



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's always wonderful to see children getting inspired by their learning. This week, several children have found that 'spark' and extended their learning into their free-play time, including:

- ★ A wonderful drama sketch from **Elsie, Violet** and **Charlie** (Adventurers) in Breakfast Club. Inspired by their Dimensions topic, 'The Rescuers', the children acted out the entire story of The Titanic, from the moment of embarkation at Southampton to the excavation of the wreckage by underwater archaeologists. Their knowledge and enthusiasm shone through and it was a very uplifting start to the day!
- ★ **Lily** and **Rosie** (Explorers) were so inspired by a lesson on the planets as part of their 'Blast Off!' topic that they spent their 'Get Busy' time recreating the planets in play-doh!
- ★ The Year Fours are working hard on their times tables in preparation for their Multiplication Check in June. **Millie B** has been showing particular dedication, practising at home and at school, and making fantastic progress
- ★ **Joseph** (Explorers) is enjoying the work on 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' so much that he created a very detailed lighthouse model at home, complete with beacon and sea creatures! Photo to follow next week!



Support our Summer Fair

We still require further volunteers to help organise and plan the PTA Summer Fair on Saturday 15th June. Please get in touch if you are able to help. Preparations are underway and, as usual, we require some donations to help stock our stalls:

- ⇒ Non Uniform Day Friday 17th May - bring a bottle!
- ⇒ Donations of sweets - Monday 20th May - Friday 7th June
- ⇒ Non Uniform Day Friday 7th June - 'regifting' - donations of unused, unopened gifts (eg. toiletry sets)



Online Safety

We have been made aware of a useful guide for parents about the new 'MyAI' function within Snapchat, a very popular social media app among children and young people. [This article](#) has been written by an online safety consultant and is full of useful information and tips.

Don't forget that we have lots of useful resources for parents on the [ESafety page of our website](#).

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Keitch

Adventurers News

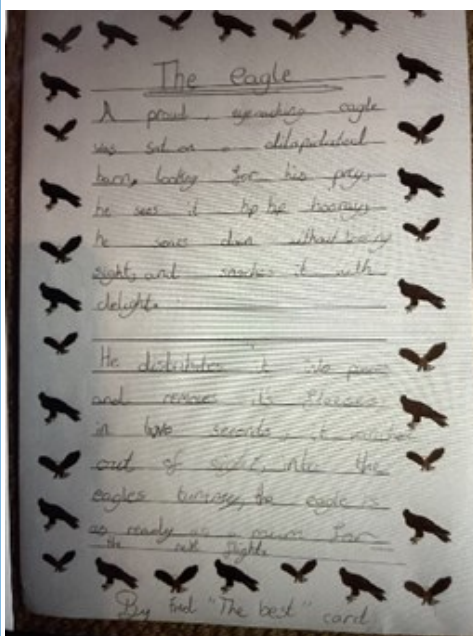
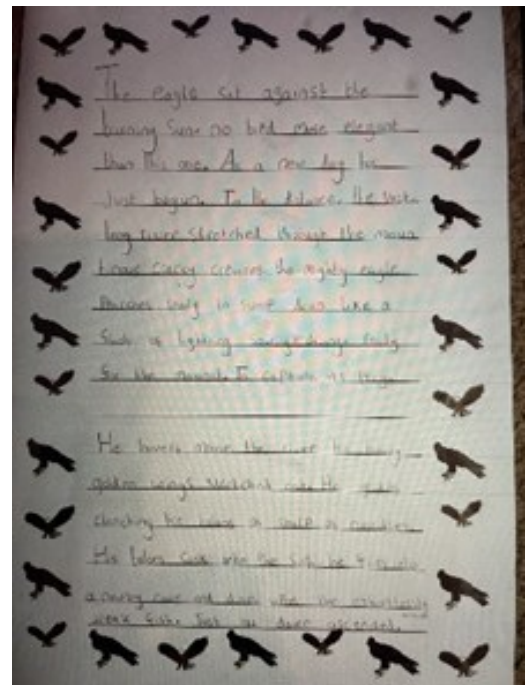
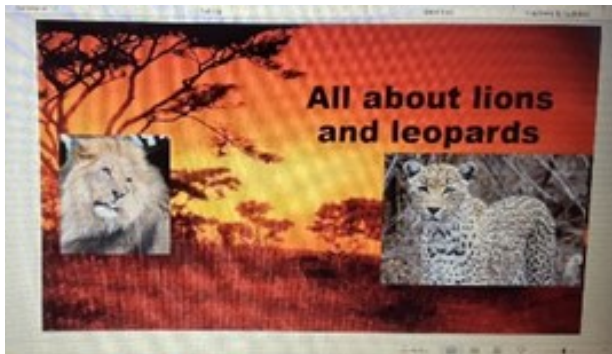
This Friday marks the end of a very busy week in Adventurers. The children returned from the Easter break with positive attitudes and this week's work is a testament to their continued enthusiasm for their learning.

