

Stokesay Newsletter - Spring 26

Main Blurb:

The Spring term has been a vibrant and productive one at Stokesay Primary School, with pupils benefiting from a wide range of learning experiences both in and beyond the classroom. Across the school, children continue to demonstrate our core values of responsibility, teamwork, determination, honesty, respect and community, which underpin the positive culture we are proud of at Stokesay.

Alongside their daily learning, pupils have enjoyed a number of memorable enrichment opportunities. Our Year 6 pupils recently visited the Pioneer Centre, where they took part in a residential experience that encouraged teamwork, resilience and independence. Pupils in Year 5 also enjoyed a visit to the Centre for Alternative Technology, where they explored ideas around sustainability and environmental responsibility, linking their learning to real-world challenges. Creativity has also been celebrated this term through our Spring Photography Competition, where pupils have been encouraged to capture the colour and energy of the season. The entries we have received so far have been fantastic and it has been wonderful to see pupils' creativity shine.

Across classrooms, staff continue to be impressed by pupils' positive attitudes towards learning. Children approach their work with enthusiasm, show pride in their achievements and support one another to succeed. This strong culture of respect, effort and curiosity continues to ensure that Stokesay remains a happy and purposeful place to learn.

Thank you to all for your continued support this term. We look forward to sharing many more successes as we move into the summer term.

Mr. Vaughan

Head of School

Nursery



This term, the children in Nursery have been looking at Minibeasts/Spring. We were lucky enough to have a litter of puppies and chicks visit us! The children really enjoyed learning about life cycles and learning how to handle small and young animals. After Easter, we will be watching what happens to caterpillars to further support our learning.

Children have also really enjoyed taking part in Forest School every Friday morning. The children have experienced campfires and cooking popcorn, and toasting marshmallows! Children have developed skills such as knot tying and shelter building, showing lots of teamwork and determination!

We also held a very special Afternoon Tea for Mother's Day! Children helped make bouquets of flowers and gifts for the special people in their lives. Children and parents got to spend the afternoon eating cake and drinking tea whilst having a chat and taking part in some Mother's Day activities.

After the holiday children will be looking at the topic of 'Animals' and 'Adventure'. Have a lovely break everyone!

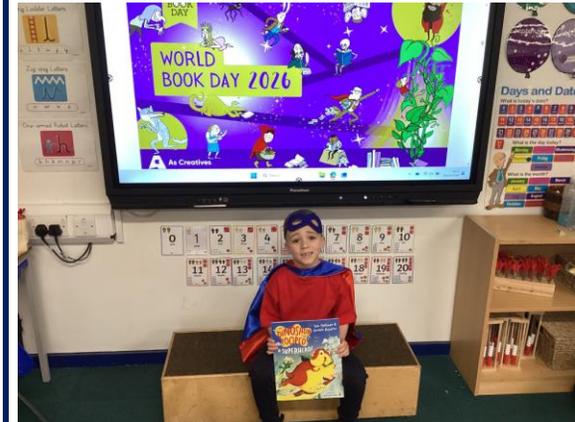
Reception



This term, Reception have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the topics of Farming and Spring. Throughout these topics, the children have developed an understanding of animals and their young, brought to life through some very special visits from chicks and puppies. Forest School with Mr. Lockley has been a particular highlight this term! The children have loved exploring the outdoors, building confidence and teamwork skills as they participated in adventure activities, prepared the planting beds, and even enjoyed making popcorn and toasting marshmallows over the fire. Reception have also enjoyed Mother's Day celebrations with a special afternoon in school. The children spent time making their own bouquets and cards before enjoying cakes and taking part in a range of activities with their grown-ups.

After the holidays, our topics will be 'Plants' and 'The World'. I hope you all have a lovely break.

Year 1



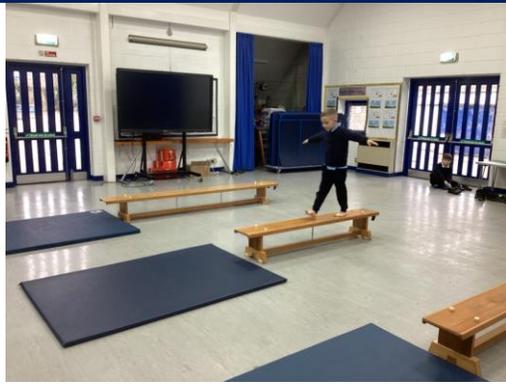
Year 1 have had a wonderful spring term exploring our exciting topics; How have toys changed? and What is the weather like in the UK? The children loved looking at and playing with old toys, and our visit to Blists Hill Victorian Town brought history to life as we discovered what toys were like in the past.

