

# Holy Trinity C of E Primary Academy & Nursery



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## Haughmond Newsletter: Spring 1

Welcome to our Spring Term; we are looking forward to the weeks ahead and starting to see all of our skills learnt over the Autumn Term being used throughout our lessons. The children worked incredibly hard last term and made us all very proud throughout the Christmas Church Service, where each child had a speaking part.

In class, this half term, we will be focusing on a book called *The Selfish Giant* by Oscar Wilde. During this English unit, we will be learning about: selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, including formal language, passive voice, expanded noun phrases, personification and appropriate punctuation. All of these new skills will help us to write letters, newspaper reports and our own story.

In Maths, we will be concentrating on: Fractions, Decimals and Percentages units, learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide as well as looking at the interrelationship between all three concepts.

Living things and their habitats is the focus of this term's Science Topic as well as looking closely at classification keys of plants and animals.

We have already made a good start to our Geography unit, which is focusing on Antarctica. We are trying to answer the big question – Can we live on Antarctica? Within this study, we will look at the location, temperatures, lines of longitude and latitude and climate, as well as focus on some of the intrepid explorers that were the first to discover Antarctica over a hundred years ago.

In RE we will be developing an understanding of the Islam faith, looking at their God, Allah, and what it is like to be a Muslim.

In PE we will be using our Gymnastics sessions to learn how to engage in counter balances and develop sequences using these balances.

In Music, we will be looking at the music of Carol King focusing on the beat, instruments and learning our own song.

In Art we are learning about using a range of different media to draw with and focussing on still life using this media.

During our lessons in ICT, the children have been using spreadsheets to calculate discount prices and creating formula to help work out prices.

Whilst in Haughmond, we expect your child to read at least 5 times a week, with their book and Reading Record being returned every day. It is so important that this regular reading is taking place in the lead up to SATs. Spellings will also be tested weekly, given out on a Friday and tested on a Friday. Your child will have the opportunity to have PE twice a week. Our set days are a Tuesday and Thursday, but due to the weather this might change. We ask for all children to keep their PE kits in school and they will be sent home at the end of the half term.

As a church school, our learning takes place through Christian Values. This term we are looking at Courage. The children will be looking at how this value links to our learning and how they can display our value in their everyday lives. If you see your child, or any member of the Holy Trinity community displaying any of our core values, we'd love to hear about it. We will be awarding children who go above and beyond to show our values a special award at the end of each term. If you have any questions or concerns about any of the above, please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks

Mrs Platt, Miss Richards and Miss Robinson

*We are a Christian school where we value one another, want the best for everyone,  
work hard and enjoy the journey.*

*Deo Fretus – Trust In God*

