

# Weekly Newsletter

17th November 2023



## Year 5 – Earth and Space

This half term, our new topic in science is Earth and Space. Last week, we learned all about how the solar system was formed and the eight different planets in the solar system. This week, we discussed how the Sun, Moon and Earth are spherical bodies and what the word 'spherical' means. We were able to explain and model the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth both through drama and model making. We then used this to support our explanation of the movement of the Sun, Earth and the Moon in relation to one another.



Here we are using our models to explain how the Moon and Earth move in relation to the sun.



## Nursery Rhyme Week

This week all children in EYFS have celebrated World Nursery Rhyme Week. Launched in 2013, World Nursery Rhyme Week promotes the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development and education. If children know 8 nursery rhymes by heart by the time they are 4 years old, they are usually among the best readers and spellers in their class by the time they are 8! Not only are nursery rhymes fun, but they are an excellent teaching tool and can help development vocabulary, language, literacy skills, numeracy skills, and PSED skills. The children in Early Years, participated in the 'Rhyme a day' challenge by singing and learning 5 nursery rhymes and participated in a range of supporting activities. The rhymes for 2023 are Jack and Jill, Hickory Dickory Dock, Head Shoulders Knees and Toes, Row Row Row your Boat and The Wheels on the Bus. Have a look at their website to find out more information and some activities you can do at home. <https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/>



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### Remembrance Day at Four Oaks

Last week, we remembered all of the soldiers who have fought in wars to help keep us safe. Every class completed a work and contributed to our wonderful display. On Friday morning, we took part in our Remembrance assembly. Year 3 children reminded us that Remembrance Day is on 11th November each year and that Poppies are flowers that help people remember the soldiers who have been injured or killed in lots of different wars. They reminded us that people wear paper poppies to show that they are thinking about the soldiers. Buying a poppy helps to raise money to take care of soldiers and their families. Our Year 5 children sold poppies last week during playtimes so we would like to thank all children and families who kindly donated their money to the Royal British Legion. In addition, after observing a two-minute silence, the Year 6 children read two beautiful war poems to all of us at the end of our assembly.

Abigail, Y3: "At 11 o'clock on Remembrance Day, people stay silent for two minutes."

Vlad, Y3: "Remembrance Day parades take place in lots of cities. Men and women who have served in the military march to the monuments to lay a poppy wreath."

Michou, Y3: "On Remembrance Day, these poppy wreaths are placed on statues and monuments."



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**Open Day**

Saturday 9th December 2023

10.00am – 4.00pm

Notre Dame Catholic College, L5 5AF

Free orchestral rehearsals and workshops with professional musicians from the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra

Register for your free place now at [www.resonatehub.co.uk/open-day](http://www.resonatehub.co.uk/open-day)

Absence: It is your responsibility to phone the school office by 9am each day your child is absent. Please leave a voicemail if there is no answer. TERM TIME HOLIDAYS WILL RESULT IN FINES.

100% Very best chance of success	99-97% Off to a flying start	96-93% Less chance of success	92-90% At risk of becoming a Persistent Absentee	Less than 90% Persistent Absentee		
Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95%	94%	94%	98%	98%	96%	99%

The school target for this academic year is 97%

Well done to years 3, 4 and 6