



### **Quote of the Week:**

**“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.” – Dr. Seuss**

### **News from Sark School - 18/10/2024**

As we approach the end of this half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey our students have embarked on over the past weeks. It has been fantastic to see them settle back into school routines and engage with a wealth of new learning experiences.

Our focus on respect has shone brightly this term. The way in which the children have embraced our values, showing kindness and consideration towards one another, has been truly commendable. These essential life skills not only enrich our school environment but also lay the groundwork for a positive future.

In addition to our values, the busy routines we've established have played a vital role in helping the children feel secure and ready to learn. Each day has been filled with stimulating lessons, exciting projects, and opportunities for collaboration, all aimed at fostering a sense of community and belonging within our classrooms. It is heartening to see their enthusiasm and curiosity grow!

As we prepare to break for the half term, I encourage you to continue supporting your child's learning at home. Reading together, exploring new topics of interest, or simply discussing their day can reinforce what they have learned in school. Additionally, please ensure that they take some time to relax and recharge during the holiday, as this balance is key to their wellbeing and ongoing success.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the break, re-energised and ready for more exciting adventures in learning!

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break.

Best wishes,

Michelle Brady

## Around the classrooms - A weekly round up of what we've been getting up to

### Class 1

Last Friday, we headed to the park for our much-anticipated Funday Friday event! This trip was an enriching experience for all the children, combining fun, learning, and exploration in a delightful outdoor setting. During our time at the park, the children had the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities. These activities help achieve learning goals such as imaginative play and gross motor skills.

We also made play dough, which not only fuels creativity but also enhances fine motor skills. The children continue to participate in phonics activities using the Little Wandle programme, where they can practise their reading in an enjoyable and interactive manner. They were delighted to get their first books with words this week. To further enrich their mathematical understanding, we will introduce engaging games inspired by White Rose Maths, helping them to grasp core concepts while having fun.

We hope that you enjoy the half term project and look forward to seeing the end results.

Happy Half Term!



## **Class 2**

What a pleasure it has been to get to know a small but mighty Class 2 (with the addition of two even smaller but mightier Class 2's three afternoons a week!) this first half term. I talk a lot about Class 2's academic success on this newsletter, but what I really wanted to celebrate this week was how well the children have lived out Sark School's values of being kind, being curious and being you throughout the past 7 weeks! In the classroom (either within four walls or in the great outdoors) the peer to peer support, understanding and listening, creativity and resilient attitudes, have all continuously strengthened, as Class 2 has become a brilliant little team. These key school (and life!) skills have shone through whether it be through group discussion in guided reading, helping each other in maths where we feel confident and accepting help where we find something tricky, working together to problem solve or research in science or geography or inspiring the rest of Sark School with their unique, creative talents as per the photos below! I hope that everyone has a fun filled, well deserved break and look forward to seeing everyone's re-energised smiling faces back in the classroom in November!



## **Class 3**

And so ends another busy half term at Sark School. In KS2 the children are putting the finishing touches to their own story based on Shaun Tan's *The Arrival*, with lots of emotive and descriptive passages. Our history project is drawing to a close- we have made lots of art, biographies, studies and research and comparisons- and learnt about some of the lesser known Tudors such as the 9-day queen, Jane Grey. In maths, those fun, fun fractions are becoming quite manageable and not as tricky as they first seem, where KS3 have shone in their algebra assessments, especially Max with a score of 100%- the first full score maths marks I have seen here! In reading, we are enjoying reading about the many migrations of man across the globe, and how Elvis's family were originally from Cudworth near Barnsley, which might just explain Brian Lauden. In RE we have made Sukkot huts to celebrate the Jewish harvest. You can see the results below. Here's to the next fun-filled term, and make sure you enjoy time with your family until then,



## **Enrichment**

Enrichment next half term will be as follows;

**Mondays** - Nativity

**Wednesdays** - Christmas Crafts

<b>A few dates</b>	
<b>21st October - 1st November</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>13th December</b>	<b>Christmas Fair</b>
<b>18th December</b>	<b>Nativity</b>
<b>19th December</b>	<b>School Christmas Party</b>
<b>20th December</b>	<b>Term ends 12pm</b>

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To arrange a meeting with the Head of School, please email [office@sarkschool.co.uk](mailto:office@sarkschool.co.uk).

Alternatively, please feel free to drop-in to School any day between 8.00am and 8.15am



**Be Kind**



**Be Curious**



**Be You**