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Friday 21st October 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

We've made it to the end of our first half term of the new academic year! I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work in setting the foundations for the year ahead. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support. It has been a busy term and we have lots to celebrate.

We have spent a lot of time looking at our new school values this term. This week we looked at our new mission statement: **'Love one another as I have loved you'**. Children have been thinking about how they can show love to each other - being kind, being caring and being a great friend.

Parent's Evening

Thank you to teachers and support staff for making Parents' Evening a great success. I hope you found the meeting useful and you know exactly how to further support your child's education. If you were unable to attend, please do contact your child's class teacher for an update. I would like to thank our Head Boy and Girl and Deputy Head Boy and Girl for giving up their time to help out too. I am sure you will agree they did a great job.

Staff Leavers

Today we have three members of staff leaving the team. Mrs Knight who has worked as part of the SEND team for many years leaves for a new position at Droylsden Academy. We thank her for her hard work and dedication to improving the education of our children.

Mrs Ali, a Teaching Assistant, is moving on to a new career path. Mrs Ali has worked so hard to support and teach in a variety of classes and she will be greatly missed.

Mr Swinnen, who has been teaching in Year 5 this half term, leaves us too. We thank him for working so hard and being a part of the team.

We welcome Mr Winn to the teaching team after the holidays. He will be teaching in Year 5 and I am sure you will join me in welcoming him to the family of St Stephen's.

Have a great break. See you all on Monday 31st October,

Mr Lavin, Headteacher

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Homework

As promised, please find, over the next two pages, an overview of the Homework Policy for after the half term break. I have held discussions with senior leaders and staff regarding what they feel is best, what is manageable for children, but also we considered family life too. Things may change as the weeks progress, but below is the whole school expectations. You can find the full policy located on our school website.

EYFS	<p>Reading - Read Write Inc sound sheet (Phonics), Ditty or word book and read for pleasure</p> <p>Handwriting - letter formation and number formation.</p> <p>Maths - Weekly White Rose maths cards</p>
Year 1 and 2	<p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">10 to 15 minutes of their Phonics Book - Book change will be on a Monday and Thursday for children in Year 1 and 2 who are on Read Write Inc Scheme (up to Yellow Group). Children in Yellow, Blue and Grey will be changed once a week on a Thursday. Those off the scheme in Year 2 will move onto AR Reading Scheme (parents will be notified of this)Individual phonics teachers may send home sound sheets or ditties to practise at home. <p>Spellings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Weekly spelling lists will be emailed on a Tuesday and tested on the following Tuesday. <p>Handwriting and Number Formation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Worksheets will be sent as needed (Class Teachers will speak to those parents involved). <p>Arithmetic Activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Weekly activity will be marked and sent home on a Monday and the same activity will be repeated on a Friday in order to improve your child's score. <p>Numbots (Times Table Rockstars for Year 2 later in the year):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">We recommend your child spends at least half an hour over the week, to fit around other activities. <p>Occasionally, your child will have projects based around other curriculum areas, this will be emailed by the class teacher.</p>

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Year 3 and 4

Reading:

- We encourage 10 to 15 minutes of reading each night

Spellings:

- Weekly spelling lists will be emailed on a Monday and tested on the following Friday

Arithmetic:

- Weekly arithmetic activities will be marked and sent home on a Monday and the same activity will be repeated on a Friday in order to improve your child's score.

Times Table Rockstars:

- We recommend your child spends around 10 minutes per evening where possible

Times Tables (weekend homework):

- Mad Minutes activity sent home each **Monday**. Children will have 3 minutes to complete as many multiplication and division questions as possible. This will be repeated in school the following Friday to identify progress in speed and accuracy

Occasionally, your child will have projects based around other curriculum areas, this will be emailed by the class teacher

Year 5 and 6

Reading:

- We encourage 10 to 15 minutes each night. In addition, the children in Year 5 and 6 will receive a weekly comprehension on a Monday to be returned the following Friday.

Spellings:

- Weekly spelling lists will be emailed on a Monday and tested on the following Friday.

Arithmetic:

- Weekly arithmetic activities will be marked and sent home on a Monday and the same activity will be repeated on a Friday in order to improve your child's score.

