

*Dream  
Believe  
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*Learn to love;  
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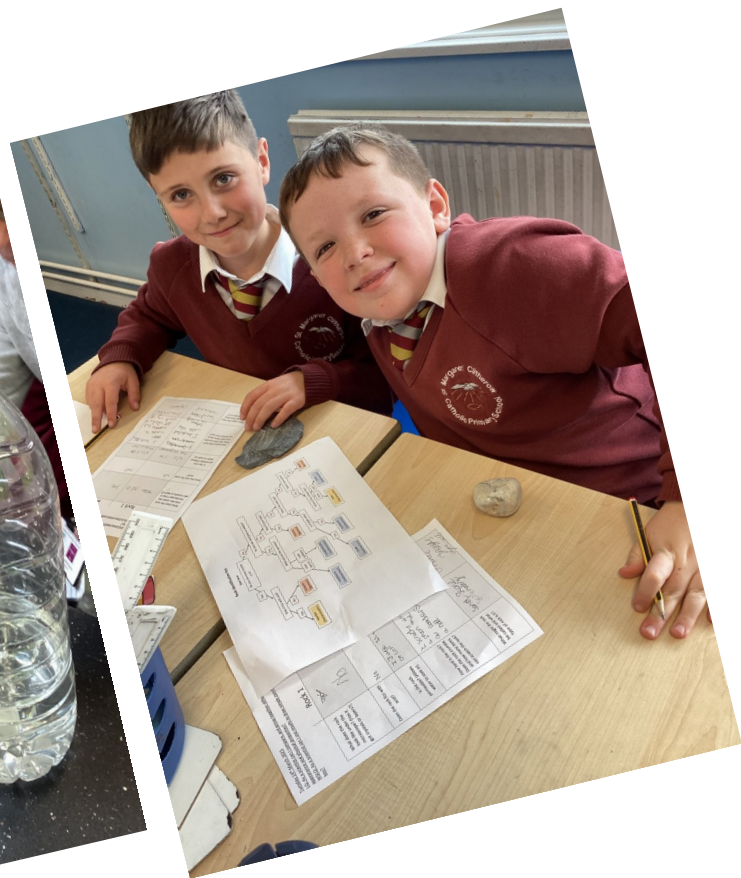


# St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary School

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## Welcome to our newsletter for April!



# April 2023 Headteacher Update

Time is rattling on and the children have been working extremely hard during the end of Spring 2 and into our Summer Term

Our Year 6 children have been busily preparing for their SATs tests and Sharks have had a fantastic time away on residential. All children challenged themselves and really pushed themselves out of their comfort zones. The adults were really impressed! They have made memories to last a lifetime.

The children have enjoyed the build up to the Coronation and certainly excelled at the quiz last week with cakes as an added bonus. We hope you all had a fabulous long weekend of celebrating!

The following pages will show you what each class has been up to!

Please can we remind all families that we expect children to be in correct uniform at all times. We pride ourselves on smart appearances at SMC and reinforce this at all times.

We wish Year 6 the very best of luck this week– you are all amazing!!

Very best wishes

Mrs Maskell

## Starfish



Here we are in the summer term and we continue to be as busy as always! We have been really engrossed in our art work and have created the most beautiful African sunset pictures. The children have experimented with colour, shape and pattern, have looked at primary and secondary colours and explored mixing colours. We had to learn how to blend using a dry paint brush and our pictures are amazing! Please ask to see them!

We continue to enjoy maths and the year 2 children have been looking at length and height. We have been measuring using cm and metres and have been comparing those measurements and solving word problems. We have used practical resources and real life situations to help us learn the importance of measuring accurately. We have also looked at shape and the properties of shapes. The year 1 children have been learning about numbers to 50, finding the difference and they are working hard at recognising mathematical symbols. The reception children have been looking at number bonds to 10 and have enjoyed singing ten green bottles. They have been using ten frames and part whole models to support their learning in a practical way.

