



Nursery

This half term in Nursery our topic has been Space. We have learnt all about what an astronaut does and have looked at the planets in Space. Our topic story was 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. As a class we did lots of fun activities based on this book. We also set our role play area to be a space station where the children could imagine taking a trip to the moon like the bear in the story. This half term also saw a parent workshop where parents or relatives of the children could come in and do some fun activities based around our topic. We made space biscuits, space paintings and lots more. This half term also saw the first topic day where we had a day full of space fun. Children dressed up as something related to space. They looked fabulous! We cannot wait for our next topic day in January where our topic is Food!



Reception

The children in Reception have had a successful half term. Children's learning has been focused on our current topic- Winter Celebrations. With this, children have learnt about Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas. Children have learnt the meaning of Christmas, the importance of Christmas to Christians and how Christmas is celebrated all around the world. The Christmas Play Performance is an excellent example of how children have learnt about the story of Christmas. In addition, a visit to St Andrews Church secured children's understanding and curiosity of the true meaning of Christmas.

In Literacy children have made great progress in terms of their reading and writing, with many children now reading age-appropriate books confidently. In Maths, children have been learning all about number and now show a deeper understanding of how we can manipulate numbers to solve problems.



Year 1

Our topic this term has been Toys. We had a great Topic Day where the children dressed up as various toys from Barbie, Woody, Spiderman and many more. During the day children got creative making a Victorian toy – A cup and Ball and printed with toys. To link with our English work on Non-Fiction books we took a trip to the local library where we listened to stories and chose our own book to borrow and bring back to school.

This half term also saw a Phonics Workshop for parents. Thank you to those parents who came along and joined in with their children's learning. The workshop gave parents an insight into how their children learn to read and write through the teaching of Phonics.

We are looking forward to our next topic day in January where our new Topic is called Poles Apart.



Year 2

This half term, Year 2 have continued learning all about The Great Fire of London. We had lots of fun on our topic day making tea light holders out of clay, building 3D timber framed houses and making our own quills. We have also explored The Great Fire of London artefacts from the library, dressing up in clothes from that time period and looking at props such as leather buckets. In November, we visited Avoncroft museum where we looked at timber framed houses and got messy making wattle and daub frames. We really enjoyed making our own miniature bricks using clay.

In forest school this term we have looked at different materials and built structures such as bridges and ramps, testing how we could make them stronger and investigating the different materials we could use.

Thank you, Year 2, for a fabulous Autumn Term!



Year 3/4

This half term the children enjoyed their class trip to Cadbury World. The children were given a talk about the coco bean's journey from the rainforest to the shop as well as taste testing some melted chocolate!

In English we have been learning how to use speech punctuation. We used our new knowledge to write newspaper reports telling readers all about our trip to the chocolate factory.



Year 4/5

We had our trip to Enginuity where we learnt the processes of key engineering designs including bridges and dams. We performed our class assembly to parents where everybody got to contribute with different learning elements that meant a lot to themselves. In PE the children have trained as play leaders and handled many sessions with the younger children within school. This maturity is my favourite to see as their teacher – especially considering this is normally for year 6s. Learning in writing has focused on many important SPAG features. These are crucial to upskill their fun, creative plots to the very best possible stories. We have also had great progress in our Maths this half term with children able to use the 'inverse operation' to mark their own calculations.



Year 6

The children in year 6 have finished our topic of WW1, we then made posters consolidating all our knowledge.

During our guided reading lessons, we have based them around a theme every week and have covered civil rights, autism and diet and excursive.

Art lessons have consisted of looking into different artists, including David Hockney, Paula Rego and Lubaina Himid.

Recently the children have been studying the work of Charles Dickens and specifically looking into the character of Scrooge. Taking what we have learnt the children are then writing their own character descriptions.

The children have worked hard preparing for the assessments and every child in the class has made progress from the start of the term so everyone should be very proud of themselves.



Family Learning

This half term 'Family Learning' welcomed Reception and Year 1 parents into school each week to participate in a Festive Craft session. It was a great success and gave parents a chance to work with and support their child at school with fun learning activities. Next half term Family Learning sessions will continue, but next time with a different focus. Look out for more information on that coming soon.

If you would like to book a place on the upcoming courses we have available, please contact the office for more information.





All children have enjoyed their visit to St Andrew's Church this festive period.



Well done to Miss Huffer and her team for the delicious Christmas lunch. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all children and staff.

A huge thankyou to all parents and friends of Stokesay school and to Kelly Jones for organising. We raised an amazing amount of £1124.79. This money will be used to buy resources for all children. Also a thank you to Wendy Morris, who has made 'reindeer food' for all children.

Return to school

We wish you a safe and happy Christmas break. We will see you all in the new year on

Wednesday 4th January 2023