Times Table Rockstars:

- We recommend your child spends around 10 minutes per evening

Times Tables (weekend homework):

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Dates for YOUR calendar

Date	Event
31/10/22	School Reopens
31/10/22	WW1 Week in School
01/11/22	All Saints Day
01/11/22	Whole School Mass
03/11/22	Reception Phonics Workshop 4:30pm
04/11/22	Yr 6 Safety Squad
06/11/22	4DS Holy Communion
07/11/22	Whole School Geography Day
07/11/22	Individual Photo Day
10/11/22	Year 4/6 Mass
10/11/22	World Science Day
11/11/22	Remembrance Day
13/11/22	4HB Holy Communion

Dates for YOUR calendar

Date	Event
14/11/22	Odd Socks Day
14/11/22	Anti-Bullying/Road Safety Week
14/11/22	Maths Week
16/11/22	3CS/LH Class Assembly
16/11/22	Riddle of the Sphinx - Math Workshop
17/11/22	Year 3 / 5 Mass
20/11/22	PTA Makers Market
22/11/22	Height, Weight & Hearing for Reception & Yr 6
23/11/22	Height, Weight & Hearing for Reception 7 Year 6
23/11/22	2AL Class Assembly
24/11/22	Year 1/2 Mass
27/11/22	Advent Begins

Please note that all Class Assemblies will take place in the school hall at 9:05am. Please note masses take place in Church at 10am and parents/carers/families are most welcome to join us.

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Date	Event
30/11/22	St Andrew's Day
30/11/22	2LS Class Assembly
01/12/22	Year 6 and Reception Special Friends Mass
01/12/22	Year 4 Retreat
02/12/22	Year 4 Retreat
06/12/22	Nursery Play at 10AM
07/12/22	Reception Nativity at 9:30AM
08/12/22	Year 3/5 Mass
08/12/22	Reception Nativity at 9:30AM
08/12/22	Year 1 Carol Concert at 2:30PM
09/12/22	Year 2 Play at 9:30AM
09/12/22	Year 2 Play at 2:00PM
13/12/22	KS2 Carol Service at 2PM in Church

Dates for YOUR calendar

Date	Event
14/12/22	Party Day & Christmas Dinner
15/12/22	Year 1/2 Mass
20/12/22	Whole School Christmas Mass at 10AM
20/12/22	Finish for Christmas at 1:30PM
04/01/23	School Reopens

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Hot Chocolate
Friday Winners

Nursery	Victoria Lula
RKF	Scarlett
RNE	Olenka
Y1SH	Leo
Y1LB	Kalani
Y2LS	Thomas
Y2AL	Oscar
Y3DM	Bobby
Y3CSLH	Jacob
Y4DS	Lexi
Y4HB	Emelia-Rose
Y5LW	Jensen
Y5ES	Reggie
Y6HG	Jessica
Y6DF	Noah

Readers
of the Week

Nursery	Cole
RKF	India
RNE	Hazel
Y1SH	Pati
Y1LB	Arabella
Y2LS	Willow-Rose
Y2AL	Rocco
Y3DM	George
Y3CSLH	Evianna
Y4DS	Jaime-Leigh
Y4HB	Jenson
Y5LW	Eddie T
Y5ES	Kaitlyn
Y6HG	Ollie
Y6DF	Layla

Handwriters
of the week

Nursery	Freddie
RKF	Louie
RNE	Huckleberry
Y1SH	Sam
Y1LB	Panagiotis
Y2LS	Clark
Y2AL	Klayson
Y3DM	Great
Y3CSLH	Alisha
Y4DS	Jemima
Y4HB	Lacey
Y5LW	Annalise
Y5ES	Michal
Y6HG	Grace
Y6DF	Ruby





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Harriet
RKF	River
RNE	Kendrick
Y1SH	Hudson
Y1LB	Henry
Y2LS	Lydia
Y2AL	Jacob
Y3DM	Serenity
Y3CS/LH	Hamilton
Y4DS	Harlow
Y4HB	Eva
Y5LW	Isobella
Y5ES	Cody
Y6HG	Madison
Y6DF	Damian

Sports Superstars

Nursery	Darcie
RKF	Abigail
RNE	Sofia
Y1SH	Felix
Y1LB	Isabelle
Y2LS	Olivia
Y2AL	Poppy
Y3DM	Harrison
Y3CS/LH	Avaya
Y4DS	Harrison
Y4HB	Bobby
Y5LW	Poppy
Y5ES	Lennie
Y6HG	Jayden L
Y6DF	Evie

House Points

Blue
16,323



Red
13,856



Yellow
7474



Green
16,513



Totals So Far!

Blue 59,097
Green 53,553
Red 45,494
Yellow 61,899



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Attendance

Whole School	95.8%
Nursery AM	94.4%
Nursery Full Day	100%
RKF	96.6%
RNE	96.6%
Y1SH	98.8%
Y1LB	92.3%
Y2LS	90.5%
Y2AL	95.4%
Y3DM	97.3%
Y3CS/LH	96.3%
Y4DS	98.6%
Y4HB	91.4%
Y5LW	98%
Y5ES	96.7%
Y6HG	97.1%
Y6DF	97.5%



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance Challenge!

