

Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a restful break. The children have started the new term with great gusto and enthusiasm as ever.

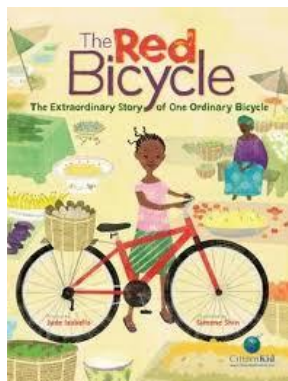


Article of the Half Term - Article 16

Article 16 of the UNCRC makes it clear that children and young people have the **right to privacy**, just like adults do.

This means that:

they have the right to a private family life,
they have the right to a private space where they can go to be alone, even if they're in an institution, and
they have the right to keep their phone calls and emails private.



Storytelling A new term brings a new storytelling book. This term we are sharing *The Red Bicycle* by Jude Isabella and Simone Shin. The main character is a bicycle that starts its life like so many bicycles in North America, being owned and ridden by a young boy. The boy, Leo, treasures his bicycle so much he gives it a name --- Big Red. But eventually Leo outgrows Big Red, and this is where the bicycle's story takes a turn from the everyday, because Leo decides to donate it to an organization that ships bicycles to Africa.

English We have begun our new campaign in support of the children in the inpatients ward at St Peter's Hospital. Just like Leo donated his beloved bicycle to the organisation which sent bikes to Burkina Faso, we are planning to collect toys for the children by running our own campaign. We began by writing to the play specialist, Claire,

at St Peter's asking what kind of toys the hospital would be able to accept. We had a reply yesterday! Next steps will include the children advertising their campaign, sharing it across the school and with our families and working out the logistics of collecting the toys.

We had a great time playing some bike games on the playground. Try them out at home: <https://bikeclub.com/blogs/general/games-to-play-with-kids-bikes>

Points of View We had an interesting topic about driverless cars this week! We thought about how this might impact on people's jobs and also about how safe it would be.

Maths We have been working on capacity this week. We investigated the capacity of different fizzy pop bottles, estimating and measuring in millilitres.



Science Our new topic is *animals Including Humans (Humans to old age)* We thought about the different stages of life from gestation, infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood to old age. We talked about what the changes might look like at stage.

Children Around the World Before we begin our new topic this term, we are finishing our learning about World War 2. This week we learned how women's roles changed drastically once the war began and the impact this had on Britain's ultimate victory. The jobs ranged from land girls and ARP wardens to military positions, transport workers, firefighters and code-breakers to name but a few.

RE We have been looking at how artists express their religious beliefs.

Homework

In Science we are learning about how humans change and develop as they grow older. It would be lovely to see some photos of the children as they have developed since they were born which could then support them in talking about changes in themselves.

Dates for your diary

Monday 22nd April - Holme Farm

Volunteering

1st - 3rd May - Sayers Croft Residential Trip

Monday 6th May - May Bank Holiday (no school)

Monday 13th May - Meath's Got Talent

Friday 24th May - Break up for half term

Friday 14th June - Sports Day

Monday 17th May - Whole school photo

Word of the Week

CAPACITY

