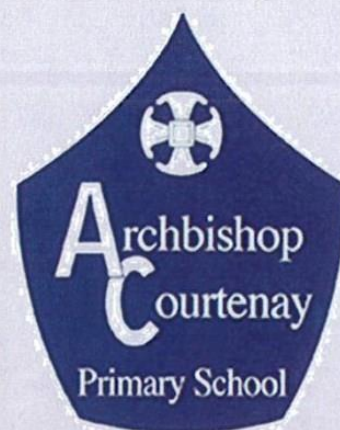




Term 5 Week 2



30th April 2021

MESSAGE FROM MRS HEATHER

It has been wonderful to witness all the children enjoying themselves outside in the sunshine. Listening to the laughter on the field makes such a difference after all these months indoors. It is also delightful to see the children visiting the allotment to plant a range of vegetables. Huge thank you to the mummy who gave me pumpkins in toilet rolls but my office must have had a green house effect because they grew so quickly! I was rather afraid I would arrived one morning to Cinderella's carriage! These are now in the capable hands of the children to plant them in our allotment.

My fantastic team are looking forward to speaking with you on Microsoft TEAMS next week at our online parent consultations. Have a relaxing weekend and we are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4 May .

MESSAGE FROM MRS GOODING

A gentle reminder to all our families that sleep is so important for children. We are aware that it can be very tricky to get children off their devices but must emphasise the importance of a good sleep pattern. Please make sure that your children come off their devices at least an hour before their bedtime. Bedtime routine is important for all children whether they are 4 or 11 years old. A time of calm, warm baths, a drink and a story whether you read it (which they love at any age) or whether read to themselves snuggled up in bed is always a good way to drift off. Also remember you can lead by example take 5 minutes to read a book yourself each day. Children will always copy what you do so put those phones, tablets and laptops down and have some special time of calm. Have a lovely bank holiday and enjoy reading and sleeping in your extra time off.

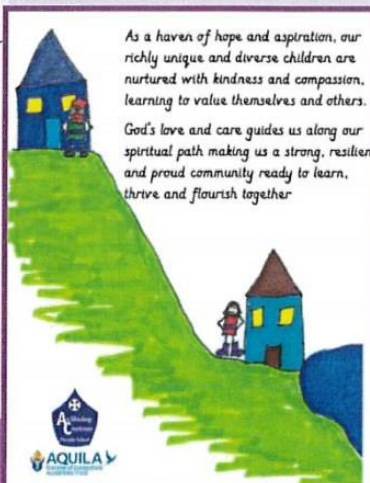


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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

- Work on the Allotment is well under way and the children are thoroughly enjoying lending a helping hand in getting it ready.
- The arrival of five Giant African Snails has caused much excitement in EYFS, KS1 and LKS2 this week. We



As a haven of hope and aspiration, our richly unique and diverse children are nurtured with kindness and compassion, learning to value themselves and others.

God's love and care guides us along our spiritual path making us a strong, resilient and proud community ready to learn, thrive and flourish together



EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

This week in Literacy we have been learning about different animals that live on the farm. We began by naming different animals, and thinking about what we already know about them. We then wrote describing words, or sentences, to describe each animal. In Maths we have continued with our focus on teen numbers, and this week looked at counting patterns beyond 10. We looked at the numbers 1 to 10, and the same pattern that the teen numbers follow. We then ordered towers of cubes that represented each number and filled in missing numbers. In P.E our focus has been on developing our hand-eye co-ordination. To start the lesson, we practised throwing and catching using bean bags, we then transferred our throwing skills to throw a javelin. We had to focus carefully on where to put our hands when holding a javelin, as well as the arm movement to launch it. Our R.E lesson this week was called 'are we all the same?'. We discussed similarities and differences between ourselves and others, and then moved onto looking at world faiths. We then looked and handled different religious artefacts and again spoke about the similarities and differences between them.

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KEY STAGE ONE

What a busy week we have had in Key Stage One this week. A mischievous Egg Box Dragon (who was always getting into scrapes) turned out to be quite good at finding things. So we wrote letters to him to ask for his help with something we were worried about. We've also learned about other people who help us, Florence Nightingale for example. We created a timeline of Florence's life and discussed the changes she made to nursing and to hospitals. We are very relieved to not be admitted to a hospital in Scutari in 1854! In Science we observed and recorded how long it took for different foods to melt (or not) when in contact with the same heat source. In Maths we were making and exploring equal groups through arrays and multiplication problems. In R.E. we read the story of 'Mohammed and the Cat' and discussed how we should care for all creatures from the very smallest to the largest. We hope you all have a wonderful May Bank Holiday this weekend and look forward to seeing you all for parents consultations on Tuesday or Wednesday via Teams. Remember Thursday is polling Day and we will be live on Teams at 9 am for a Science lesson and at 12 pm for a PSHE lesson. Thursday's Phonics, Spelling, English and Maths learning prompts can be found on the Key Stage 1 web page. There will also be a VIPERS task under the assignments tab which will need to be submitted by Friday midday.

