



NEWSLETTER

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Motivate Educate Nurture



This term, we were delighted to have a visit from author Ross Montgomery who enthralled the children with his passionate storytelling. I think quite a few have already ordered his new book! A huge thank you to Mrs Anderson for arranging this amazing opportunity.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Summer Music Concert this week, the progress the children have made, and the range of instruments was incredible. I have to say one of my highlights was the choir's rendition of 'supercalifragilisticexpialidocious' - I think we were all smiling by the end.

As we move into the last half term of this academic year, please apply sun cream before school and remember to bring a sun hat. The final half term is incredibly busy so please keep an eye on weekly reminders.

Have a lovely and well deserved half term break and I look forward to sharing the last half of the summer term with you and your children.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Matthews

Head of School

Next term's value



SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT

What incredible performances our children gave at our Summer Music Concert. From a brave first performance from our youngest pianist, a 60th anniversary celebration of Mary Poppins, to banging beats on the drums, there really was something for everyone! A huge congratulations to all pupils and thank you to our amazing team of music teachers. **To watch the highlights click [here](#)**



House Points

HOUSE	ASH	BIRCH	OAK
TERM 5	395	370	394
OVERALL	1744	1745	1801

Forest School

This term Year 2 have enjoyed spending time at Forest School. Inspired by Amazon's Victorians Topic, the children have engaged in some Victorian games, including Pass the Ring, Sardines and Pick up Sticks and they have also made their own Victorian toys. They decorated both sides of a tree cookie and then made two holes in the centre, using a hand drill and then threaded wool through both sides to create a wooden spinner. The children also made quoits from willow branches and we held a friendly competition! Some of the children also chose to practice some weaving – using sticks and square lashing to create a frame; then using ribbon, grasses and flowers to weave, with beautiful results.



Hi everyone, I can't believe how short this term was! Thank you to everyone who took part in the Break the Rules Day today - it's always such a popular one with the children. Hopefully you read my email about the fact myself and Simon are stepping down as Chair and Treasurer of FOSS in September. FOSS needs a new Chair and Treasurer to continue to support as we are a registered charity, so please don't forget to consider whether this could be you. If you want to find out more, there's no time like the present! We haven't had anyone come forward so far so please do drop us an email using foss@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk

Here's a reminder of some dates and FOSS events coming up next term, so do get these in your diaries now:

FOSS Summer Raffle - this will be our big fundraiser for next term. Look out for info on how you can buy your tickets starting the first week back. Raffle will be drawn on 21st June (Sports Day)

Friday 7th June - Secondhand toys/games and uniform sale in school hall from 3pm. Please bring in donations for both in the first week back. We welcome toys, games and puzzles in good condition, and please remove names from the uniform if you can.

Friday 21st June - Sport's Day - we have booked Mark again with his Really Awesome Coffee Van so do support him as he has kindly agreed that 15% of his profits will be donated to FOSS. He sells a huge variety of hot and cold drinks, so there is definitely something for everyone and for all weather conditions! We will be selling raffle tickets throughout the day, and the draw will happen at the end of Sports Day.

Thank you so much for your support so far this year and hope to see you at our next events!

Best wishes
Yvonne Cole
Chair of FOSS.

If you would like to join the Parents What App group
Please contact Yvonne to be added.

Sporting Update

On Wednesday we travelled to the University of Sussex for the regional lacrosse tournament. It was an amazing day and a super opportunity to play lots of other teams in some very fast paced games. There were lots of goals scored and the team are so excited to have qualified for the Nationals in Birmingham next month.

Thank you to the parents who were able to come and support and to our lacrosse coach Mr Roberts for his constant encouragement.

To watch some great goal scoring click [here](#).



Year 5&6 cricket competition

On Friday 17th May year 5 & 6s went to a cricket competition for the whole of North Wiltshire.

We took 2 teams team A and B a mix of both girls and boys from the different years. We left early in the morning and came back just before home time which meant we each got to play a few games. Team A did well because we managed to get to the quarterfinals and even though we lost a couple of close games we managed to win 2. Team B on the other hand did really well and they got to the finals.

It was so much fun and everybody enjoyed it even though it was a really hot day. We all persevered and did our best, that's all that matters. We are all going to be really sad because that was our last cricket match as a year 5 and 6 team before the year 6s leave for secondary. But we know loads of year 6s will want to do cricket in secondary we both want to, and we know the new Year 6s and year 5s will step up and try to get to the county finals next year!

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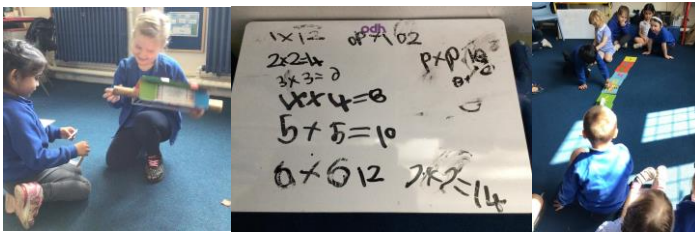
Darling Term 5,

We have had a fantastic term in Darling Class. Here are a few of our highlights...