Our Read Write Inc sessions continue to amaze me. The children are responding so well to the structure and have become even more independent. They love reading and approach each book with such enthusiasm. They are confidently using their 'special friends' and are noticing them everywhere!

The Reception children are particularly enjoying our class caterpillars that are called Sophie, Cherry Pie, Flower and SpongeBob! We have been watching them grow and change over time and are looking forward to them morphing into butterflies, although the children were not happy when they realised that we would have to release them into the wild.

Well done Starfish, you are amazing and we continue to be proud of you everyday!

Mrs O'Sullivan, Mrs Collard and Miss Thompson



# Dolphin Class

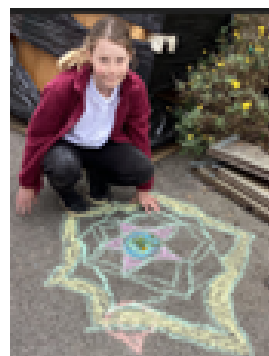


Since returning to class following the Easter break the Dolphins have continued with their outstanding attitude to and love of learning - well done Dolphins!

In art we have been focusing on Indian art learning all about murals and miniatures and how Indian art has developed and changed over time. In our art books we have been sketching and experimenting with rangoli and mehndi patterns, we then took this outside to create our own designs in chalk. With much excitement the children have been exploring how to create their own book trailers in computing using the iMovie app on our ipads. After a few minutes exploration they all quickly got to grips with how it works and have started filming, watch this space for their final clips coming soon!

Our focus text for the next few weeks in English is a poem and we started our learning by exploring and sharing all types of different poetry, since then we've had great fun learning and performing our focus text together as a class and are now working on creating our own ending to this cautionary poetry tale! Within maths we have finished learning about length, perimeter and area and have quickly moved onto fractions. Throughout this time we continue to practice our times tables and core maths skills with our Big Maths Beat That quizzes each week and Times Tables Rock Stars, the children's quick recall of their core maths facts and how they are able to make links to help solve problems is developing and helping immensely in all areas of their learning. In RE we have started our new block about Pentecost and started by sharing our own Good News, exploring how this made us and others feel - we have so much to celebrate! Our PE learning has again moved on to a new sport - football! We have been impressed no end with all the children's progress in their ball control skills and accuracy when passing, as well as working as a team. They are always supporting and encouraging each other to succeed and celebrate each others achievements which is always a pleasure to be a part of. Well done Dolphins!

Mrs Bowles and Miss Sims



# SHARK'S RESIDENTIAL APRIL 2023



## SHARKS CLASS

Sharks have had an exciting time away on residential and we were extremely proud of the effort they put into achieving their very best. A big thank you goes to Mrs O Sullivan who stepped in at the last minute. The children made new friendships and had to grapple with sharing accommodation in larger groups. We had lots of fun, laughter and returned very weary!

During our Easter Egg Hunt, Sharks were great role models and supported the younger children in the school to find the hidden eggs. Nobody was disappointed!

Year 6 are sitting their SATs tests soon and we are incredibly proud of the hard work and effort that they have put into being as well equipped as possible. Hopefully, the 8am breakfasts will get the brains warmed up!

Sharks Class displayed a vast amount of knowledge during our Coronation Quiz. Mrs Dudman was really impressed with how articulate the children were and how much they had remembered and knew.

We look forward to the Spring weather continuing to improve and to see what excitement the next few weeks have in store.

Best wishes

Mrs Dudman and Mrs Maskell



## SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding at SMC is always a

priority. Should you have any enquiries or concerns, please contact our Designated Senior Lead for Child Protection: Mrs Hannah Maskell, or Deputy: Mrs Dudman on 01803 851647

## WELFARE

Our Family Support Worker is Rachel Ripley. Please let us know if you would like her to contact you for ANY support. If your circumstances have changed and you think your child



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