



St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery Weekly Newsletter



Friday 28th January 2022

Our Gospel Assembly

In this week's Gospel assembly, we heard how Jesus spoke in the synagogue to the people and told them that he had come to help those most in need. He told the people listening to him that God had sent him to tell prisoners that they were free, to help the blind to see again and to help those who were being oppressed and treated unfairly.



Reflect

We have Golden Rules in school:

We are gentle

We are kind

We listen

We are honest

We work hard

How can these rules help us to be more like Jesus?

How can we follow Jesus' example and help those most in need?



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have seen another week filled with fantastic achievement across the school. The positive energy of the children really does make St. Alban & St. Stephen Catholic Primary School a lovely place to be!

We were delighted to welcome Year 6 families to our first Friday family assembly of the year. Year 6 gave a wonderful presentation about their residential trip to the Isle of Wight last term. Every child spoke confidently about their experiences, and we heard about some of the exciting activities which they took part in, such as archery, bush-craft and a nightline trail.

We also learnt a lot about the Isle of Wight from Adam's informative presentation. Finally, we were treated to some rousing renditions of their campfire songs, led by our talented guitarists and Mrs Flatt, our music specialist. Year 5 listened intently to the assembly and are already looking forward to their own Year 6 trip to the Isle of Wight in the Autumn Term!

Well done to all of the Year 6 staff and children for working so hard on their assembly.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Moore

Headteacher

Learning in Year 1

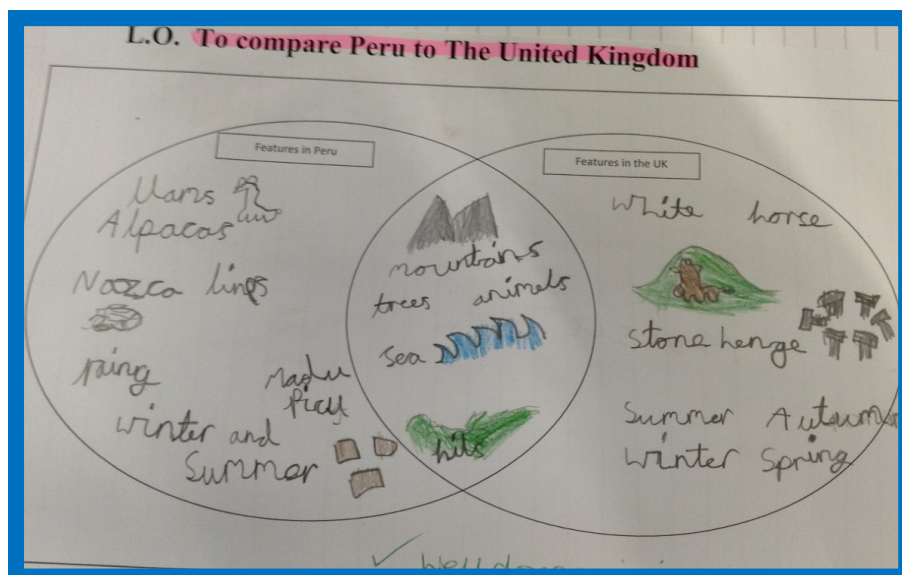
We have been doing some exciting investigations in our Science lessons this week. We looked at the properties of some materials and talked about which would be the best insulator and stop the ice from melting. We tested card and foil and found that foil kept the ice block frozen for longer. We also noticed that there was foil inside our class milk cool bag.

