

Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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Reminders:

Letters issued this week: Tudor World Y2, Teaching Arrangements Y1, Pizza Express Y2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir 3.30-4.30pm	HSBC School Bank 8.30-9am Rocksteady Mad Science Y3 Football 3.30-4.30pm Dance 3.30-4.30pm	Drama 3.30-4.30pm Textiles 3.30-4.30pm School Trip to Umberslade - YR	Rocksteady Art 3.30-4.30pm	Achievement Assembly 9.05am

News from the Desk of the Deputy Head

It's been a foggy, cold and icy week but the evenings are definitely starting to get lighter and the Snowdrops have finally made an appearance. I spoke to the children in assembly last week about the Snowdrop, otherwise known as the 'flower of hope'. We likened this to new beginnings and positivity and the children were interested to find out that being positive, hopeful and kind has actually been scientifically proven to help us live longer! In assembly this week, we have thought about how we can each achieve success and the children worked collaboratively to complete a challenge involving a stick and a unicorn! The children have been sharing ideas about how they can be successful in different situations and what success means to different people. Each day at school, I see so many children working as part of a team, taking safe risks, showing perseverance, asking questions, communicating with others and being confident and proud of themselves and these are all keys to success.

The cold weather hasn't hindered Reception children this week as they ventured over to the paddock for their weekly forest school lesson. It's so lovely to see the children wrapped up in their water proofs and wellies – the weather certainly doesn't deter them one bit! I have also seen some rather fabulous tissue paper portraits appearing around the class of a very famous playwright. We spend lots of time talking to the children about their work each day, asking questions and always encouraging them to recall knowledge and skills from previous learning. Thea wowed Mrs Buchanan when she said she knew that William Shakespeare was a famous writer and he died on his birthday! Well done Thea. Year 1 have been exploring different animals from the polar regions this week. They have used iPads to research lots of questions about penguins and are writing some super information fact-files, using the conjunction 'and' to make compound sentences. What a clever lot!

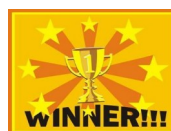
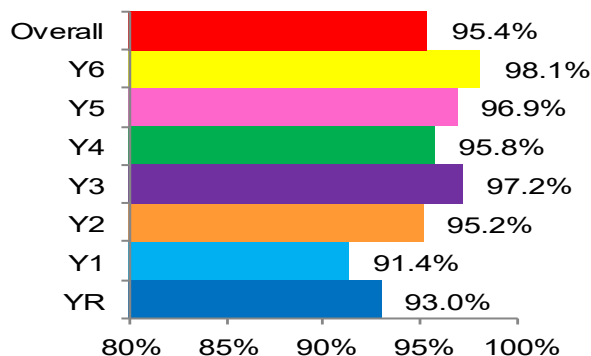
In Year 2, the children are well and truly gripped with their class text A Midsummer Night's Dream and have made some impressive predictions about the story and the characters. They have also had their first exploration of Old Town in our Topic lessons, they looked at terraced houses and explored maps of the town and the school, giving directions using the four compass points. They have also designed their own computer game, recreating the forest from A Midsummer Night's Dream and have written instructions for how to play the game. Year 3 and 4 have been equally busy this week rehearsing and preparing their collaborative amateur dramatics performance with Mr Scarlett, Mr Moss and Miss McDermott. I'm not allowed to give anything away, by orders of Mr Scarlett, but, like a true journalist, I asked for just a snippet of information to keep me content – he said there will definitely be a lot of sport and musical delights! Watch this space. I have had a few visitors from Year 5 pupils this week, armed with their English books. I always love looking through English books and seeing the progression from the start of the year. I was really wowed by what I read - the sophistication and quality of vocabulary in their writing was impressive as they gave quite complex instructions for someone to find their way around a map. The children are once again enthralled with their class text and their enthusiasm comes across so evidently in their written work. Year 6 have been getting very scientific, exploring icebergs this week. I have seen Mrs Euinton busily making icebergs in the staffroom for different investigations in the classroom and the children have had a super time exploring how icebergs are formed and making information fact-file posters all about icebergs. They were able to answer lots of my questions and show an excellent understanding of their learning experiences.