If you are in school everyday this Half term then your name will be entered into a draw for a very special prize!

100%

Good Luck!



St Stephen's Attendance League

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 1LB	15	6th: RKF	4
2nd: NurFD	12	6th: RNE	4
3rd: 1SH	10	7th: 2AL	0
4th: 2LS	7		
5th: NurAM	6		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y4HB	14	5th: Y6HG	4
2nd: Y5LW	11	6th: Y5ES	3
3rd: Y4DS	8	7th: Y3LH/cs	2
4th: Y6DF	7		
5th: Y3DM	4		

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Religious Education

Sacramental Programme

In November, the children in Year 4 on the Sacramental Programme will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare to receive this special sacrament.

An email was sent yesterday to all the parents/ guardians of children in Year 3 who emailed to express and interest in their child participating in the Sacramental Programme. If you did not receive this email please contact Mrs Gibson using the following email address: hannah.gibson@stsrcp.co.uk

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.
Amen

Mass Times

Our Parish Priest is Father B. Wilson.

For information regarding Baptism, please contact Father Wilson directly.

For information regarding Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, please contact Mrs Gibson:
hannah.gibson@stsrcp.co.uk

Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am

Prayer of the Week October is the month of the Holy Rosary





How to Pray the Rosary

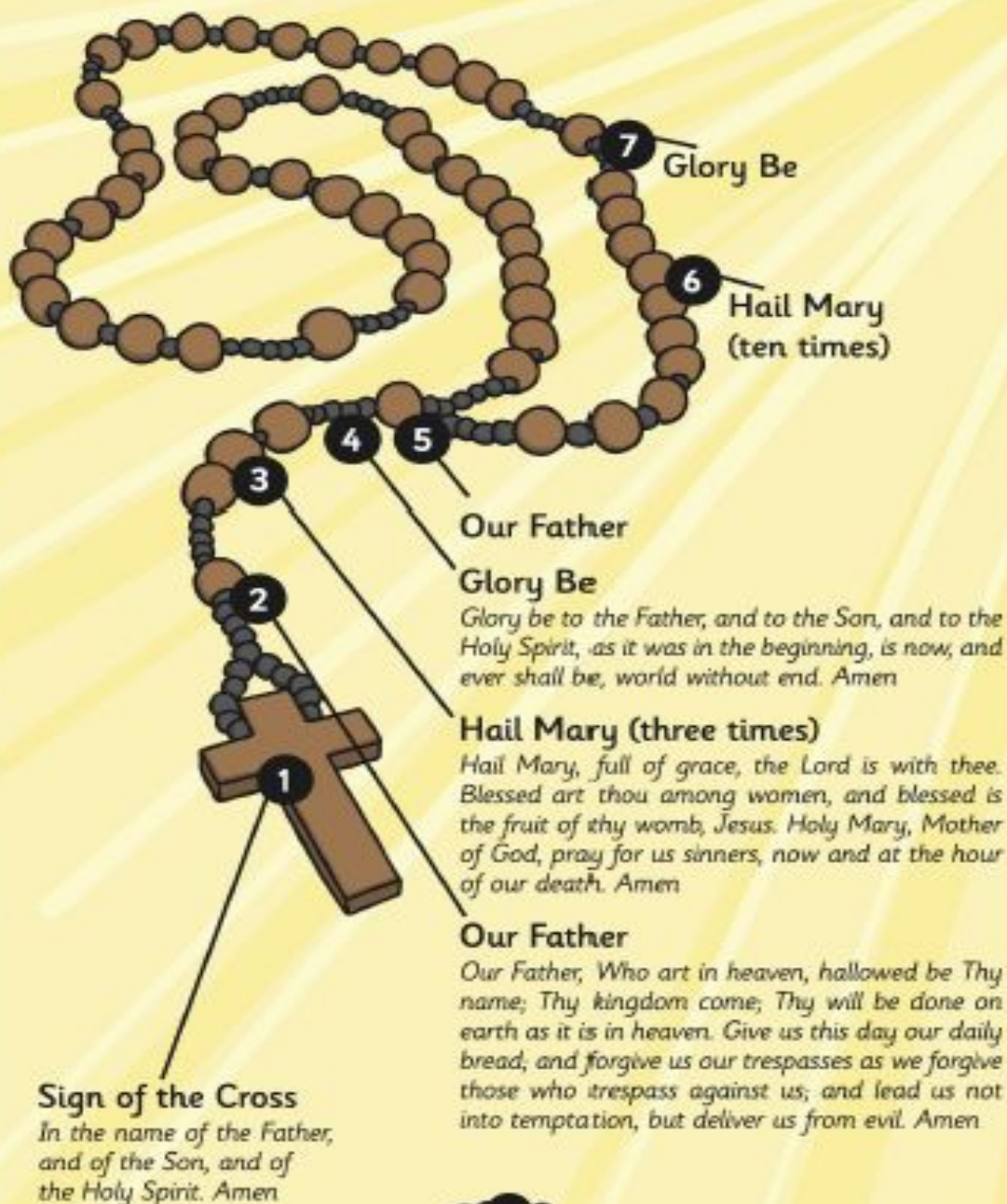


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Nursery

In nursery this week, we have been reading Winnie the Witch stories, recognising that there is a cat in these books too, just like in Pete the Cat. We have identified the characters and role played by making our own potions and magic spells. The children have thoroughly enjoyed making silly spells in the cauldrons, adding all sorts of wonderful things and listing them. In the outdoor area we looked for sticks and used them to make wands and broomsticks, which the children then used in their play. In maths, we have continued to extend patterns and have been trying really hard to make our own repeating patterns, using natural objects from around the nursery.

A wonderful end to our first half term. Well done, Nursery.

Reception

We have really enjoyed the last week of our first half term in Reception! In maths, we continued our learning about pattern. We made repeating pattern fruit kebabs! We have also been thinking really hard about numbers 1, 2 and 3 and what makes up those numbers. We are trying our best to show different ways to make those numbers for example 2 and 1 make 3 and 0 and 3 make 3. In English we have continued to think about how Sam Squirrel feels in our story. We have been focusing on simple words such as Sam, sad, red and mad and trying to blending those words together verbally and in our writing.

We had a lovely time at our 'Special Friends' mass with our Year 6 friends. We are already looking forward to our next visit to church. Thank you to everyone who could join us in church.

Thank you also to the adults who attended parents evening, it was lovely to chat with you about how well we are doing in class. If you did not manage to attend and would like a meeting, then please see our teachers on the door.