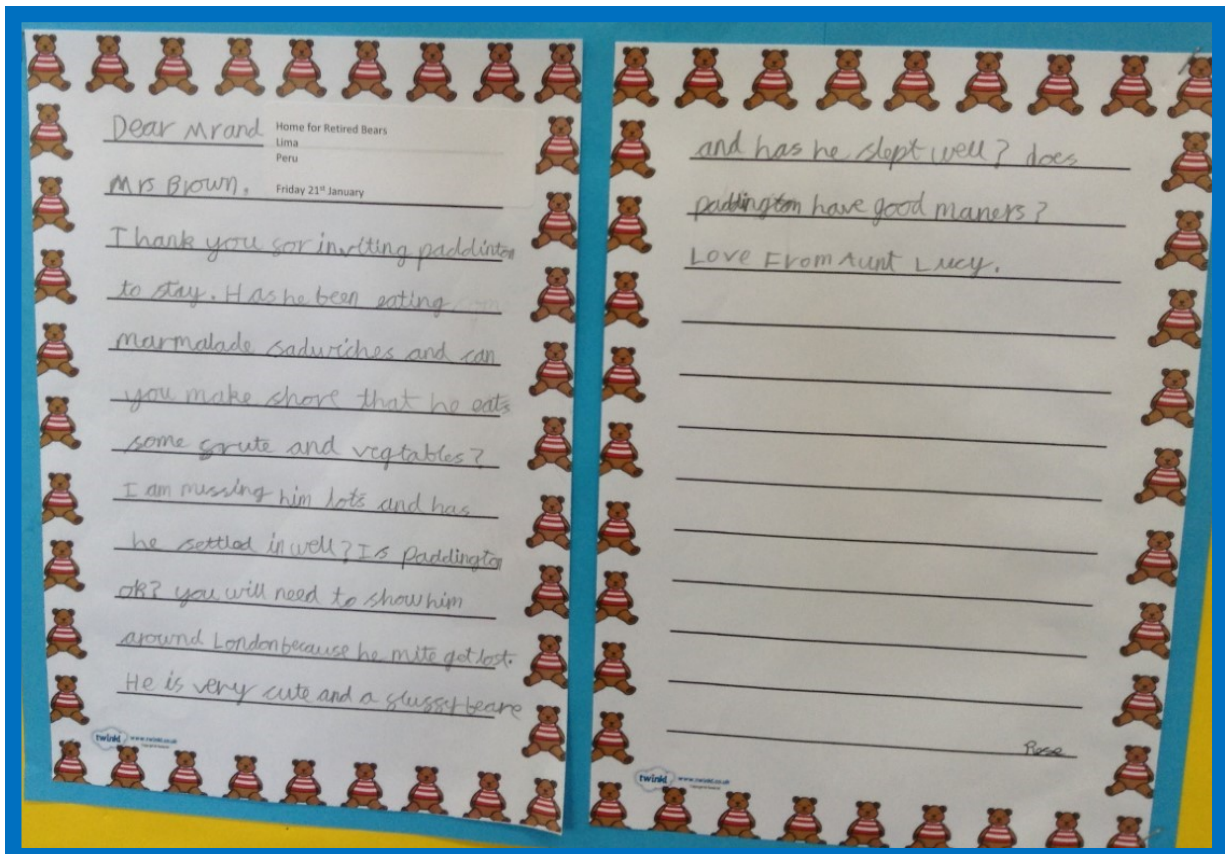
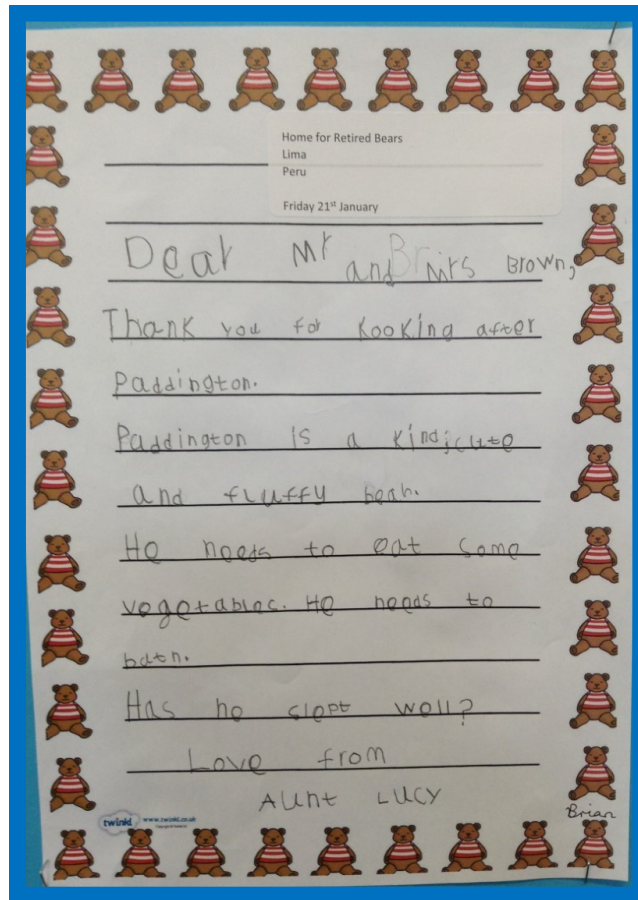


Learning in Year 2



In Year 2 we have really enjoyed learning about Paddington Bear in our English lessons. We wrote letters from Paddington's Aunt Lucy in Peru about how to care for Paddington. We also found out about Peru in our Geography lessons and compared it to the United Kingdom. We learnt about the illustrator R.W. Alley and drew our own cartoon style pictures of him.





Year 2 have started reading 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey. The children have been very enthusiastic about learning the language and tone of the book. We recreated some scenes from the book as groups and used these to help us to remember the story. We have also created actions to help us remember some of the trickier words. We can't wait to write our own thrilling superhero stories next week!





Pupil Chaplain News

Welcome to Father Andrew

Our Pupil Chaplains were delighted to meet Father Andrew, the new Assistant Priest at St Alban & Stephen Catholic Church. Father Andrew told us a little bit about himself, including the amazing fact that he once met the Pope while studying in Rome! We told him about our plans this year to help everyone in our school to think more about their faith and learn how to pray.

Father Andrew will be visiting school regularly, so do say hello if you see him.



Maths Reminder



Don't forget that next week is Maths Week!

On Friday 4th February, we will therefore be joining in with the NSPCC National Number Day 2022. As well as taking part in lots of exciting number -related activities throughout the day, pupils can also wear non-uniform with a maths theme to raise money for the NSPCC. You could wear something with a number, shape or pattern on it.



Donations can be made to the NSPCC through the School Gateway.