'Who questions much, shall learn much and retain much.'

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Withers

Weekly Attendance by Class



This week's winners of a visit from Desmond the Dragon are Year 6 with 98.1%.

Well Done!

Weekly House Points



Well done - Hall!

Parent Reminder

May we please request that parents do not allow children to bring toys and teddies from home. The children have also been asked by their teachers not to bring these in. We do not have the resources to ensure that toys, etc are kept safe and return home with the correct child each day.

We also have a huge variety of things in school which will keep them entertained and learning!

Year 1

Our theme this term is Winter. In English we have researched where penguins live, what they look like and have created a fact leaflet. The children have been working hard with their describing words, remembering to include lots of adjectives.



In Art we have been researching Antarctica and the penguins that live there.

We have created some paint and chalk masterpieces with penguins and landscapes.



Forest School

In Forest School we have been looking at suitable materials for habitats which links with our Science. We have made bird feeders and have been exploring the grounds for materials, unfortunately there were no penguins today, however we did spot a Robin!



Half Term Clubs

HOLIDAY TECH CLUB
A place for creative kids!
AGES 5-11

BUILD-A-BOT
Building a robot from scratch using LEGO Mindstorms. Children will learn about sensors, motors, and programming.

ART TECH
Creating art using technology. Children will learn about digital art, animation, and sound effects.

MUSIC STUDIO
Learning to play the guitar and sing. Children will learn about music theory, songwriting, and recording.

VR CONTENT CREATION
Creating virtual reality content using Oculus Rift. Children will learn about VR development and storytelling.

ENGINEERING DAY
Designing and building a model bridge. Children will learn about engineering principles and teamwork.

MINECRAFT COMMAND BLOCKS
Creating custom Minecraft worlds using command blocks. Children will learn about game mechanics and coding.

MINECRAFT ADVENTURE MAPS
Creating custom Minecraft adventure maps. Children will learn about map design and storytelling.

MINECRAFT REDSTONE
Building custom Minecraft machines using redstone. Children will learn about logic gates and circuitry.

MINECRAFT FORTNITE MODS
Creating custom Minecraft mods. Children will learn about modding and game development.

MINECRAFT STAR WARS MODS
Creating custom Minecraft mods inspired by Star Wars. Children will learn about modding and game development.

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AGES 5-11
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CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Safeguarding

If your child asks you if they can use or download an application (app), or if you discover an app on their device that you don't recognise, it's worth taking a look on **Common Sense Media** to get an understanding of what the app is all about and answer any concerns you may have.

Importantly, have a look through the reviews online that other parents left as this will often give you a clear idea about whether it is something you want your child to have access to.



Come and join our club at Half Term!

Our MakeLunch Club will provide a free hot meal and some fun-filled activities for you and your children on two days in the Spring half-term holiday. We especially welcome families who find it difficult to manage when there are extra mouths to be fed when the children are not at school.

WEDNESDAY 19TH AND THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY
AT
THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
ROGER STREET
(NEAR THE PLAYHOUSE)

To book a place, text Ann on: 07580 557163



FREE Children's Lunch Club

A lunch club is being put on by the United Reformed Church in Stratford during the February half term - on Wed 19th and Thurs 20th.

This club is completely FREE to attend for families who have school aged children.

Jaguar Land Rover STEM Trip

On Monday 20th January we went on a school trip to Jaguar Land Rover. I was surprised to find out that they don't make cars there at all they only make the engines, then these engines go off to Liverpool for the next part of the process.

We walked around their big factories and saw there were only 20 members of staff but loads of robots doing the work. During the day we were able to use their tools for measuring depths. We were also involved in other measuring experiments for hardness of materials, then we plotted these on graphs. I learnt that engineers work hard to be precise to ensure their engines are top quality. My favourite part of the day was definitely the tour. The day has certainly inspired me to learn more about science.



Reuben C,
Emma H
and
Lucie-Mae W
- Year 5.