After the half term we are excited to be starting a new topic all about magic.

Question: Can you think of a rhyming spell?



Year 1

What a busy and productive half term Year 1 have had! The children have been a credit to you in the way they have adapted to their new classes and it was a pleasure to share their hard work with you at our Parent /Teacher Meetings.

This week in English we have been focussing our work around the story "Coming to England" by Dame Floella Benjamin. It describes her journey from Trinidad and has helped the children consider the lives of others during Black History month.

In maths we have been using part part whole models to create addition equations, at times this has been challenging but the children have persevered in their learning. We have concluded our topic on Monarchy by creating a timeline of the monarchs we have studied.

In science we have been discussing how we keep our bodies healthy and keep them moving. In Computing we have continued to practise our keyboard skills, retrieve a saved file and learned about E-Safety. We have also have great fun singing our songs in Charanga and being active in our PE lessons. We wish everyone a great half term.

Ask your child to name the monarchs we have been learning about.

Year 2

What a fantastic last week of term the children have had! In R.E, the children have engaged in their Judaism unit and learnt about the celebration of Shabbat. They have completed their first History topic of Year 2, The Great Fire of London, and this week they have explained why the fire spread so quickly, how firefighting methods have changed since the 17th century and how London was rebuilt after the disaster. In Science, the children have learnt about the importance of exercise. Miss Leigh and Miss Seville are so proud of the progress the children have made this half term and it was fantastic to share this with their parents last night. Have a fantastic break!

Question: How have firefighting methods changed since the Great Fire of London?

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Year 3

As it is Black History Month we have combined our English and History lessons this week. The children have really enjoyed researching and finding out more about Marcus Rashford and Mary Seacole. They then used the information to create some amazing acrostic poems and fact files. We have now finished The Stone Age Boy and will be moving onto our new class story, The Dark by Lemony Snicket, after the half term.

In maths we have moved on to more formal methods of addition and subtraction. The children have all done really well at presenting their calculations correctly and have worked well in pairs helping one another. We will continue with this work after the half term with children adding and subtracting two digit and three digit numbers.

In Art we have created artwork depicting Stonehenge, using pastels for the background and card to show the stones themselves, which the children enjoyed.

We have made it to the end of the first half term in Year 3! We would like to say a huge well done to all of the children for all of their hard work!! Have a wonderful week off with your families.

