



# St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

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### Year 2

Dear Families,

We have had such a lovely few weeks with so many different events at school.

During this term we have celebrated lots including World Book Day, we wore blue for The Bobby Colleran Trust, and celebrated Neurodiversity week. It was so empowering to find out about all the wonderful achievements of Neurodiverse people across the world and how we can be inspired, all of us, to be the best we can.

In English children have been working hard with their spelling and grammar this term and are becoming fluent little writers! They have enjoyed listening stories (like The Ugly Five) and have written their own innovations making changes to the plot, the setting and characters. Read Write Inc. has shown a great impact on reading and children are now able to read with more confidence, clarity and expression.

In Maths this term we have been reviewing the relationships between multiplication and division, addition and subtraction. The children are confident with inverse operations and know that when they know one sum, they instantly know four (fact families). They have used manipulatives to add, subtract, divide and multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers.

In Art we have looked at sculptures and the works of Michelle Reader and Brendan Jamison. We built sugar cube sculptures and also made our very own 'Rubbish monsters' made from rubbish and recyclable materials.

Music this half term has allowed us to be in our very own band! Children have been learning the song, 'I wanna play in a band' and it is safe to say we have some very talented (and perhaps future rock stars) in Year 2!

Our outdoor learning this half term has consisted of tidying up borders ready for planting to begin, preparing soil in planters and planting wildflower seeds. Needless to say, the children thoroughly enjoyed being outside getting their hands dirty. We can't wait to see the wildflowers bloom.

Wishing you all a very safe and peaceful Easter break.

### Stations of the Cross

Children took part in the filming of the stations of the cross in church. The children were very reverent in church and after watching the completed video it has prompted lots of questions and discussion in class.

Lord Jesus I pray for all of the children in the world who are suffering. May Mary, your Mother, give them her tenderness.



Like Simon, we can help others to carry their 'cross'. Lord, help me see when people around me are upset. When I help them, I am helping you.





