



Templars Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I look back over this busy half term Christmas seems ages ago now because we have packed such a lot into the last seven weeks. For our parents we have held coffee mornings for families of children with Special Needs, 'Chat, Play, Read' sessions for our parents in Reception and the ever popular Bedtime Stories event. The children have enjoyed a lot of exciting events such as trips to the Thinktank in Birmingham, football and dodgeball matches against other schools, the whole school performance of Aladdin as well as taking part in making the Anti-bullying film, safer internet day and this week, to end the term, it has been STEM week!

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and all week the children have been taking part in a Design Technology project that has enabled them to learn about the STEM subjects in a practical way. The school has been quite literally 'buzzing' with electrical circuits, cardboard models, wheels, levers, friction tests, decibel meters, scientific experiments and a host of other practical learning activities. If your child hasn't already told you what they have done this week please ask them what they have been learning about.

World Book Day Celebrations – Monday 7th March 2022

I am really excited to share with you our plans for World Book Day at Templars.

We are celebrating World Book Day on Monday 7th March 2022. (This is a slightly different date to many other schools to fit in with our school plans). The children are welcome to dress as their favourite character from a book instead of school uniform. They could alternatively bring in a prop or object that relates to their favourite story to share with their friends.

Excitingly, we are going to be creating a 'Window Wonderland' throughout the school based on the novels *Alice in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass* by Lewis Carroll. The pupils will spend the day creating art inspired by the stories and decorating their classroom windows. You may remember that Window Wonderland is a regional event where residents in Coventry decorate their windows for others to come and see.

We are inviting parents and carers into the playground on Monday 7th March at 2.45pm to view the Window Wonderland that we create. The displays will be best appreciated from the outside, so you will follow a carefully crafted trail along the playground visiting Nursery & Reception first and ending at 6DH. You will then walk back to the normal gate to collect your child from their classroom as normal at 3.15 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Also, if you would like more information and to take part in Coventry City of Culture Window Wonderland, details can be found here: <https://coventry2021.co.uk/what-s-on/window-wonderland-2022/>

I hope this list is helpful - and you all have a peaceful and relaxing half term break. We are all back in school as normal on Monday 28th February and I look forward to seeing you then.

Mrs Biddell



Half term holiday ideas

Mrs Croyden has very helpfully made a list below of some of the many free activities in and around Coventry during the half term week to give you some ideas of things to do with your children.

Coombe Abbey Country Park is set in 500 acres of beautiful countryside and offers formal gardens, lakeside walks, a restaurant and gift shop. It is a fun park to explore for wildlife enthusiasts as it has one of the largest heronries in the UK, in addition to cygnets and baby ducks. Overall, it is a very relaxed place, ideal for picnics or barbecues or just enjoying an ice-cream while getting some fresh air and sunshine.

<https://www.coombeabbey.com/visit/coombe-park/>

The Coventry Transport Museum provides a fascinating account of the history of road transport in Britain. The museum takes visitors through the history of British car manufacturing. Collections of note include royal limousines, as well as numerous fun interactive educational displays. In addition, it has a simulator at the end of the route.

<https://www.transport-museum.com/default.aspx>

Coventry Cathedral is a peaceful place steeped in history right in the centre of the city. The cathedral area is composed of the ruins of the old cathedral and the elegant new cathedral. The coffee shop situated in the new cathedral is a wonderful place for lunch and is very cosy with lovely food and drink

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/wpsite/>

Set in beautiful parkland, the Caludon Castle ruin is a unique ancient monument. It is a Grade-I listed building housing the city's only castle remains from the 14th Century. The remaining wall includes two large tracery windows, decorated by red sandstone, which stand out against the grey. The park is a wonderful place to relax, where you can enjoy a treat from the ice-cream van and walk around the 14th century historic site.

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/caludoncastlepark/>

The Herbert Museum shows everything from Coventry's history, through the manufacturing boom and into the modern era. The museum has a substantial number of collections and galleries that include fine paintings, historical artefacts and natural history specimens. The Herbert is a beautiful place to get to know Coventry's history.

<https://www.theherbert.org>



This week in Tweets



Miss Morgan
@MissMorgan4M

More STEM week fun. First job today was to plan the measurements for their product and cut the main pieces @TemplarsPrimary

Miss_J_Roberts @Miss_JRoberts1 · Feb 16

1P have created some Arctic art work inspired by the Inuit artist Kenozjuk Ashevak. @MisaNPryor #ArthurArcticFox @TemplarsPrimary

Mr McLaren
@MrMcLaren7

6M are building some brilliant vocabulary as part of our STEM week!

You Retweeted

Mrs Gentry
@Denise_Gentry1

@TemplarsPrimary Year 4 have been creating their own versions of The Eiffel Tower crafted out of straws

Mrs Gentry
@Denise_Gentry1

@TemplarsPrimary as part of our D&T research for our river warning systems we used data loggers to investigate how loud different sounds were #STEM #Investigation

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