



Everything we do, we do with love.  
1 Corinthians 16:14.



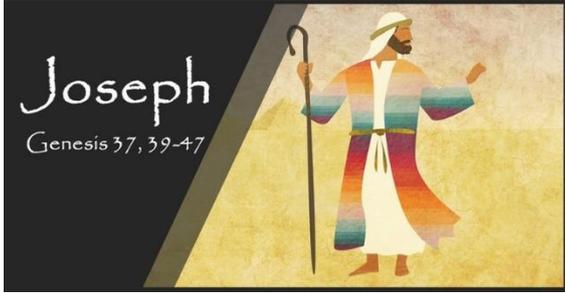
# BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023

### Newsletter 17



In worship we have continued to think about our IDEALS and in particular 'Discover'. We thought about the story of Joseph and some of the Year 5 children read the parts of the story really well in worship. Joseph found that he was able to understand dreams with God's help. He was very quick to explain that he couldn't do it by himself, but that God helped him to understand the dreams. We wondered about some of the things we could do, and whether God helped us to do them.



Reverend Jonathan visited school on Wednesday again this week and told us the [parable of the talents](#). We heard how one of the workers was given five bags of gold, another two bags of gold and the third one bag of gold. The first two workers set out to work and managed to double the amount of gold they had been given. The third worker was scared he might lose money so hid the gold and returned the one bag of gold back to his master. His master was cross with the worker and said that when you are given a talent or gift then you should use it and not hide it away.



In Picture News this week, we thought about whether the natural world has rights. We heard about the destruction of the Amazon Rainforest and how the new Prime Minister of Brazil has pledged to reduce deforestation to 0% by 2030. This has caused some

people to feel angry while others are excited and pleased about the decision. We thought about why people may feel differently about the decision. It was really interesting to hear the children's ideas and opinions. I wonder what you think?



#### TALENTED DANCERS

Amelia and Maria brought their Primary Grade Ballet Certificates to school. Both girls had achieved a Distinction in their exam, which is fabulous. Amelia was praised particularly for having lovely stretched feet on her sautes, and for being very expressive in her dances and clown mime. Maria was praised particularly for her deportment and her strong use of her feet on rises and pointe work.

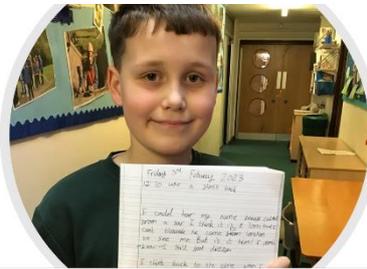


Willow and Piper have both been developing their dancing skills too – performing in a show and earning a medal for their hard work. Willow's performances were in lyrical dancing and hip-hop, while Piper was performing as part of a cheerleading group. Both girls were full of smiles and bubbling with enthusiasm as they spoke about the different styles of dancing they are learning. Well done, girls.



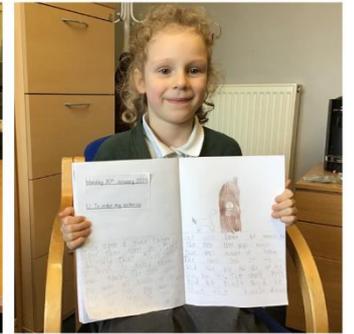
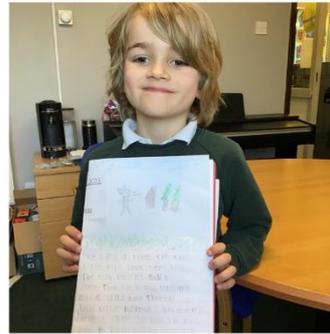
#### AMAZING WRITING

The Reception children have been listening to the story of Nian the dragon and have worked really hard to write down a description of Nian, breaking their sentence into words to help them to write it down. They were really excited to show me their work and were very rightly proud of themselves! I learned all about his sharp claws, scales, spikes and big teeth – and discovered he was a rather scary dragon! Well done Rauri, Anaayah, Isabella, Harrison, Beatrice, Piper and Hope. You can find out more about what Nian is like by reading their work at the end of the newsletter.