We started our term with an amazing trip to The Wild Project in Bristol, where the children took part in an African Safari workshop and got to see some amazing animals – even the red panda came out to say hello! The trip inspired the creation of a class book, with each child choosing their favourite animal from the zoo to create a fact file and picture.



In Forest School the children have been enjoying the warmer weather and exploring the wildlife that is around them. The children have been pond dipping for the first time and there was great excitement as not one, no two, not three, but four newts were gently caught!



In maths Reception have been applying their knowledge of numbers to find the number that is one more and one less. We have also worked on doubling and halving and some of the children even created their own doubling and halving machines! As well as their own maths activities, Nursery have been joining Reception in our NCETM maths this term, demonstrating their subitising skills and number knowledge.

The children had great fun baking animal cupcakes with their buddies from Rhine Class and playing some games with them outside while the cakes baked...



One of the brilliant aspects of Early Years is the opportunity for children to bring their own experiences into their play; whether it be their inside out knowledge of helicopters, a visit to Macdonalds, or getting a new pet. As children come to school with their own unique experiences, these rich play opportunities extend the vocabulary and learning of others.



Amazon Class- Term 5, A Day in the Life of a Victorian Child

During Term 5, Amazon Class have taken a step back in time to explore the Victorian era. We started our learning adventures by visiting Sevington Victorian School, becoming Victorian children for the day. We experienced an authentic Victorian school day and compared this experience to what school is like now. There were quite a lot of differences! We used this experience to immerse ourselves in writing and Victorian portraits artwork. This term we have also learnt about the contrast between families who were wealthy and families who didn't have very much. We have learnt about the different jobs Victorian children were expected to do, learning about the dangers of being a



chimney sweep, coal miner and factory worker. We couldn't believe that some children started work as young as five! Using our skills of oracy, with a particular focus on how to effectively agree and disagree with others, we debated whether we would prefer to attend school or work as a Victorian child.

In DT we have been learning about how toys have changed over time, thinking about our favourite toys today and those played with by Victorian children. We learnt about the limited materials available, making and testing the enjoyment from the classic cup and ball toy, before then designing and making our own pop-up puppets.



In English, we have really enjoyed exploring genre of mystery writing this term. The wordless picture 'Tuesday' fascinated the children with its quirky and mysterious storyline, inspiring us to become detectives and finally news reporters writing formal newspaper reports about the peculiar events. We then compared three mystery books, thinking about the features and vocabulary commonly found in this genre, before planning and writing our very own varied mystery stories.

Ukulele and PE have also been thoroughly enjoyed by the children this term- being guided by Mr Dunn's fantastic musical talents and learning a range of different chords and rhythms, whilst getting ready for Sports Day and sampling tennis with Miss Hyde as the weather starts to improve.



In Science this term, we have been exploring the senses and human body.

The children have been experimenting at removing their senses, trying to find the salt and sugar without tasting, identify a satsuma amongst other fruit without looking, discover which fabric is rough without touching, pick out who is saying 'lemons' without hearing and locate the vinegar water without smelling! They have now created their own experiments, including identifying which liquid is cola and which is lemonade once black food colouring is mixed in, naming different fruit juices by taste and using



multiple senses to find the strawberry in a bag. A super start to the summer term in Amazon Class! **Please visit our blog to find out more about the exciting things we have been learning about during the term 5: [Amazon Class Blog](#).**

Rhine Class Term 5, Explorers

Another busy term comes to an end in Rhine class and we look forward to finishing off the school year on a high next term!

Our topic lessons have been full of learning about the ancient Greeks during these lessons we have learnt about the Greek language, everyday life for a Greek citizen, Greek geography and its proximity to other civilizations such as the Egyptians, Persians and Romans. We have studied the differences in cultures between the two city states of Athens and Sparta, learnt about the birth of democracy and finally compared the Ancient Greeks to the Ancient Britons to see who was more advanced.

In art we studied Greek pottery, learning about the different shapes, purposes and patterns. They then used this to inspire their own designs whilst developing their pottery techniques.



Science lessons have been focused on learning about plants. We have studied the different parts of plants and the roles each part plays. We have carried out experiments to explore the things that plants need to survive making predictions, observations and recording our results. We have also explored how plants reproduce, as well as the different stages of the life cycle of a plant.

Y5&6 gave some very passionate speeches on a topic of their choice – we had such an amazing range of topics from why we should pole fish rather than net fish, save the red squirrel and stop Lime Down.

Y3&4 Have been using 'How to Live Forever' as their main writing stimulus. They have written many types of short burst writing in response to the events in the text before drafting a prequel to the story with a focus on complex sentences, using effective adverbs and proof reading to add punctuation. Mr Penguin has been used to work on our reading skills such as retrieval, prediction, inference, vocabulary building and general comprehension.



Computing lessons have looked at gathering data using Google Forms. The children have worked in pairs to create questionnaires with different types of questions on such diverse topics as pugs, chocolate, Minecraft, Pokemon and even cheesy rice!

Please visit our blog to find out more about the exciting things we have been learning about during the term:
[Rhine Class Blog.](#)