Year 4

This week we continued our work on The Lost Happy Endings. To support our writing, each class took part in a Forest Schools activity. We collected materials from around the forest and made our version of the witch's face. Using this as inspiration, we wrote a description and included metaphors and similes.

In their assembly on Wednesday, 4DS got the chance to showcase some of the lovely work they've been doing this term. The children had great fun and did such a wonderful job! Without doubt, their favourite part was performing the Roman Numerals song for everyone.

As part of Black History Month, we studied the issue of racism in professional football. We read articles from the past few years and had some important, thought-provoking discussions. The children then wrote their own newspaper article, highlighting the problem and encouraging people to join the fight against racism.

As we come to the end of a busy half term, we would like to say well done to the children for their hard work and hope that they enjoyed their week off.

What is the name of the religious book in the Jewish faith?

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Year 5

The final week of the half term has been an extremely busy and enjoyable one. Both 5LW and 5ES enjoyed a fantastic retreat day with Mrs Farmer. The theme of the day was friendship. The children prayed, meditated and sang hymns together, as well as painting images to represent friendship, writing 'sorry notes' for their friends and relatives and analysing religious art and scripture.

As part of our work for Black History month, we learned about the Windrush Generation and the influence of Caribbean culture on the Notting Hill Carnival. We designed masquerade masks and produced a diary from the viewpoint of one of the Windrush Generation arriving in Britain.

In English this week, we learned about the fate of the Endurance (Ernest Shackleton's ship). We wrote in role as a member of the crew and used the present perfect tense in our work. After the holidays, we will be writing a balanced argument exploring the arguments 'for' and 'against' leaving the safety of the camp.

In Maths, we completed our unit on addition and subtraction, comparing calculations and finding missing digits in balancing equations. It has been a fantastic half term. We are sorry to have to say goodbye to Mr Swinnen but are also looking forward to welcoming Mr Winn into our year 5 family.

Question: What problems did Caribbean migrants face when they reached the UK in 1948?

Year 6

This half term has flown by in Year 6! To quote one of our Year Six Pupils this week, 'Year 6 goes really fast!' The children have all made an amazing start to the year and deserve a well deserved break next week!

We completed our work on Romeo and Juliet this week by writing letters from the grave. The children chose which character they wanted to write as, who the letter would be addressed to and also the purpose of the letter. We had some amazing letters of explanation, apology and even some threatening letters of revenge! Fantastic work Year 6!

We have continued our work on multiplication this week and we explored both square and cube numbers. Next term we will be working upon long multiplication and long division methods. This week we have celebrated Black History Month in school. We focused upon the positive work of Muhammad Ali in class thinking in particular about how he was an activist for civil rights in America. The children made fantastic links to the work we did previously in the term in Guided Reading when we read Hidden Figures and even related themes to those within White Bird.

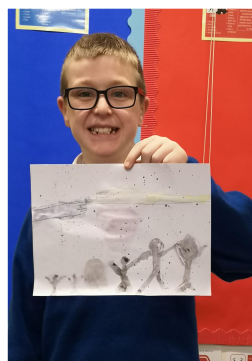
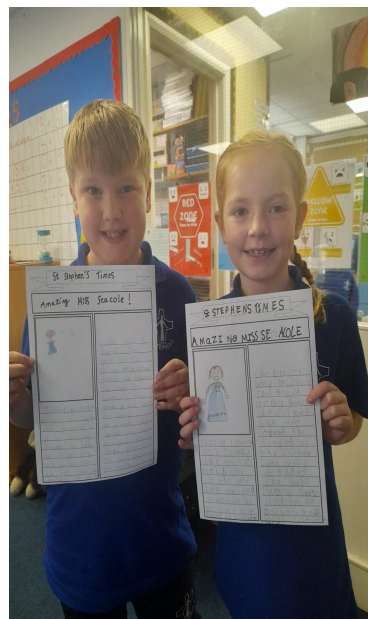
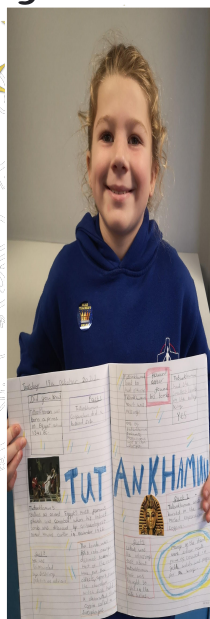
A highlight of the week in Year 6 was our special Mass with our friends in Reception. The children were outstanding role models and showed great compassion towards the younger children. Well done Year 6!

Question: Why did Muhammad Ali not want to be inducted into the army?



THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

It's been another remarkable week!
Here are some photographs to show some
wonderful learning experiences...



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