Griffins Newsletter - 6th November 2026

Our Mission Statement at Stella Maris

Our school mission is what God sent us into the world to do – to help build His kingdom through learning, playing and making friends together. The tools we will use to do this are:
Love, Care, Share, Trust and Respect

Our theme for reflection this week was **justice.**

"For the word of the Lord is right. And all his work is done in truth. He loves righteousness and justice. The Earth is full of the goodness of the Lord." Psalms 33:4-5

Our learning this week:

What a lovely first week back we have had in Griffins! The children have made a really positive start to the new term, and it has been wonderful to see them settling back into their learning with such enthusiasm.

English - We have started our new class text, *The Promise*. We explored the different cities featured in the book, thinking about how they look and feel. The children developed their vocabulary by collecting interesting adjectives to describe city environments before using these to create their own free verse poems. We enjoyed sharing and performing some of our poetry!

Maths- This week, we began our new topic on fractions. We explored equivalent fractions, comparing different fractions and looking at how they can represent the same amount. We also began working with improper fractions and mixed numbers, practising how to recognise and represent these in different ways.

Geography- In Geography, we looked at natural resources in Britain. The children created cross-section drawings to show some of the natural resources found in our country.

Art -We explored the work of our artist for this term, Susan Worthington. The children created mood boards inspired by her artwork, thinking about the pieces they particularly liked and the colours and styles she uses.

RE -We began our second branch of RE by exploring the Rosary and how Rosary beads are used to support prayer. We discussed the meaning of the Rosary and focused on the Joyful Mysteries. We also thought about what makes a good leader and how we can follow the example of a shepherd in the way we care for and guide others.

PSHE - We gathered our initial thoughts and ideas about what faith means to us, sharing our own perspectives and listening respectfully to others.

Science -We began our new topic by exploring the human life cycle and the different stages of human development, from an embryo through to older adulthood. A huge thank you to everyone who sent in baby photographs – they were absolutely adorable and have been lovely to share as we think about how we change and grow!

It has been a fantastic start to the term, and I am looking forward to another busy week of learning with the Griffins next week!

KEY REMINDERS

PE – Thursdays: Please ensure that children wear the correct school PE uniform. Branded sports kits should not be worn.

Homework: We encourage children to attempt their homework each week. Homework is beneficial to their learning and supports the work they complete in class. Homework will be uploaded weekly.

Spelling Tests: Spelling tests will take place every Friday, unless stated otherwise.

Toys: Children are reminded not to bring toys of any kind into school from home, unless this has been previously agreed with the class teacher.

The Griffins Team