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Primary School
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Staverton CE Primary School Newsletter January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very big thank you for making me feel so very welcome in my first few weeks as Headteacher of Staverton CE Primary School. It has been lovely to meet some of you at the start and the end of the school day and I am really enjoying getting to know all of the children.

We have had an exciting start to the new year in re-naming our classes. Thank you for taking part and for all of your wonderful suggestions. In the end we decided to open it up to the children to decide what they wanted their new classes to be called and we had a vote. The winning class names are:

Class 1 - Poppies

Class 2 - Sunflowers

Class 3 - Roses

Class 4 - Bluebells

Each class is now going to be creative and create a design for their classroom door linked to their flower and I am really looking forward to seeing these in the near future!

Our Value this half term is Perseverance and I have observed our whole school community living this value every day. Poppies have shown real perseverance in their writing and I was amazed to read their work after they were inspired to write after receiving a parcel from The Jolly Postman. Roses are showing perseverance in learning how to play a new instrument and learn new rhythms in their weekly Samba drumming lessons. Well done to Kyle and Sophia who have reaped the rewards of perseverance and achieved their bronze violin medals. Sunflowers and Bluebells have shown perseverance in coping with change whilst their washrooms are being refurbished.

We are using Twitter to share with you all the wonderful things that are happening in our school so please do follow us - @stavertonceprim. We are also updating our website so please do take a look on there too - stavertonceprimary.org.

As mentioned above, we have some building work currently underway at school with new washrooms and toilets being fitted throughout the school. Thank you for your understanding in manoeuvring around deliveries around the external site of our school whilst this is being done.

A new addition to our school is a Reading Hut very kindly made by Mr Reader. In here you will find books that your children can take home and keep. We would welcome donations to replenish the Reading Hut when needed. We do hope this helps to encourage a love of reading and we are very thankful to Mr Reader for making this bespoke Reading Hut for our school.



Please do take a look on the next page for upcoming events. Please do join me in Simon Aston's virtual meeting this Wednesday to help us all to keep children safe online.

With all good wishes,

Mrs Ruth Nelmes
Headteacher

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Dates for the diary:

Ensuring our children are safe online:

Please join us on Thursday 27th January 6pm-7pm for Simon Aston's remote parent session on online safety. This is an excellent opportunity to learn how to keep your children safe online.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://northamptonshire-gov.zoom.us/j/66383890618?pwd=ZXdGM1F6TXRBMTNITHZBU1dJQI9VQT09>

Meeting ID: 663 8389 0618

Passcode: 166642

Simon will be coming to see the children in February to teach them about online safety.

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch:

28th-30th January - count the birds that you see land in your garden or local park and tell the RSPB what you saw.

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Parent's evenings:

Monday 7th February - 3:00pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday 9th February - 5:00pm - 7:00 pm

Northamptonshire's Mental Health Day:

Friday 11th February - This year's theme is 'IT'S THE INSIDE THAT MATTERS'. As part of Northamptonshire's Mental Health Awareness Day, we will be joining other schools in the county to create an artistic installation. The structure will be seven rainbow coloured Perspex boxes filled with feeling from young people and hopefully will be displayed in Northampton Museum (@TalkOutLoud).

School closed Monday 21st February - we will look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 22nd February.

Birthday Corner

Happy Birthday to:
Isla, Tom, Gracie, Ava, Chase &
Elias

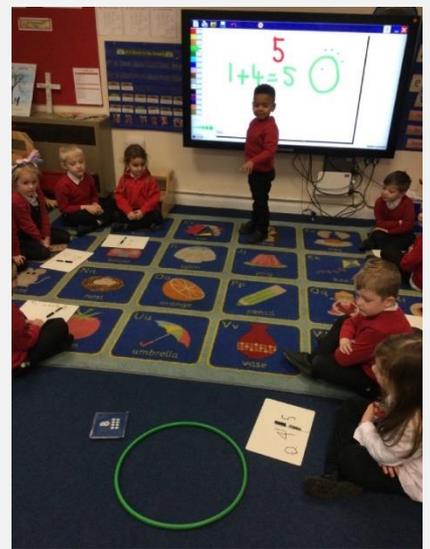


Clubs:

