

Live

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Love

Live
Our
Values
Everyday

Staverton CE Primary School Newsletter

January 2024

"Above all be loving, this ties everything together perfectly"

Colossians 3:14

Responsibility; Friendship; Honesty; Compassion; Respect; Perseverance

Dear Governors,

Doesn't Christmas feel like a very long time ago!

At the start of this term, we welcomed two new members of staff to our school, Mrs Tuplin, Bluebells' Class Teacher and Mrs Herron, our new Teaching Assistant in Sunflowers'. We also welcomed three new children to our school who have settled in beautifully – welcome to Andreea, Elliot and Mati.

Earlier this month, we welcomed Coram Life Education (the UK's leading charity provider of PSHE education) to our school and the children were very excited to go into the tent in the hall and meet Harold the giraffe! The children learnt how to keep their brains and bodies healthy and left the experience with some important key messages.

This month we have also celebrated World Religion Day to promote understanding of a wide range of religions. We shared with the children how our Vision and Values link to many other religious beliefs.

Our Mental Health Team were in school last week delivering a parent workshop on how to support children's mental health – thank you to everyone who joined us, we really appreciate your time and we hope you found it helpful.

We have also had some renovations done to our school including new LED lighting throughout the school and two new fire doors. In February half term we will be having a new floor laid in the entrance corridor to our school.

Year 5 are heading to the Frontier Centre in Irthlingborough this week to participate in a maths day with many other schools in our Trust.

We have lots of lovely things to look forward to in February including NSPCC Number Day, Mental Health Week, Internet Safety Day and a house pancake race!

Looking forward to seeing you all at Parents Evening,

With all good wishes,
Ruth Nelmes
Headteacher

Music:

Monday

Brass

Tuesday

Guitar lessons

Wednesday

Violin lessons

Thursday

Piano / Keyboard lessons

Dates for the diary:

31 January – Y1/2 Multiskills & Y5 PDET Math's Day!

2 February – NSPCC Number Day

6 February – Internet Safety Day

5 – 9 February – Mental Health Week

13 February – House Pancake Races

26 February – chicks arriving at Staverton!

Parents' Evenings:

12 February 3.30-5.00pm Poppies, Roses, Bluebells

13 February 3.30-5.00pm Sunflowers

14 February 4.30-6.30pm Poppies, Sunflowers, Roses, Bluebells

Values

Our value this half term is

Honesty

We are looking forward to our new Worship Leaders leading Collective Worship this half term.

Clubs:

Monday

New lunchtime TTRockstars and Spelling
Shed club for children in KS2

Years 2,3,4,5,& 6 Archery
(3:15-4:15 - Mr Canning)

Tuesday

Yr2,3,4,5&6 Dodgeball
(3:15-4:15 - Mr Canning)

Wednesday

KS1 & KS2 Gymnastics
(3:15 – 4:15 - GLK Coaching)

Friday

School Choir
(3.15 – 4.15 – Mrs Fox)

**Congratulations
to all the children
who were Stars of
the Week this
month!**

Birthday Corner:

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

Rupert B, Phoebe C, Isabel, Hugo, Connor, Rupert H, Ralph, Oliver, Evelyn



**Give It 100%
to Get 100%**



Attendance Matters

Our attendance is improving – thank you for all of your support!

Following our Mental Health Support Team Parent Workshop last week, some Parents mentioned that their children are struggling with sleep. Please click on the link below for some support with this:

[Place2Be: Parenting Smart: My child has trouble going to sleep](#)



Safety Internet Day – 6th February 2024

As Parents and Carers, we play a crucial role in supporting children to use digital technologies responsibly, respectfully and safely to ensure children's wellbeing and safety in the online world.

Please take a look at the suggested link below from Safety Internet Day where you will find a range of resources to use with your children at home.

[Resources - Safer Internet Day](#)



**Safer
Internet
Day 2024** | **Tuesday
6 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre



Poppies

Poppies have had an exciting term exploring the theme 'frozen planet'. The weather has certainly been in our favour for that!

We've learnt all about animals that live in the South Pole with a particular focus on Penguins and the Oliver Jeffers book 'Lost and Found'. We have explored ways of melting ice and linked this with melting chocolate. Yum!!

We've also helped our local birds this season by making bird feeders using toilet rolls, seeds and peanut butter. They were very popular particularly with two very cheeky squirrels!



