



The Good News Newsletter

Let's Count! census 2021

On the week beginning the 8th of February 2021 we will be taking part in the Let's Count Census learning programme, which aims to teach the children why the census is so important.

The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. This helps to plan and fund public services in your area. The next census is taking place on Sunday 21st March 2021.

More information about filling the census questionnaire can be found here: <https://census.gov.uk/>

Shine Bright, Wear Bright

On Friday 5th February we are supporting CHUMS charity in their Shine Bright, Wear Bright campaign. CHUMS is fantastic charity who are a Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Service for Children and Young People.

We would usually hold a mufti day and ask for a £1 donation and although we are not all together this year we are still asking that our children both in school and at home wear bright clothes for their live sessions with their teachers and also for celebrations assembly in the afternoon.

Next week we will be acknowledging Children's Mental Health Week, your child's planning grid will have some activities to support you and your family's mental wellbeing. Don't forget to send in your photos via Seesaw so we can see what you have been up to.

If you would like to make a donation please use the below link: <http://chums.uk.com/donate/>

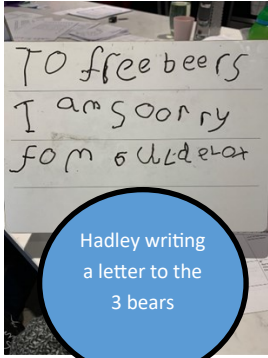


This week one of our parents who works at Lister Hospital has approached us as she is part of the 'How are you doing?' team supporting staff with their mental health and wellbeing during the Covid-19 pandemic. We have been asked if the children at Stondon Lower would like to support the staff at Lister Hospital by creating some 'Thank you NHS' posters and cards for the staff to read and to keep their spirits high during this incredibly difficult time. If your family would like to create a poster and send it in to Lister Hospital I know that they would be extremely grateful as they are currently running a bit short. If you would like to create a poster for the staff at Lister who I know would really appreciate it please send it directly to them at: **East and North Hertfordshire Hospitals Charity, Lister Hospital, Coreys Mill Lane, Stevenage, SG1 4AB**

Robin Class News

Robins both at home and school have had exciting, busy weeks after the holidays. Our stories were 'Owl Babies' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Some Robins made a story sack which contains all the props in the story such as character puppets, porridge bowls, chairs and beds. They then enjoyed acting out the story. Some Robins used expressive tone of voices which made their story much more interesting and exciting. They also learnt about fiction and non-fiction books. Robins researched information and created their own non-fiction book about owls. There have been lots of art and craft activities as well, such as owl craft, owl painting and creating story props. In Maths, Robins have learnt about different ways to represent numbers from 6 to 10. All Robins are now very confident about using a ten frame and say the number of objects on the ten frame without counting them! During the live lesson on Monday, many Robins talked about what they had done in the snow on Sunday. Robins at school enjoyed the remaining snow until Tuesday. From next week Robins will be introduced to 'The Magic Paintbrush' and will learn about comparing groups up to 10.

I am very pleased that our live lessons are going well and many Robins appear to enjoy them. Many parents made positive comments on our live lessons and also mentioned that the children look forward to joining the lesson every day. I do not think that it would have been possible without fantastic support from all the parents and carers. Thank you so much for all your hard work.



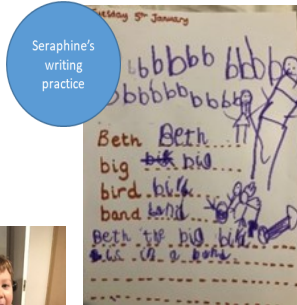
Hadley writing a letter to the 3 bears



Lucca and his mum created their visual timetable.



