



Nursery

To kick start our topic this half term we had another very successful topic day. The children looked great dressed up as different foods! They had the opportunity to do lots of activities related to food. In this topic the children have learnt all about Healthy Eating focusing on what foods we should eat a lot of and foods we should only eat a little of. Children have also learnt about handwashing, why we should wash our hands, and how to wash them correctly. In 'Cooking Tuesdays' children have helped make a variety of foods, from fruit salad to soup to making their own pizzas. Children have thoroughly enjoyed helping make these items of foods and then enjoyed eating them at snack time. After half term our topic will be changing to Spring and Weather.



Reception

This half term's topic has been The Gingerbread Man. Children's learning across the curriculum has been focused on the traditional story. Children can now act out a story map for the story. This has supported children's writing. Children have learnt songs and rhymes related to the story. Children have got creative, working with a friend to create a gingerbread man collage. We also took a trip to Tuffins this half term to purchase ingredients to make a gingerbread man. Everybody made and decorated a gingerbread man. Following on from this, children had a go at writing some instructional sentences. Take a look at what we have been up to!



Year 1

Year 1 have had a fabulous start to their topic 'Poles Apart' with a topic day. We had a special visit from an Emperor Penguin and a letter asking us to look after him by finding out all about Penguins. The children got to experience what it was like to trek through Antarctica, investigated the quickest way to melt ice and drew some fabulous artwork. The children also made penguins which linked to our English, writing a set of instructions. They then went on to make their own information books about Penguins. In our Forest school sessions Year 1 have been exploring Art, learning about the primary colours and which primary colours mix to make secondary colours. They also created different shades of green and matched them against a colour chart. We've had a busy but fantastic first half term.



Year 2

We have had a wonderful half term in Year 2 introducing our topic, India. We kick started our Indian topic by 'flying' to India on our topic day, drawing Indian animals and participating in yoga. Altogether we have also enjoyed creating a class information book about India, using atlases, non-fiction books and the school tablets to research the topic. In English, we are now writing a recipe on 'how to make naan bread'. We had great fun making our own naan breads in class. This has also linked to our design and technology where we have been food tasting, designing and making our own healthy wraps. In science this term, we have been learning all about animals including humans. This has included us looking at what we need to survive, having a healthy diet and how exercise affects our body.

What a great start to our Spring term. Well done Year 2!



Year 3/4

This half-term the children have been learning all about 'The Tempest', a play by William Shakespeare. They have written; poems inspired by his work; non-chronological reports about his life; and their own version of his script. During topic day they learnt about Tudor and Stuart history to provide a backdrop to Shakespeare's life, creating beautiful portraits of the monarchs.

In RE the children have explored Christianity, investigating Jesus' life through artwork and discussion. They have learnt about Christian festivals, places of worship, and main beliefs. They painted rocks with Christian symbols to solidify learning.

In Science we have been investigating sound, including how the ear hears, how to change volume and pitch, and how to absorb sound. We were joined by the Teacher of the Deaf who introduced the children to the inner ear and they acted out how sound travels from the air to the brain.



Year 4/5

This has been an exciting start to the new year.

Class 4/5 had a fun Mayan themed day, making piñatas and building pyramid models. In science we have built and tested boats to discuss and compare forces' impact on the different shapes, size and weights of boats.

In cooking, we have made Mexican tortias and year 4 have received their road safety certificates for their maturity when traveling around Craven Arms.



Year 6

This half term has been a jam packed one.

A big focus this half term has been on revising calculations in Maths

For our Literacy and history topic we have learnt all about people who inspire us and then finished with writing a biography on an inspirational figure. We have also learnt about the changing role of women throughout history and how their rights have changed. As always you can read your child's work on their SharePoint; ask your child to log in so you can read it.

The children have been making their own waistcoats as part of our DT project. They designed, made and then evaluated the product. We are very proud of the end product.

In Science, we have been learning all about space. The children have made models of the solar system, we learnt about the moon and how shadows are affected during the day



Family Learning

Family learning provide FREE courses for you and your child to do together. They cover a range of subjects and offer a lots of different activities. This course was to build a story sack. Parents worked together with their children to plan a story and create their own characters.



Goblin Car Challenge

Jim Halcro-Johnston, the chair of South Shropshire Engineering Ambassadors has challenged a selection of Stokesay students to work together to assemble a Greenpower Goblin car. The end aim is for the children to be able to race the car they have built once it has been assembled.

The children are already showing great team work as the beginning stages. They have had to show perseverance and craftsmanship.



World Book day celebrations

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March, we would love it if your child come dressed as their favourite book character and bring in their favourite book from home. Please feel under no obligation to spend loads of money buying a costume, there are simple, cost free, costumes you can do .

Special Menu for Thursday 2nd March

Popeye Spinach and Chicken Curry.
Dragons Love Taco's. (Vegetarian available)
Hungry Caterpillar Fruit Salad
Betty Bunny Loves Chocolate Cake



Outstanding Arrears

A polite reminder to ensure that all payments are up to date. Payments can be made via the Edupsot app. If you have any problems, card payments can be made in the office.

All outstanding arrears are being closely monitored.

Have a safe half term break and we will see you back at school on **Monday 27th February.**