LOWER KEY STAGE TWO

We have had a fun week of activities this week linked to our topic of Traders & Raiders / Anglo Saxons. The children have been learning about the natural dye in food and how the Anglo Saxons used natural fruit to dye their clothes different colours. We put red cabbage, spinach, onion, blue berries, blackberries and beetroot in warm water then squashed them to see how the water changed colour. In English and History, the children have been learning about the daily life of Anglo Saxons and have written a fact file. In Maths the Year 3 children have been recognising and finding quarters and thirds while Year 4 have been working with hundredths. In RE we looked at how Hindus worship God and considered the importance and symbolism of the items on a puja tray. In Science the children enjoyed finding out how we hear sound through vibrations using a metal coat hanger and string. Next week on Thursday 6th May we will be putting our learning on the school website, under the home learning tab. There is a star at the top of the page with all the learning. We will also send home packs of work and we will be delivering live lessons on Teams at 11am Maths in our Maths groups and 1pm an RE lesson.

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UPPER KEY STAGE TWO

This week we have been extremely busy across the hub. In English we have been looking at the presentational features of non-chronological report writing and have taken a virtual tour of Kew Gardens in London to help broaden our technical vocabulary choices. The children have been bringing in photos of their gardens and outdoor spaces to help them create their own reports. We have been using our allotment to develop key, exciting vocabulary in order to write a descriptive tour for people who have never seen it. We used our senses to do this - felt, smelt and heard. Year 5 have been lucky enough to have our first visitor: Mr Bates came in to offer help and advice to us about getting our allotment patch started. We have used our propagators in Science and we have many vegetables and herbs growing already! Across the hub in Maths, we have been reinforcing our core skill of addition and extending our knowledge and understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. In RE this week, we have explored the first pillar of Islam and reflected on how and why prayer is of such importance to the Muslim community. If any of our families would be willing to help us with our understanding of Islam, please do contact the school office and we will get in touch with you. Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and stay safe.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS FOR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

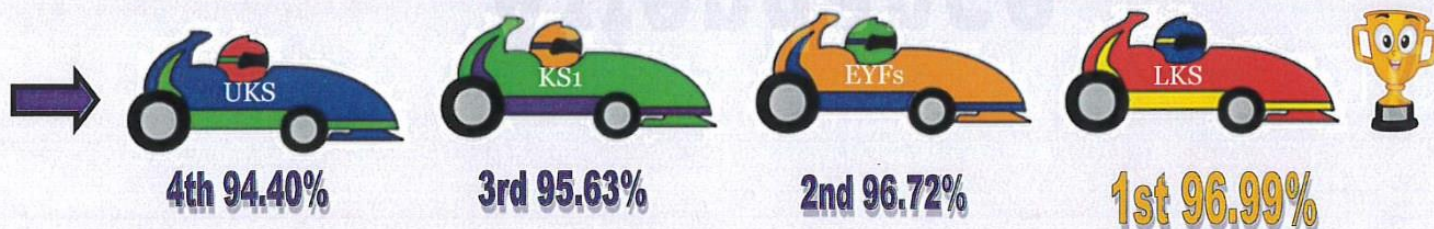
Matthew 13: 31-21

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32 Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

I wonder ...

- ⇒ Which school value you may grow this week like the mustard seed?
- ⇒ How will your actions today show others the love of God?
- ⇒ What will you do to bring God's kindness to others today?
- ⇒ What you could do to share the good news in a practical way to others?

Attendance



HUB	22/04	29/04	06/04	13/04	20/04	27/04		TERM OVERALL
UKS2	93.36%	94.40%						
LKS2	92.91%	96.99%						
KS1	98.13%	95.63%						
EYFS	96.99%	96.72%						

**DATES
FOR YOUR
DIARY**

Monday 3rd May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 4th May Parents Consultations

Wednesday 5th May Parents Consultations

Thursday 6th May Polling Day

ABC Gallery