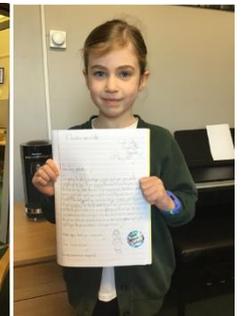
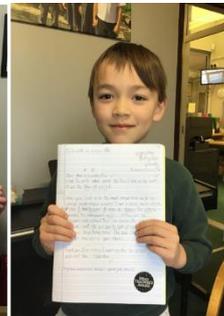
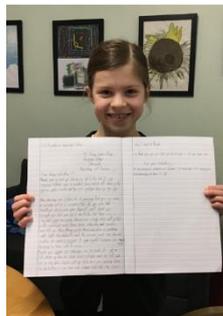


Elliot also brought a fabulous piece of flashback writing to share with me. He had not just retold a memory, but had also managed to infer emotions within his writing. He was proud of his focus and was willing to accept praise for the content of his writing too. Well done, Elliot.

Teddy and Emily also brought some fabulous 'Three Little Pig' stories to share with me. They were very proud of their stamina for writing, and the range of different sentence openers they had used.



Year 4 children had lots of fun writing an informal letter to the Fairy Godmother from Cinderella. Ben, Imogen and Maria shared their letters with me and there were some fabulous phrases, and the gratitude of Cinderella was very clear in every letter. The fairy godmother was thanked for giving Cinderella 'the night of her life', she had 'thought it was a dream' and Cinderella couldn't thank the fairy godmother enough – in fact thanked her 'soooo much!'



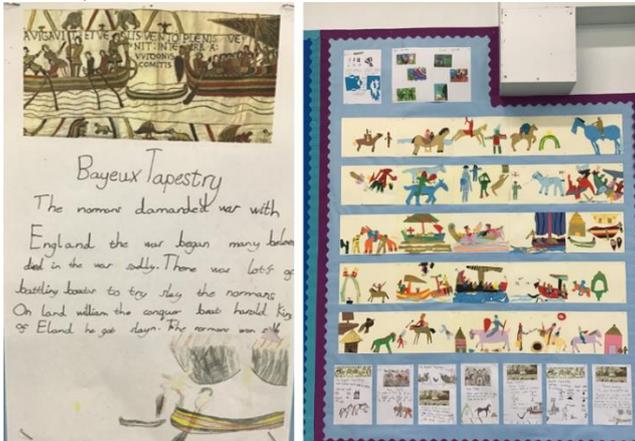
### SAMBA FUN

Year 2 have been learning to work together as a Samba Band in music this year. They have really enjoyed their sessions with Mr Cruz, and have learned some tricky rhythmic patterns that they can weave together. Thank you, Mr Cruz, for making the lessons so fun and helping us to succeed!



### AMAZING ARTISTS

Year 3 have been learning about the work of Henri Matisse and Romare Bearden – comparing their styles. Mrs Dixon said that the children were able to identify which artist had created different pieces of art despite their styles being quite similar. They then used the stylistic features to recreate part of the Bayeux Tapestry. The level of detail in their designs is fantastic! It has been lovely to hear children from other year groups talking about the story in the designs at lunchtimes too. Well done, Year 3.



### MARVELLOUS MATHEMATICIANS

Year 1 have been practicing their bonds to ten for a little while now – and have managed to learn them REALLY well. They have worked hard to find pairs using numicon, they have drawn pictures of bonds to ten using tens frames to help, and now they can write down the numbers sentences. Well done for persevering and practicing hard, Year 1!



### WHAT IS IT LIKE IN CHINA?

Reception have been thinking about China this week. They have eaten out in a Chinese restaurant, taken orders, cooked the food and served it too. They also made the most fabulous chinese kites and had a kite festival on the playground. They are now looking forward to flying to China on Wednesday – look out in next week's newsletter for photos of their adventure.



### CREATIVE DESIGNERS

Year 3 have been investigating pop-up books this week – thinking about the different ways images can be made to move, or jump off the page as the page is opened. They used their findings to have a go at making their own pop-up designs, and were very pleased with the results. Well done for inquiring, and then discovering and developing your own design skills, Year 3.



## INQUIRING ABOUT CHEFS' TOOLS

Year 2 have begun some work in Food Technology where they are considering which tools are best for doing different jobs in the kitchen. From mashing to peeling, stirring to chopping, a full range of different skills were investigated and the children were able to match the tools really well. They will be putting the tools to good use in the weeks to come as they plan and create some tasty dishes. (I'm hoping they might need someone to test their work!) Well done, Year 2.



