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# Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

What a chilly week it has been this week!

Our Year 3 class led our Liturgy beautifully this week, exploring how we can all look to make 'a new start' at the beginning of a new year and new school term.

Students in all year groups have been reflecting on the CAFOD Workshops which took place last week, understanding how we can integrate Catholic Social Teaching into our lives. One of our Year 6 students wrote the thoughtful prayer opposite, inspired by what they had learned.

We have some lovely work on display across the school including in the Long Room with new displays from Year 5 highlighting inspirational people and Nursery who have made a beautiful display on God's World.

The new cones outside school seem to have worked for this side of the road, but a polite reminder to please not park or pull up on the double yellow lines on the opposite side of Peaks Hill or the corner of Peaks Hill Rise as narrowing the road in this way does put our students at risk as they arrive and depart school, and as always, their safety is our priority. Thank you again for your support with this.

Here is hoping the milder weather promised arrives soon.

Mrs M Reece—Acting Head Teacher

## CAFOD

Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development



Dear Lord,

You created us to be stewards and stewardesses of the earth. Please help us to be kind towards it and take action against climate change and pollution.

You also created us to be kind and loving to one another and to share and be selfless.

We ask you to help the wars end and for everyone to treat each other as equals.

Please guide the refugees to find a safe and happy forever home.

Amen

## Dates for your Diary this Term

**Swimming this Term – Years 3 & 4**

Monday Jan 29, Feb 19th, Feb 4th

**This Half Term:**

Feb 6th – Safer Internet Day Drama workshops

**Looking ahead –**

Feb 26th-March 1st – Parent Consultation meetings (most clubs do not run this week)

March 4th-8th – Open Week

March 7th – World Book Day

March 8th – Toby Glover – Author visit and book signing

March 18th – Junior Easter Concert (Years 3-6)

March 22nd – CAFOD Lenten mufti day fundraising

March 25th-27th – Year 6 PGL Trip

## Nursery

This week Nursery have been exploring 'opposites'. Activities included:

- Completing a cut and paste sorting activity
- Investigating floating and sinking, making a prediction before we carried out our activity and answering key questions.
- Exploring and investigating our 'Opposites Sensory Tray'.
- Listening to the story 'Polar Opposites' by Eric Brooks, discussing the story and giving examples of opposites.
- Ordering the lengths of caterpillars from shortest to longest.



## Reception



As part of our 'Space' topic, we have enjoyed reading 'Man on the Moon', by Simon Bartram. There has been much debate and excitement about whether there really are aliens on the moon as hinted at in the story – I am sure your children will relish the opportunity to continue this discussion with you at home!



During RE, we have been learning about Jesus at the Temple as a boy – the class produced some beautiful writing. We also role-played how Jesus cared for his disciples by washing their feet. This prompted us to think about how we can also care for others.

In Maths this week, we have been learning about 'Time'. This has included; the days of the week, months of the year, ordering what we do in a day, and the time 'on the hour'.



## Year 1

This week in Literacy, Year 1 created their own interview for 'Farmer Duck' and performed these as a class.



## Year 2

Year 2 had great fun putting on a puppet show in RE to retell the story of 'The Ten Lepers'. We focused on the importance of always remembering to say thank you.



## Year 4

This week Year 4 invested time understanding the 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching with focus on 'Luc the Deer' representing Human Dignity. We discussed the importance of respecting and loving every human being regardless of religion, culture, nationality or economic status. The children then reflected on how we can demonstrate this characteristic in our daily lives.



## Year 3

Year 3 have made these amazing Roman Shields as part of their History topic.



## Sports Champ



Well done to our Year 3 superstar swimmer who got gold medals in Butterfly, Breast Stroke, Front Crawl and Backstroke at a recent swimming gala.



## Stars of the week

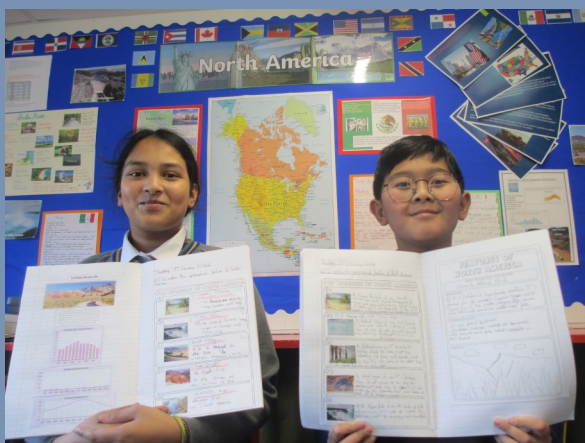


## Year 5



Year 5 have produced some amazing art work and writing pieces for their Long Room display all about inspirational people.

## Year 6



The students in Year 6 have really enjoyed learning about the physical and human geographical features of North America this week. They are creating a top 5 list of places to visit, ranging from The Great Lakes in Canada to the Panama Canal via the Grand Canyon. It is a shame we haven't organised a school trip this half term!