We have also enjoyed observing the ever-changing British weather, learning about seasons, and spotting signs of spring. Our weekly Forest School sessions have been a highlight, giving children the chance to explore nature, build confidence, and develop teamwork skills outdoors.

The spring term has also seen us hold a topic day based on our topic of toys and celebrate world book day. The children enjoyed sharing their favourite books with the class. Two very enjoyable days.

We are so proud of all the children's enthusiasm and curiosity this term! Enjoy the Easter break.

Year 2



Year 2 have had a jam-packed Spring term exploring 'Our Wonderful World'. In Topic lessons we have been locating natural and human landmarks from around the world and placing them on a map. To support our geographical lessons, in Literacy, we have been reading 'Lots: The Diversity of Life on Earth', looking at the importance of looking after endangered species. In PE we have been developing gymnastics skills. We had puppy and chick visitors to the classroom to understand how Spring is emerging. To celebrate Eid-al-Fitr, Year 2 made a Mosque craft, practising their cutting and assembling skills.

Year 3/4



This term in Year 3/4 the children have worked within the topic of the ancient Egyptians, from dressing up for topic day, making our own papyrus scrolls and designing and sewing Egyptian collars.

The children have had many sporting opportunities this term including, football, dodgeball and tag rugby. The tag rugby festival at Ludlow Rugby Club was a particular favourite with all the children getting stuck in and having a great morning of sport.

In our latest half term, we have started Forest School with Mr Lockley. The children have cooked marshmallows and popcorn over the fire, lots of digging and various teambuilding activities.

We were very grateful to all the parents that were able to come to our multiplication workshop. It was lovely to see everyone engaging with the activities and games and even more pleasing to hear on parent's evening that this continued at home for so many.

Year 5



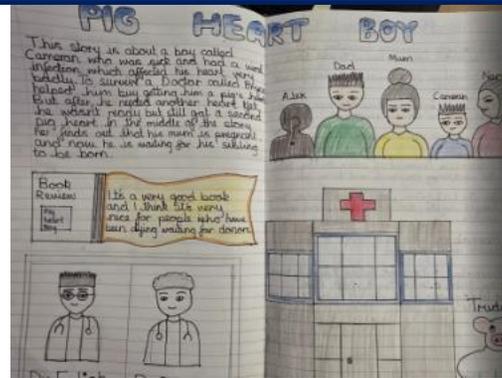
This term, Year 5 have worked incredibly hard and shown great enthusiasm across all areas of the curriculum. In our topic work, we explored the Victorian census, learning about how people lived and worked in the past. We have now moved on to our Geography topic on where our energy comes from, which has included an exciting and engaging trip to the Centre for Alternative Technology.

In Science, the children have been investigating forces, carrying out a range of experiments to explore air resistance, water resistance and friction. They have developed their ability to make predictions and explain their findings using scientific vocabulary.

The children have also shown great creativity through their installation art, using recycled materials to create thoughtful and imaginative pieces.

It has been a fantastic term, with lots of hard work, curiosity and creativity. The children should be very proud of everything they have achieved.

Year 6



This term the children have been working really hard in all their lessons. We finished the novel 'Pig Heart Boy' which brought around a lot of ethical discussions. We are now studying the beautiful picture book 'The Barnabus Project.' We will culminate our learning with the children writing their own adventure stories. In Maths we have studied shape, space and measure as well as revising for our SATs in May.

The residential was amazing and all children pushed themselves out of their comfort zone. We had such a good week. The children have written some fantastic diary entries. Other events have included a day of orienteering in Cardingmill Valley - where teamwork was vital for them to succeed. We are delighted that Team 1 (Sam, Aroosh, Abbie and Dafydd) got through to the next stage. The Y6 girls went to Athletics and the Y6 footballers went to their tournament and had a great day despite the results.

Extra News & Celebrations

Get creative! Get inspired!

Celebrate Easter with crafts and the best story ever!



Join us at Laila's Café, Craven Arms for Easter Crafts, and the Easter Story.

All ages are welcome.

Thursday 2nd April 3.30 to 5pm.

Craven Arms
Churches



Stokesay Church Easter Saturday

**Family Easter gathering
and big egg hunt.**



Join us at **St John the Baptist Church, Stokesay** as we celebrate Easter with a big egg hunt and the Easter Story.

All ages are welcome.

Saturday 4th April 2.30 to 3.30pm

