

Pentecost Term Early Years Newsletter

Welcome back all ☺

Our new topic is **H2O**. The children will have a jam packed half term, and although it is only 4 weeks, we will be learning about the water cycle and how this is never ending.



We have had some special deliveries for our Forest School and the amazing staff (☺) have been busy creating the new reading area for all the children to enjoy, not just in Early Years. Thanks to the ever amazing Broadleaf Midlands Tree Care <https://broadleaftreecare.co.uk/blog/> company who are based in Shepshed. See the link for their ongoing blog about working with St Win's Forest School ☺.



In other news – we will be celebrating **National Earth Day**, albeit a month later than the rest of the world (due to our Easter Holidays), with an Early Years Jump-a-thon Challenge Day. This will be using the resources provided from Broadleaf Midlands Tree Care in a fun day of jumping on, over, around natural resources. This will take place on 22 May 2025 – letter coming out soon with more details on, so keep your eyes peeled for that one.

Hot weather

Finally we have some lovely sunny weather. Please apply sun cream before school and ensure that there is only water in water bottles as this will help hydrate more efficiently.

Hats are a good idea for when we learn outside, but not essential. No sunglasses please – these are a hazard if tripping/falling/bumping into things. We are very sensible (much to some people's debate ☺) and only allow the children out for short periods when the weather is especially hot. We encourage drinking of water throughout the day and have plenty of spare cups/water bottles should they be needed. The children drink from cups in the dinner hall and are offered milk, along with their snack, at snack time, all contributing to staying hydrated so please don't worry about them. Any particular allergies, or bad hay-fever days, we control the length of time, if any, outside to help alleviate symptoms.



In other knowledge and understanding of the world news - **World Water Day** – Launched by the United Nations, fell during our Continents topic, so we have saved our World Water Day for the end of this term (and it is considerably warmer now). Again more info to be sent out about this nearer the time. We will be having a fun day using water to learn and explore, solve problems and maybe get a little wet (adult controlled). This also leads nicely into World Water Week which falls during the last week of the summer holidays this

year. By the time the children leave for their summer break, they will be able to tell you all about the water cycle, how to protect our water and the living things within it, so I hope they get plenty of opportunities over their break to tell you all about them 😊.

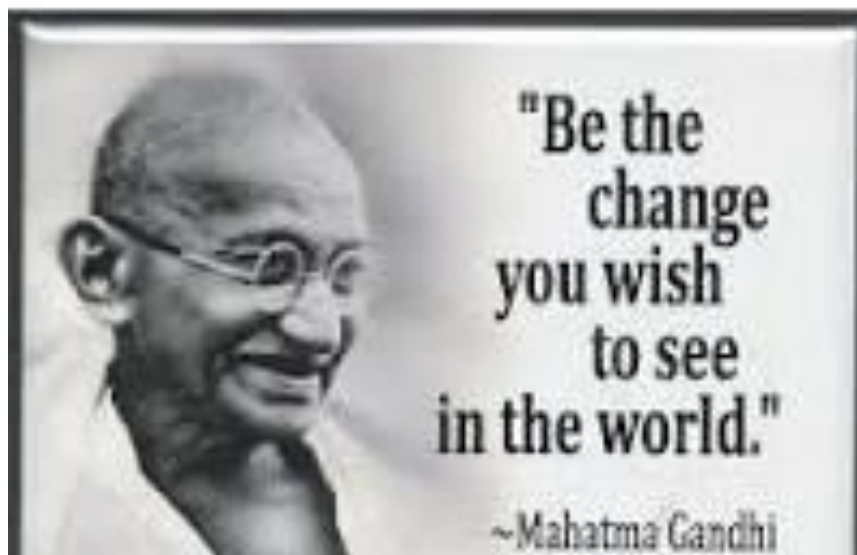
Transition

Some children will be moving up to Year 1 and some children moving up into Early Years FS2, and some new children starting within FS1 and FS2. With all this change we have already started to get the children prepared for this, it will just be part of their journey – they will get opportunities to spend time in the Year 1 classroom and introduced to their new routines and shown around the ‘big school’ in more detail. They will be reminded that lots of things will remain the same as well. I think most of the time the difficulties lie with us adults (I include the teachers there).

Classroom learning

A bigger focus will be placed on sustained concentration within all areas of learning now, at the appropriate stage for your child. We will continue to have lots of fun and hopefully inspire your children to continue their drive and love of learning in all areas.

As part of my forest school training I came across this quote which sums up St Win’s Early Years in totality:



Looking forward to a busy and fun filled Pentecost Term

Mrs D and the Early Years Team 😊