KS1 Multi Sports Club - Monday
KS2 Archery - Tuesday
KS2 Football - Friday

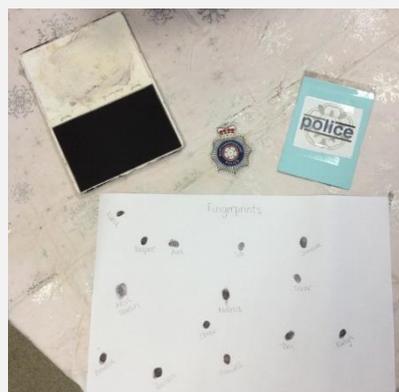
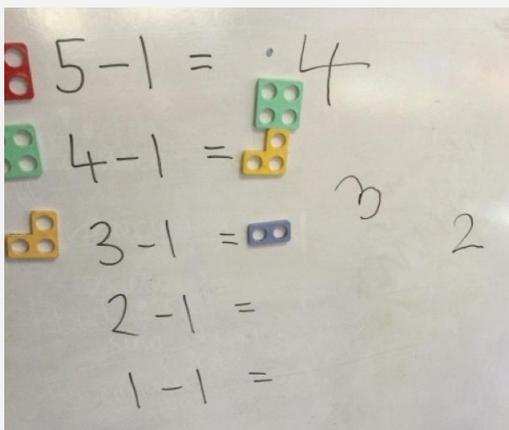
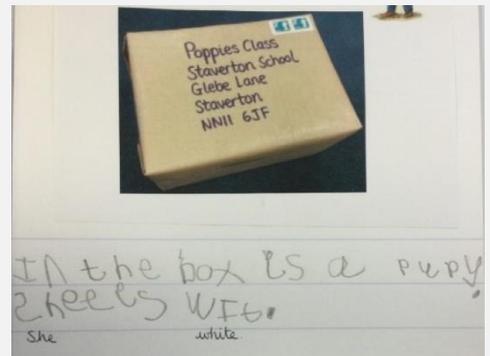
Music:

Piano lessons- Tuesdays
Violin lessons- Wednesdays
Guitar lessons- Fridays
Roses - whole class weekly
Samba lessons



Poppies Class

We are enjoying our topic of 'People who help us' and have had fun finding out about the different jobs people do. Together, we have shared a range of texts as a stimulus for our learning. The children have engaged in role play situations to apply their knowledge. Phonics knowledge is continually improving and the children's writing is developing brilliantly. We have been working hard to develop our understanding of number bonds to 5, recalling these facts with confidence.



Sunflowers January Newsletter

(Class 2)



Our Topic

This half term the children have been learning about toys throughout history. They have been learning about how toys have changed from Victorian times and how they have changed in comparison to toys that their parents or grandparents might have played with. This has already linked into their science topic of every day materials and the properties and suitability of materials used for different toys.

First of all, I would like to reintroduce Class 2 as Sunflowers! After lots of lovely suggestions, each class took a vote for the class names they like the most and we are now known as the Sunflowers. As part of this change, we will be decorating our classroom doors so any creative suggestions for this display would be great as we'd love for the children to be as involved as possible.

I would also like to say thank you to the children for their fantastic return to school following the Christmas break. We have had a few interruptions and they have handled this very well so well done Sunflowers.



Kind request-

The children will be working in groups to build their own toy cars. If you have any materials that could be used for axles such as straws or thin lengths of dowel for the axles, any materials that could be used for wheels or small cardboard boxes for the chassis that would be amazing. Thank you



Roses class



Our topic for this term is Frozen Kingdoms and so we spent immersion week exploring Antarctica and the Arctic...it was so cold! We looked at the vegetation, animal habitats and the weather. In researching different animals, we explored how effective blubber was by using fat to insulate our hands in ice-cold water! In art, we are looking at Inuit artists, and we have produced some fabulous sketches and we are now moving on to using pastels.

We have been looking at spreadsheets in computing. The children have been collecting data and turning it into different charts.

In science, we are learning about states of matter. We have had some really interesting conversations about what sort of items are solids and liquids.



In literacy, we all jumped aboard Earnest Shackleton's ship, Endurance, on our quest to find the South Pole. Unfortunately, we never made it but we did all return safe and well, if not slightly cold, to school. We then used this drama activity to write letters home.

Hinduism is our new topic in RE and we have enjoyed learning more about the Hindu deities, the circle of life and Karma. The children always ask really thoughtful and interesting questions. We are on a mission to find all the answers!

Finally, some of Roses class represented the school at an indoor athletics tournament and were absolutely amazing!





Bluebells Class



This term in Bluebells we have been learning about WW2: exploring why WW2 started, the impact of the war both at home and abroad and how the Battle of Britain was a key turning point in its outcome. As part of our learning Bluebells took part in a WW2 workshop day from Historic Workshops, where they had the opportunity to handle real WW2 artefacts such as ration books, helmets and gas masks, as well as building their first-hand experience of what life might have been like in WW2 by taking part in activities such as WW2 1st aid, how to move 'incendiary devices' to safety and how to put our house fires. A superb time was had by all.





Well done to Oscar who took part in the Irchester Dirt 5km run at the weekend. He ran brilliantly with a 5km personal best across the muddy and hilly course. He came a brilliant 11th runner out of a field of 50. He came home with a lovely medal. This shows real perseverance Oscar - very well done!