of the learning that has taken place across the school this week.

Early Years

This week, the sunshine has been out, and the Early Years groups have been spending a lot of time exploring the outdoors, especially in the mud kitchen. This has encouraged the children to look for minibeasts, which is our topic this term, and the theme for our story of the week, 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson. This story has encouraged the children to think about ways they can help others and to extend their vocabulary by using descriptive adjectives. In maths, the Reception children have started to learn about the composition of numbers from 10 to 20. The Nursery class has been working on sorting by categorising different objects depending on their characteristics.

Year One

This week in Year One we've had another busy and enjoyable week of learning, with the children showing great enthusiasm! In Maths, we have been learning our 2 times tables, using counting, grouping and practical resources to help build confidence.

In English, we have been exploring the traditional tale of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', thinking about the story structure and key events. In RE, we have been learning about the Synagogue and why it is an important place for the Jewish community. In Science, we have been learning about plants, identifying different parts and thinking about what they need to grow.

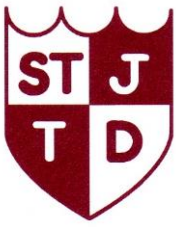
Year Two

The children in Year Two have been looking at traditional tales this week and deciding what makes a tale traditional. In Maths, we have begun looking at fractions, starting at the basics of exploring equal parts of a whole. The children are excited about starting a new topic for Science- Materials and Matter, which no doubt will be providing opportunities for some experiments in class! 'Heroines' is the topic of conversation in our Connected Curriculum this half term. We will be learning about all the fascinating heroines from our history.

Year Three

Year Three have had a positive week of learning. In Maths, we delved deeper into fractions and continued building our understanding. We also explored more of our new topic, Ancient Greece, learning about the Greek king Odysseus. In Science, we investigated the power





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of forces, and in PSHE, we discussed the importance of caring for and respecting one another. Well done, Year Three, for a great week!

Year Four-Five

This week, Year Four and Five pupils have begun exploring the text 'Freedom 1783' by Catherine Johnson, using it as a starting point to learn about the history of slavery. Through reading, discussion, and research, the children have developed a deeper understanding of the topic and begun to generate thoughtful initial ideas. They have been working towards writing a non-chronological report, gathering key facts and organising their notes into clear sections. Pupils are now starting to structure their information, focusing on using appropriate headings and grouping ideas effectively, ready to draft their report next week.




Year Six

This week Year Six have reviewed data handling in Maths. They have been reading and interpreting bar charts, two-way tables, pie charts and line graphs with a focus on what the key words are in the question which indicate the specific calculation to do. In English, we have been reviewing grammar such as coordinating and subordinating conjunctions, relative pronouns and clauses, possessive pronouns and determiners.

Head Teacher awards were presented to the following children in this week's celebration assembly.

EYFS	Jairo for a great first week at school. He has already made friends and done some great learning. Carlos for engaging well with the class routine by tidying up at the end of the day.
Year One	To all of the children in Year One for their great efforts when using the Beebots
Year Two	Jayen for showing patience when helping others with Scratch coding. Azai for making some creative decisions in his coding and choice in Sprites.
Year Three	Isaac for being attentive and alert during themed week, he helped others and showed excellent teamwork. Nevaeh-Rose for having a brilliant week, helping others and managing her emotions well in and out of the classroom. Keep it up!
Year Four & Year Five	To all of the children for team work and collaboration – supporting each other in groups to be successful
Year Six	Dana for showing good commitment in her Maths and improving her arithmetic skills. Keep up the good work! Rafael for his excellent improvement in his speaking, reading and writing skills in English. He has made rapid progress. Well done!

The house point totals for this week are:

 GARRISON	37	 AUGUSTINE	45
 FRANKLIN	46	 DICKENS	33

On a final note, if you have not yet returned your child's sponsorship money there is still time. Please hand your collection into Ms Farruggio in the school office.

Kind regards

Mrs Warland
Head Teacher

