



At St George's we are proud to be one family of lifelong learners who know that they are special to God. Our family is built upon a strong sense of belonging and mutual respect. Our community gives our children the freedom to flourish and succeed.

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flourishing fellowship; learning today with God by our side

WEEKLY NEWS

Gong hei fat choy, wow what an incredible week with the snow and Chinese New Year to lift our spirits. This week, Reception have been learning all about the great race in the Chinese zodiac story and discovered that this year is the Year of the Ox (the second animal to finish the race). The Ox represents strength, determination and diligence, something we all need right now. Reception also found out about Asian cuisine and made cards and fortune messages to share with others. They celebrated by having their own Chinese New Year party, where they made Chinese crafts, played games and wore the lucky colour of China - red! Year 1 have been thinking about stories that reflect the cultures in their class. Year 2 have been designing their own Super heroes and Year 3 had fun learning a South African dance that was adapted from a gospel hymn. Year 4 have been exploring black Britain within their Roman history unit. Did you know that Africans first came to Britain with the Roman Empire? Roman citizens could come from anywhere within the empire. Year 5 have been learning about King Arthur and his knights from the realm and Year 6 have been learning about migration and how the Vikings traded with the Persians and the Chinese Empire. We are continuously amazed by the children's commitment to their learning and adaptability. Thank you to all the parents who took part in our online home school meetings this week. It was lovely to hear how our community of home learners were getting on and to discuss how we can support them further. Please see attached the AAC newsletter and WBD voucher too. We hope you have a lovely half term - the St George's Team.

A vicar is needed

Upon hearing that Father Richard is leaving us after Easter a year 4 child wrote: Our church needs a vicar to replace our old vicar, Father Richard who is so loving and kind. We would like a vicar who is kind, friendly and has lots of interesting things to say about God and Jesus. It would be good if he or she could explain interesting things in a good, detailed way so that we could understand a little bit better. It would also be good if this vicar, much like Father Richard, used games and fun activities to explain what we are doing. Our church is always thinking deeply into Easter and Christmas and all of the passages and stories in the bible and the church does a lot for this school's education. We are a community and a family that will never end and as a student in that community and family, I am very lucky. Well done Eve, Father Richard will be pleased that you would like a loving and kind predecessor.

Enrichment opportunities

Ready, Steady, St George's BAKE OFF is ready for its next round of **Star** and **Master Bakers!** The Bake Off money raised will go towards the 2021 school project which is to purchase Reception equipment (last year the Friends paid for the new awning around the Year 1 classrooms to expand the children's outdoor learning experience). Entries to the Friend's by 1st March.

Music Challenge: We are all missing singing and making music together at St George's. Why not have a go at making some music as a family using one of the video tutorials, using body percussion/cups/drumsticks or buckets over the half term holiday? <https://www.kaboompercussion.com/pop-song-performances?fbclid=IwAR3TigN7DvJmPDyQcl9COqBqRY50kGNqYtDaz0XCJ-IL-ZotTs88gd6dXyw> There are a huge range of songs to choose from so I'm sure you'll find something to your music taste! We'd love to see some videos of your finished performances!

Reading Corner: This week, we have chosen texts all about our Blue Planet! If you are an ocean hero, dive in and take a look at them here: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/blue-planet> Mr Kenny and Mrs Marsh also recommend 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Roberts. This is another beautifully illustrated picture book with a powerful message all about plastic pollution. How can we work together to protect our oceans?

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