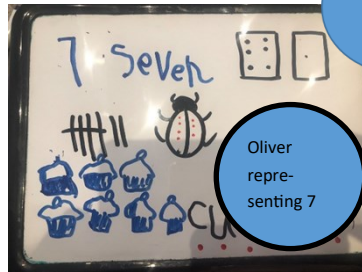
Hendrix's yoga session



Seraphine's writing practice



Lois created her own story using a story map



Oliver representing 7



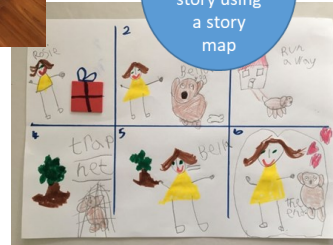
Sorting cakes and biscuits into 2 groups



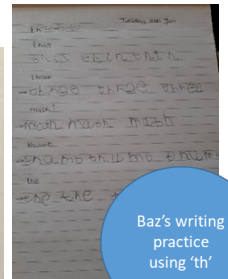
Bobby's bubble wrap painting



Baking a delicious cake!



Lois created her own story using a story map



Baz's writing practice using 'th'

Puffins Class News

Dear Puffins,

It is so lovely seeing and talking to you during our live lessons. The pupils in the class love these sessions too.

During these past few weeks, as you know, we have been really busy. We have been learning numbers to 50 and we have been practising giving and discussing opinions in English. We have also worked really hard at writing sentences using our spelling words and making sure to use conjunctions, capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. In Science, we have looked at the weather and how animals and humans adapt in the cold weather. We have also learnt that people didn't use the same kind of toys we are using now and to compare them in terms of materials and durability. Next week, we are going to compare and order numbers within 50 and we are going to write about a discussion using a neutral tone.



Optical illusions



Snowball fights!



A season in playdough



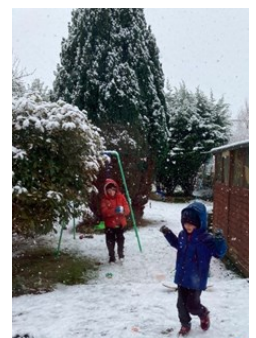
Stained glass window



Phoebe's spellings practice



A chair of ice!



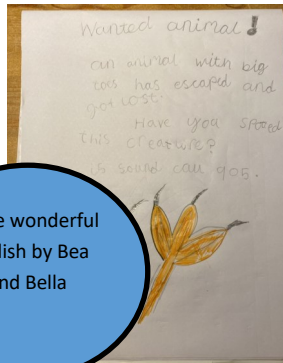
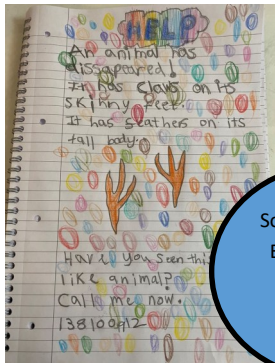
Kestrel Class News

Since the start of lockdown, all of the Kestrel's have been working hard, both in school and at home! In maths, we have continued to look at multiplication and have started our new topic of division. The children at home have been very creative with their use of manipulatives, from the use of Lego bricks to pasta shapes!

In English we have been writing diary entries, wanted posters and a range of stories based upon our topic of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Our stories were full of adjectives, conjunctions and lots of imagination!

We have also been using our Geography topic of 'The World' to help us in lots of other lessons, for example, finding out where different fruits grow in DT and discovering animals that live in the rainforest in Science.

We have also been listening to a range of stories together during our live session, and producing lots of great writing based on them.



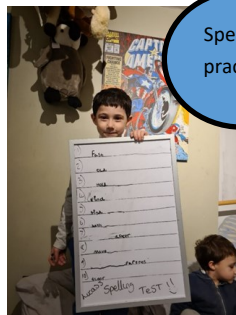
Some wonderful English by Bea and Bella



Some fabulous maths!



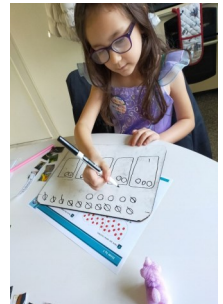
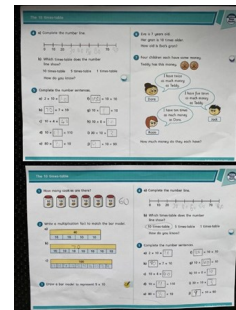
Fruit testing



Spellings practice!

