



What a fantastic week we have had at St John's! The children in Reception had a shock when they arrived at school to find that the Evil Pea from the Supertato stories had made their classroom very untidy. They have worked very hard all week to make superhero masks and use their junk-modelling skills to design and make traps to capture Evil Pea and stop him from causing more mischief! Year 1 children have enjoyed learning about Paddington Bear and listening to stories about him, and Year 2 have been very busy linking their symmetry Maths topic to their Art and Outdoor Learning. Year 3 has been a hive of activity with the class linking their English text 'The Iron Man' to their outdoor learning to create models of the main character from natural materials. Year 4 have been artists, creating beautiful watercolour paintings in the style of Claude Monet, using the petit-tache technique. Year 5 visited a Sikh Gurdwara to enhance their learning in RE. The children learned about the Sikh faith and loved the opportunity to try playing some traditional instruments. In Year 6 Maths, the class have enjoyed learning about ratio and scale drawing, and they have also found time to create stunning artwork showing perspective, tint, shade and tone.

Congratulations to our Star of the Week and writing and presentation award winners!



Congratulations to James, Christopher, Jemimah, Akua, Guinevere, Miriam, Jessica, Rory, Rosie, Lydia, Louis, Harry, Giorgio, Emmy, Lucy, Vinnie, Elias, Dominic, Olufikayo, Ethan, Elan, Sophie and Elijah. We are very proud of you!

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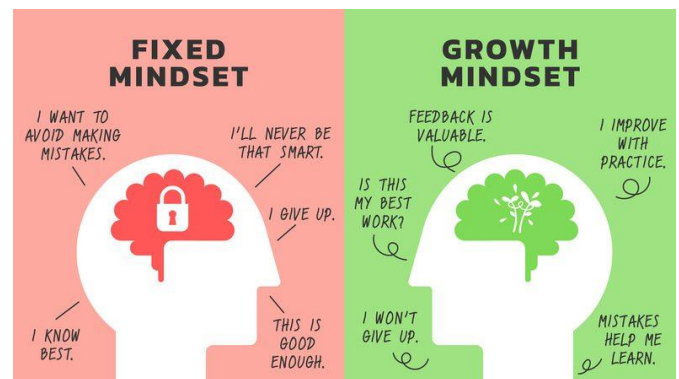
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This term, we are having a renewed focus on teaching the children in all year groups about how to develop a growth mindset. We will be showing a short video each week which features animated characters navigating their way through challenges at school. Each video has discussion questions for school and for home and we will share the video link every week in the newsletter, and the questions to think about at home. These links will give more information about growth mindsets if you'd like to know more:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-try-new-things>
<https://www.mindsetworks.com/parents/growth-mindset-parenting>

The term 'growth mindset' refers to a way of thinking, learning and taking on challenges. A person with a growth mindset is open to constructive feedback, uses feedback to take on new challenges, pushes themselves outside of their comfort zone and shows resilience and perseverance. At St John's, we aim to help and inspire all children to navigate through challenges, celebrate success and embrace the 'what next' in their learning, their play and their journey through life.



Here is the link to the first video clip 'A Secret About the Brain'.

A Secret About the Brain



<https://ideas.classdojo.com/i/growth-mindset-1>

Episode 1: Take-home questions

We're watching a video series about how students can develop a growth mindset! Watch it at: www.classdojo.com/BigIdeas, and ask your child these questions tonight.

1. What was the biggest challenge you faced today? (Ask your child, and then have them ask the question back!)
2. How can you and I think about these challenges in a new way?
3. What can we do differently tomorrow if we face similar challenges?



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Dates for your diaries

Monday 20 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spelling test and new spellings for KS2 groups
Tuesday 21 st January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9.00: Year 6 leading values worship – all welcome11.00 – 12.00: Year 3 Relaxation session with school nurses
Wednesday 22 nd January	
Thursday 23 rd January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">10.00: Year 2 visit from the Wildlife Foundation
Friday 24 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Monday 27 th January	
Tuesday 28 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reception vision screening check with the school nurses
Wednesday 29 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chinese New Year
Thursday 30 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Choir performance at Young Voices in Birmingham
Friday 31 st January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Monday 3 rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Children's Mental Health Week beginsSpelling test and new spellings for KS2 groups
Tuesday 4 th February	
Wednesday 5 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8.00 – 8.45: Reading breakfast5.00: Young Voices showcase in school – all welcome
Thursday 6 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 2 trip to Twycross Zoo1.30 – 3.00: Year 4 Come and Share
Friday 7 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Monday 10 th February	
Tuesday 11 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 12 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">5.00 – 5.30: Viney Hill meeting for Year 4 & 6
Thursday 13 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3.30: Football match v Pearl Hyde (home game)
Friday 14 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Half term holiday	
Monday 24 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">INSET day for staff