

Friday 11th June 2021



The Stratford Standard



Highlights from the Deputy Head's desk...

I hope you all managed to have a restful half term. The children were welcomed back to school this week by glorious sunshine - we have been so fortunate with the weather and it is certainly overdue. None of us can quite believe that we are already in the final half term of the academic year - where has the time gone?!

Well, it has been as busy as ever in school this week. On Tuesday, there were lots of pirates spotted around the school who looked mighty fierce. When I went to investigate further, I found Mrs Slater, Miss Blake and Miss Eustace making pirate pancakes with the children, fishing with nets for different sea creatures, walking the plank, telling pirate jokes and creating lots of pirate inspired imaginative play. What an exciting day! Year 1 and 2 started their new half termly topics this week by visiting the Heart of England Forest. The children had a super day exploring different habitats and took part in a meadow bug hunt and a woodland bug hunt. They then went on an animal hunt, using maps to locate the different woodland animals and developing their orienteering skills. During the morning, whilst listening to their instructions, the children were delighted when a Fallow Deer ventured through the meadow in front of them. It was a rare and spectacular sight! We were so impressed with the children's knowledge and their behaviour throughout the day. Phil and Elaine, our forest leaders, commented on how well the children behaved. They represented the school fantastically.

Mrs. Humphriss and myself visited every class this week to watch a Geography and a History lesson as part of our Deep Dive monitoring. We talked to the children about what they had learnt and enjoyed about Geography and History; looked through the children's books and talked to staff. We were so impressed with the coverage of topics, cross-curricular learning opportunities and the children's subject knowledge - they spoke articulately and confidently about what they have been learning and we were particularly impressed by their use of technical language and recall. The children all clearly enjoy their Geography and History lessons. Next week we are looking forward to repeating our classroom visits to find out more about music and RE in the school.

Have a lovely weekend - it's going to be a hot one!

REMEMBER:

Please send your child in prepared for all weathers!

Monday 14th June - Class Photos (full winter uniform please)

14th to 17th June - FOSP Penny Wars

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

The school calendar is also available on the school website.

Spotlight in... GEOGRAPHY

The intention of the geography curriculum at Stratford upon Avon Primary School is to inspire children's curiosity and interest to explore the world that we live in and its people.

We intend to equip children with geographical skills to develop their knowledge through studying places, people and natural and human environments.

In order to develop children's curiosity about the world we are enthusiastic about geography and encourage the children to explore and ask questions.

Our geography lessons are taught through our half termly topics and they are linked to the topic. When our topic is not geography focussed we recap previous learning.



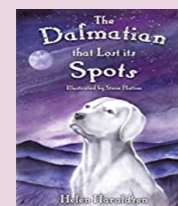
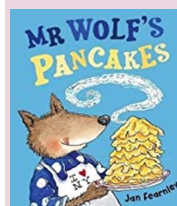
By the end of their primary education at Stratford upon Avon Primary School, our learners will have gained a rich body of geographical knowledge and a wide range of transferable skills, which they can apply to other subjects and contexts.

We measure our impact based on pupils' confidence to ask and explore questions to further their own geographical knowledge and understanding. They will be inquisitive young learners and citizens who choose to understand global environmental issues and seek to make a personal difference in protecting and shaping the world we share.



The Reading Nook

EYFS and KS1 KS2 short read KS2 long read



Dream Draw



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

£1 per entry.

So far, £714.95 has been raised for the school.

Child Safety Week



Here is a link for a pack for parents with safety information and activities:

<https://www.capt.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=d2bf8d2b-7d4d-4f0f-85f4-f8e341d40c6e>

Our week in pictures:

Reception made pirate pancakes, telescopes, built their own ship, drew maps and found treasure! While Year's 1 and 2 visited the Heart of England Forest in the scorching sun!



Safeguarding corner



Spotlight on our staff

10 Questions

with...

Mrs Mingins



1. What is your role at Stratford Primary?

My role at Stratford Primary is varied.

I work 1:1 with a child in KS2, I also supervise KS1 at lunchtimes, both in the hall and the playground.

I also help to keep our school clean and tidy.

2. What made you want to work in a school?

My son had to have extra help at primary school, it made me appreciate how much work is given to children in a school environment and I wanted to give something back and be able to help someone myself.

3. What are you most proud of?

I am most proud of my family, especially my husband for taking on a different career role and my two children.

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

In my spare time, I like to read books, walk, gardening, renovating my house and most importantly spend time with my family.

5. Tell me your funniest joke!

Why did the cow cross the road?

To get to the mooovies!



6. What was the last book you read?

The last book I read was The Hundred and One Dalmations in school and Philip Schofield's biography at home.

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

Just to be yourself, work as hard as you can and just to try your best at anything you may do.

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

If I had a magic minibus, I would like to go back to when my great grandparents were alive to speak to them about what their lives were like and how they dealt with their families.

9. Have you got a hidden talent?

Yes!

I am a qualified chef and lecturer in catering.

Many years ago, I worked in a local hotel and remember children from this school coming along to prepare a banquet for their parents which we all helped them with. We then got invited to sports day over in the Paddock.

10. Have you got any top tips for parents?

Just do your very best and give as much praise as at all possible.