## INVESTIGATING EVOLUTION AND NATURAL SELECTION

Year 6 have been thinking about Evolution and Inheritance in science lessons and learned about Charles Darwin and his discovery about finches on the Galapagos Islands. They used different 'beak' shaped tools to help them to think

more about how the shape of a bird's beak can affect what it is able to eat and therefore where it can survive. They were able to talk really confidently about why different finches were able to survive in different habitats and how natural selection would occur to result in finches living on different islands according to what food was available and the shape of their beaks.



**Bishop's Tachbrook**  
C of E Primary School & Nursery

17TH FEBRUARY

# DISCO Night

KS1: 5.30 - 6.30PM  
KS2: 6.45 - 7.45PM

(SIBLINGS IN KS2  
CAN ARRIVE AT 6.30)

£3 ENTRY FEE

SWEETS AND GLOW STICK INCLUDED IN PRICE.  
PLEASE BRING A WATER BOTTLE

## PTA DISCO

After the great success of the last school disco, with so many smiles shared, the PTA have organised another disco just before February half term. If any parents are available to support the PTA and help to supervise the children at the disco, please let your class rep know.

Thank you!

## PTA MOTHER'S DAY GIFT OFFER

Mother's Day is approaching, and the PTA is providing the opportunity for the children to create a token of appreciation to mark the day. The PTA will provide the resources, but are asking for a contribution of £2 per gift to cover the expense.

Mother's Day is about celebrating a special person in the children's lives so this gift can be made for a relative, friend, godparent, or parent. Please have a look in your child's bag for a letter from the PTA about Mother's Day.

**Please have a look in your child's bag for a letter from the PTA about Mother's Day with a form to complete and send back by February 17<sup>th</sup>.**



## CELEBRATION WORSHIP CHANGE

Along with trialling a change to playtimes, we are also trialling a change of Friday Celebration worship time to move to 9am. We are wondering if we could then invite parents or family members (Including younger siblings if necessary) to join us at Celebration Worship when their child receives an award in the future. The worship would last from 9-9:30am. It would be good to hear from parents what they feel about this idea. If you would like to share your thoughts, [please complete this very short form](#).

Thank you to all of the families who have already completed the form!

## PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Please can I remind all families that children are not to use or climb on equipment before or after school – [this includes the equipment outside Year 1 and Reception classrooms](#). Thank you.

## ONSIDE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There have been lots of smiles and fun shared by children attending the after school clubs provided by Onside Kids Club. For any parents that haven't had chance to look at the Kids Club website, these are the clubs that are currently running:

Monday – Performing Arts (Matilda) All 3:15 – 4:30

Quick Sticks Hockey KS2 3:15 – 4:30

Tuesday – Climb and roll KS1 – 3:15 – 4:30

Climb and roll KS2 – 4:30 – 5:45

Wednesday – Football KS2 3:15-4:30

Girls only Football KS2 3:15-4:30

Multi sports KS1 3:15-4:30

Thursday – Football KS1 3:15-4:30

Bootcamp KS2 3:15-4:30

Friday – Dance and Karaoke All 3:15-4:30

[Click on this link for more information](#), or to book your child onto a club.



## Dates for your diary:

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February – Science in a box experiment days

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Reception trip to China

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 brass concert in school

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – School disco (PTA)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of this half term.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term break

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Learning Celebration 3:30-6:40

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Learning Celebration 3:30-6:40

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 allotment visit

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March – RE Conference at Radford Semele CE Primary School

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – PTA PJ and 'bed hair' day

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Whole School Easter Service at St Chad's Church

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3/4 performance to parents 6pm 'Dragon Days'



**Stars of the Week**

- Reception: Marlie
- Year 1: Evie
- Year 2: Oscar
- Year 3: Taylor
- Year 4: Ben
- Year 5: Sienna
- Year 6: Isabella



**Remarkable Readers**

- Reception: Finlay
- Year 1: Molly
- Year 2: Chloe
- Year 3: Hattie
- Year 4: Charlie
- Year 5: Hollie
- Year 6: Aika