This term the children have been put into different phonics groups. It has been an absolute pleasure to see each and everyone of them thrive in their new groups with all children in Reception now writing independently.

In Maths we have started using part whole models to look at making numbers to 5 and this will continue over the next few weeks with numbers to 8.

Sunflowers

We have had a great start to 2024 in Sunflowers' Class! In English, the children have loved reading all about Pete the Badger in our text 'Tidy'. They all produced some amazing writing based on this about how we can keep our school tidy. We have also really been enjoying reading our class book 'Lizzie and Lucky: The Mystery of the Missing Puppies' and cannot wait to find out what happens in the end!

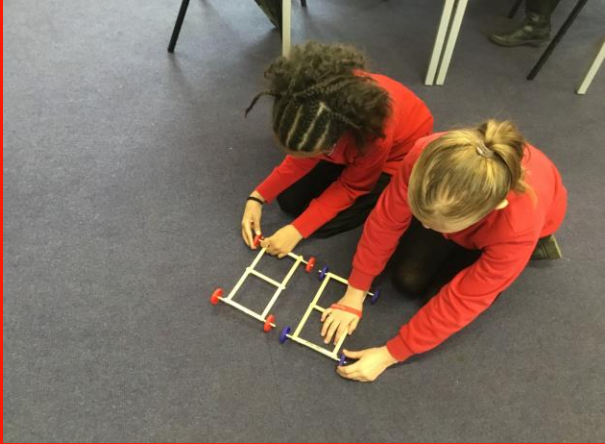
In Maths, the children have been working on their understanding of equal groups, arrays and repeated addition, with the children in Year 2 linking this to multiplication.

Our Geography lessons have continued to focus on the UK with the children looking at some of the key landmarks in Northern Ireland, Wales, England and Scotland. In Science, the children have loved looking at different materials and testing their properties. They especially loved using water to see if materials were waterproof or not!

In DT we have been looking at the structure of a Ferris Wheel and are very excited to build our own soon.



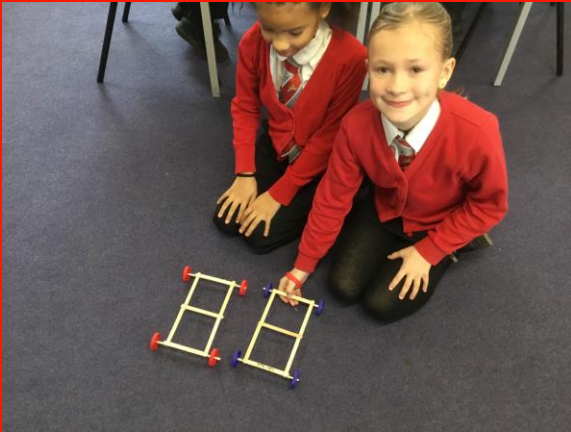
Roses



We have had a super start to the new year, and we have all been working very hard. In English we have written a diary focusing on the text 'Queen of Darkness.' Our class reader this term is 'Podkin one-ear,' which we are very much enjoying. In Maths we have been focusing on multiplication and division.

We have been incredibly busy with our swimming lessons every Wednesday and our Samba drumming on a Thursday. The children are thoroughly enjoying the sessions and are making amazing progress.

In DT this term we are working towards making slingshot cars and in science we are focusing on electricity. Our history focus is The Romans and we have started learning about Boudicca and how the Romans invaded Britain.



Bluebells

In Bluebells class we have had a great start to 2024! We have been getting into our new English Text – Orphans of the Tide by Struan Murray, we are particularly enjoying the mysterious and enthralling events that are taking place in the 'last city in the world'.

We have been having lots of fun completing a range of practical experiments in Science and have investigated;

- How an object's mass affects gravity by dropping paper cups of different weights and seeing which hit the ground first
- How parachutes increase air resistance by giving toy figures a gentler landing
- How streamlining reduces drag in water
- How the surface effects friction and therefore the speed of a car on a ramp



Thank you to everyone who sent in recycling ready for our DT project. The children have worked hard over the last couple of weeks designing their playgrounds and this week we have started to build the structures with the cardboard and other junk modelling items.

Sport at Staverton



Huge congratulations to Rupert who ran in the Northamptonshire Cross Country Championship on the 20th January. Rupert came fourth and he just missed out on a medal, but he is through to the Anglian championships. A huge achievement Rupert and we are all very proud of you.

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