

## Message from Mrs Millsop:

On Thursday we had our first 'Encounter' Learning Day of the year, **St Francis Around the World**. Children worked in mixed groups across their phases (EYFS, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2) and rotated round four different classrooms during the day. The school had a particularly exciting buzz as children had time to develop their understanding in Music, DT, Art and MFL (modern foreign languages). Throughout the day, they developed new skills and knowledge whilst working with different teachers and friends.

The backdrop for each activity was a country either represented in our school community or a country we study in our curriculum. The children who had connections with these focus countries were able to talk enthusiastically about the language and culture of these countries.

We hope the children have told you all about this exciting day. Feedback from staff and children has been incredibly positive so far, with many asking when the next one will be!

### Upcoming Dates:

#### • W/C 14th November

M Friendship Week: Wear your Odd socks Day

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W **SCHOOL CLOSED—INSET**

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F Children in Need Day

#### • W/C 21st November

M Maths Fluency Week: Design your Rockstar

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#### • W/C 28th November

M Christmas Shopping Week

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### News

#### OPAL Play (Outdoor Play and Learning)

We would value the donation of any unwanted small world play to enhance our playtimes. (Dinosaurs, animals, figures and vehicles etc).

**Friendship week: on Monday 14th November** please wear a mismatching pair of socks. We are celebrating and thinking about our unique qualities during friendship week and odd socks helps illustrate this.

**Children in Need Day: Friday 18th November—**GO spotty and creative in your own clothes! Please donate via Parentpay. Thank you!

#### Maths Fluency Week 21-25th November

We are keen to support children improve their automatic number knowledge—please see PA connect

#### Sports News

Thank you for supporting two fixtures this week. 1 win and 1 loss. Tremendous effort!

### Values: COMPASSION

Today we have marked Remembrance Day with a special collective worship with a silence led by children whose parents are in the Armed Forces. Miss Harvey works with this group on a weekly basis and the focus of their work over the past few weeks has been preparing to lead this important worship.