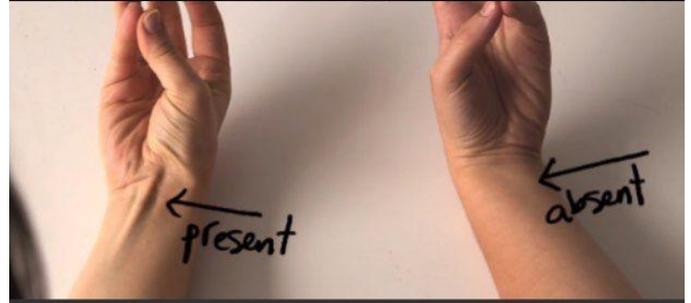


**Fun Fact:**

**did you know?**



Lay your arm on a flat surface and push your thumb and pinky together. If you don't see a raised band across your wrist, you are a product of evolution. If you do, you've got a useless extra muscle in your arm that is slowly being erased from our genetic code.



**Head Teacher's Star of the Week:**

**Piper** for being such a kind friend to her classmates, spotting when others are finding things tricky and helping them to find their smile again. Thank you for showing 'Love', Piper.

*C. Kilbey*

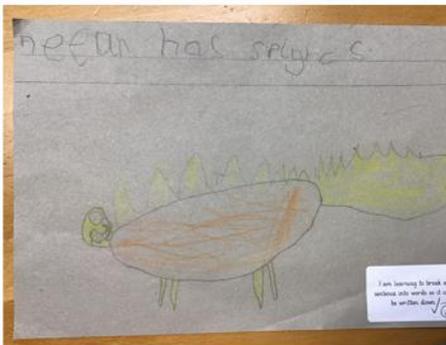
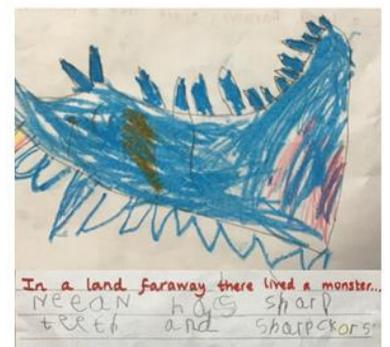
Mrs C. Kilbey  
Head Teacher

**Word of the week:**

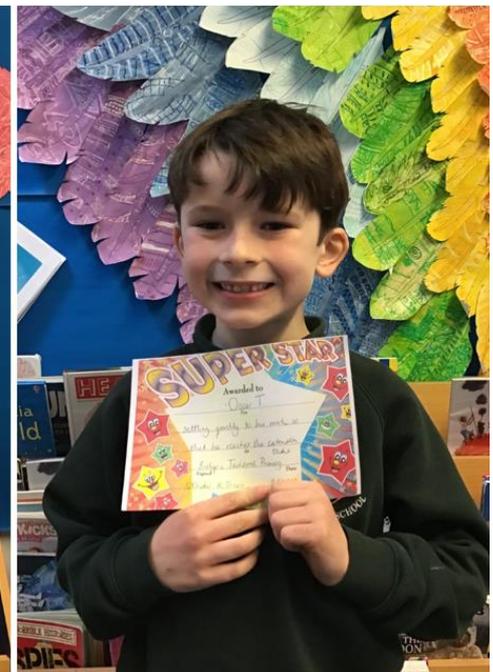
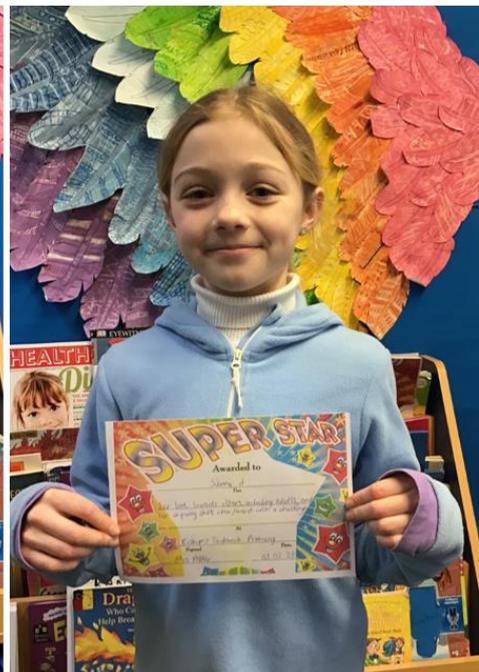
**myriad**

There were a **myriad** of solutions to the maths problem.

**What is Nian like?  
(by Reception)**



# STARS OF THE WEEK



# REMARKABLE READERS