We kicked off this week with exploring poetic writing devices, and how using them creates a descriptive experience for the reader. Based on our class book 'Fly Eagle Fly', the children have learned about similes, expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials. Next, they were tasked with planning, drafting and editing a descriptive piece of poetry. The final product was a unique mix of ideas with some Eagles elegantly soaring while others were perched on dilapidated barns hunting prey.

One highlight from this week was the children's enjoyment and engagement working on their PowerPoint presentations. In ICT, we took last week's research on The African 'Big Five' and created informative presentation slides using PowerPoint. The children learned to search for online images, insert text boxes, change fonts and best of all were taught to use the animation and transition features. There were some very professional final products achieved, and in contrast, some psychedelic experiences that made our heads spin! For a moment, I and Mrs O'Sullivan were transported back to the 90's!

Happy Friday from us all at team Adventurers!

Miss Brooks.



Congratulations, Isyla!



On Monday, in assembly, Isyla told us all about her weekend sporting achievements.

Isyla took part in her third 'Off the Wall Squash' tournament of the season and did very well indeed. She won 6 out of her 7 games and was awarded the medal for First Place!

What a fantastic achievement, Isyla, well done! We know how much you love your squash and we love hearing about your successes.

Reading Volunteers needed!

Can you spare an hour or two per week to read with our children?

Reading is such a fundamental part of learning and we promote a love of reading here at St George's. We try to provide as many opportunities for children to read during the school week, particularly those who do not read regularly at home.

Perhaps there may be some grandparents who would be keen to help out?

If you can spare an hour or two per week to read 1:1 with our children, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the



PE Uniform Reminder

Summer

White Polo shirt with school logo (£7.00 - purchase from school office)

Maroon shorts with school logo (£6.50 - purchase from school office)

Plain black trainers

Winter

White polo shirt with school logo

Plain black jogging trousers

Plain maroon sweatshirt (no hood)

Optional: a maroon sweatshirt *with the school logo* can be purchased via the school office for £9.25 - available now

Plain black trainers

Jewellery must not be worn for PE lessons

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct PE uniform.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	Non Pupil Day
W/b Monday 13th May	Y6 SATs week
Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May	Summer Book Fair
Thursday 16th May	PTA Maypole workshops and performance - see letter
Friday 17th May	Non Uniform Day - bring a bottle - any donations of alcohol should be brought directly to the School Office
Monday 20th May - Friday 7th June	Sweet donations for the Summer Fair to the School Office
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	Half term break
Monday 3rd June	Return to school
Friday 7th June	Non Uniform Day - bring a regifted item
W/b 10th June	KS1 Phonics Screening
Wednesday 12th June 1pm	Meeting for Y6 parents re transition - MHST team
Friday 14th June	Class photographs
Friday 14th June	Flower Festival performances at St George's Church - details to follow
Saturday 15th June	Summer Fair - Save the date!
Tuesday 18th - Friday 21st June	Navigators Residential trip - further details to follow
Tuesday 9th July pm	Sports Day - details to follow
Thursday 18th July 6pm	Navigators Production - performance to parents
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of term Leavers' assembly pm



Our Stars of the Week this week are:

★ **Explorers**

★ Verity - for sequencing and retelling stories

★ Evie - for working hard on our 'Blast Off!' Dimensions topic



★ **Pathfinders**

★ Eva - for working really hard to develop your confidence in Maths

★ Sophie - for really impressing me with your positive attitude towards your learning



★ **Adventurers**

★ Jack - for your commitment to learning your times tables and using every pocket of time in class to practise!

★ Zachary B - for a sincere letter to the PTA thanking them for our chocolate workshop day



★ **Navigators**

★ Hugo - for showing real focus and persistence with your reading, Maths and art work

★ Maddie - for being super-helpful in the classroom and always cleaning up after yourself



★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Jessica - for having lovely table manners and for lining up nicely



★ **Pathfinders**

★ For being brave about your arm

★ **Adventurers**

★ Holly W - for always lining up quickly and sensibly

★ **Navigators**

★ Violet - for always playing nicely with your friends



★ **Reader of the Week Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Frank - for making good progress with your reading

★ **Pathfinders**

★ Jenson - for trying new challenging tasks in Read, Write, Inc

★ **Adventurers**

★ Izzy - for fantastic focus when reading

★ **Navigators**

★ Rosalie - for excellent contributions in class reading discussions

★ **Ark Appreciation Award:**

★ Byron - for showing resilience and not letting your broken arm stop you from joining in.

