

Thursday 17th June 2021



The Stratford Standard



Highlights from the Executive Head's desk...

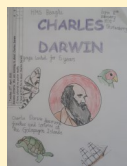
I took the opportunity last night to sit in the garden and just watch the sunset. It was a beautiful sight and one that we often take for granted. We all live in an extremely busy, frantic world and one thing the pandemic should have taught us all is to stop and enjoy nature. If I can give one piece of advice this week it will be this: we have had some disappointing news as restrictions continue to be in place but instead of looking at the negatives find positives in the world we live in. Nature is amazing and sometimes we need to appreciate it. I had a wonderful start to my week when I taught Year 4. As a head teacher you rarely get to teach anymore so it was a rare treat to sit on a Sunday evening and plan my lessons for a Monday morning. I thoroughly enjoyed being with the children and they produced some incredible writing. We studied story starters and discussed how saying them differently makes you consider the book's genre. As the children are learning about oceans and the deep azure, I had found a picture to inspire their writing of a girl with a lantern under the sea. The story starter was 'Follow me' she said! Now depending on how you say this you can make it into a horror story, an adventurous story, a funny story. The children rose to the challenge and demonstrated to me ambitious vocabulary they have at their fingertips and some of their short stories made the hair on my neck rise. I was also impressed with how much they have recalled about oceans and were using this knowledge in their writing referring to The Marina Trench - the deepest trench in our oceans. Remember to take care of yourselves and let's follow the guidance on Covid so we can help reduce transmission.

'This is a wonderful day, I have never seen this one before.' Maya Angelou.

Spotlight in...

HISTORY

Through our teaching of History, we intend that pupils will gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. We aim for History to inspire and stimulate pupils' curiosity about the past and to know more about how History has shaped the current world we live in. We aim

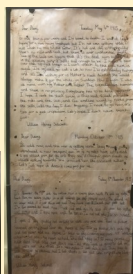
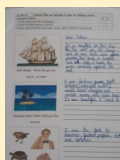


to enable children to ask perceptive questions, think critically, consider evidence and arguments and develop perspective and judgement. Through the History curriculum, we endeavour to teach children to understand the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, together with their own identity and the challenges of their time. Studying the lives of people in the past helps develop empathy and insight. We want children to enjoy and love learning about history by gaining this knowledge and these skills, not just through experiences in the classroom, but also with the use of fieldwork and educational visits to achieve a rich cultural capital throughout the school.

At Stratford-upon-Avon Primary history lessons focus on developing historical skills and children working as historians. History is taught as part of a half-termly topics, with many cross-curricular links for an immersive educational experience, focusing on knowledge and skills stated in the National Curriculum, that are progressive across the school. We intend for our children to have real life experiences and learn about history in an active and creative way. We encourage children to extend their knowledge by undertaking their own research, and by beginning to develop their own explanations and theories. Pupils have a

wide variety of experiences to deepen their understanding and enjoyment of history such as trips to the Heart of England Forest, linked to the Stone Age theme: Tribal Tales in Year 3; and the opportunity, in Year 6 of a visit from a WWI soldier and to experience life in the trenches during World War One.

By the end of their primary education at Stratford upon Avon Primary School, our learners will be able to think like historians: pose and answer questions; understand and use evidence; offer explanations and have a secure sense of chronology. Our pupils will understand the ways in which History has shaped the world they live in and be equipped with historical skills and knowledge that will enable them to be ready for the curriculum at Key Stage 3. They will also have a curiosity in history ready for life as an adult in the wider world.



Our week in pictures:



This week was the start of Enterprise Week with year 3 choosing the hottest week of the year to sell ice pops, as you can imagine, it was a huge success!

Penny Wars was also on this week and the children can't wait to find out who the winning class is! Watch this space!

REMEMBER:

Please send your child in prepared for all weathers!

Friday 18th June - INSET Day

Monday 21st June - World Music Day workshops

Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th June - Year 5 and 6 production

Friday 25th June - Reception school trip

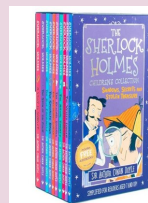
Monday 28th June to Friday 2nd July - Year 6 PGL

Tuesday 29th June - Year R to Year 5 Escape Arts

The school calendar is also available on the school website.

The Reading Nook

EYFS and KS1 KS2 short read KS2 long read



Dream Draw Winners!

1st prize - Rhian Watts

2nd prize - Anna Marinovic

3rd prize - Martin Bedwin

To enter the remaining Dream Draws please message Denise on 07711 768087.

£1 per entry.



ILEAP is a local charity working with children and adults with Additional Needs. ILEAP deliver a fun packed user led programme of activities designed to build confidence, raise self esteem and promote independence. Sessions run throughout term time and during the holidays.

We've been working hard and have planned a safe and exciting programme of sessions for the summer holidays. From days trips, music, sports and cookery to boating, swimming and drama, there's plenty for everyone.

<https://ileap.co.uk/activities/holiday-activities/summer-holidays>

New members are very welcome. If you'd like more information, or would like to chat about what we do, please get in touch.

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Safeguarding corner



Spotlight on our staff



10 Questions with... Miss White



1. What is your role at Stratford Primary?

I am the Year One teacher. I am also in charge of the School Council, am Geography Subject Leader and Educational Visits Co-Ordinator.

2. What made you want to be a teacher?

Being able to develop a child's love of learning inspired me to be a teacher! Developing a child's spark and seeing their curiosity ignite is a wonderful thing.

3. What are you most proud of?

I am most proud of doing a skydive! I am not a fan of heights but challenged myself to skydive when I was in Australia. It was an exhilarating experience and something that I would do again if given the chance.

4. What are your favourite things to do in your spare time?

In my spare time I like to see my friends and family and visit new places. After not being able to socialise in person during Covid it has made me realise how much I value seeing friends and family in person and catching up. I also like to bake and cycle now the weather is warmer!

5. Tell me your funniest joke!

What did the ground say to the earthquake?

You crack me up!



6. What was the last book you read?

The last book that I read is called The Babysitter by Phoebe Morgan. My friends and I started a book club and this is a great book if you like thrillers. It keeps you guessing right until the end.

7. What advice would you give children today to help them prepare for the future?

My advice to children would be to take every opportunity that you can. It can be scary taking chances but trying something new can lead us along a path that you might not have known exists.

8. If you had a magic minibus that could take you anywhere in history where would you go and why?

If I could go anywhere in history I would go to back to when the school was first built. It would be amazing to see what the school was originally like and how much it has changed over the years.

9. Have you got a hidden talent?

I like to bake cakes and sweet treats! My favourite cake to make would be a Victoria sponge with fresh cream and strawberries - you can't beat a classic!

10. Have you got any top tips for parents?

To spend as much quality time as a family as you can. When I think back to my childhood I remember the times we spent together with my mum, dad and sister as well as the time spent with my extended family.

It doesn't have to involve going on expensive days out, it could just be playing a board game or going to the park