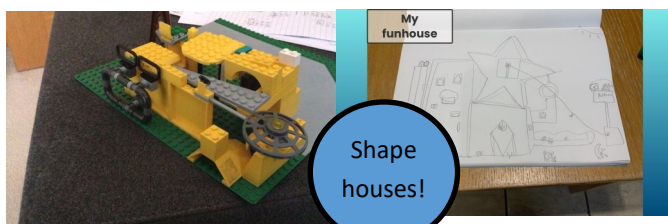


Looking after our pets!

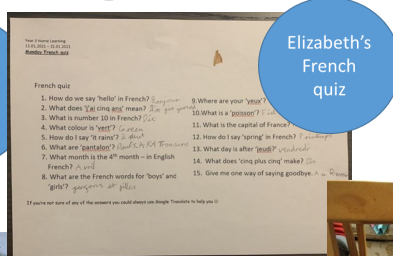


Toucan Class News

What a busy few weeks we have had in Year 3 with so much fantastic learning! We have explored the book by Angela McAllister, Leon and the Place Between, and used it to practice using nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, and conjunctions, as well as learning how to use fronted adverbials. In Maths, we have been using the column method and partitioning to multiply and divide and also been learning how to add and subtract using money. We've also been learning about different European artists in Art, skeletons and nutrition in Science and the Ancient Egyptians in History. The children really enjoyed mummifying an apple by creating their own 'natron' using salt and baking soda. It has been a wonderful few weeks in Toucans and the children have worked super hard, as have all the parents! Well done and thank you! Miss Comerford.



Eleanor's lovely art work



Elizabeth's French quiz



Fun in the snow



Painting on the ceiling



Scavenger hunt!

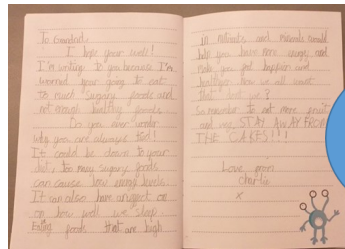
Hummingbird Class News

It is hard to imagine today, looking out the window at the green grass and damp earth, the winter wonderland from last weekend. We really enjoyed seeing all the photographs of Hummingbirds and their families enjoying the snow and building some amazing snowmen. It was a welcome and well-deserved break from all their hard work over the last couple of weeks. The children have been busy baking and exploring healthy eating in Design and Technology, while in science, through experimentation they have identified that sound is made from a vibration of particles. To compliment this learning the children have embraced the opportunity to learn how to play a tuned instrument, the ukulele. They will be embarking on their second virtual lesson this week, after initially becoming familiar with the components of the instrument and exploring how to strum and play the chord C. In English, the children have thoroughly enjoyed rewriting their own version of the Winter's Child, which allowed them to apply their growing knowledge of word choice, noun and prepositional phrases and conjunctions. They have been really entertaining to read and we hope they are proud of the progress they have made. It has been lovely also to hear about all the different books children have been taking the opportunity to read while at home, from Harry Potter to Tom Gates.

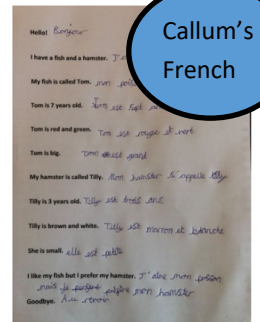


Model of how the arm moves

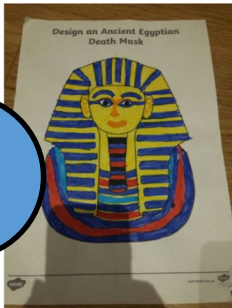
Fun in the snow!



Charlie's persuasive letter



Callum's French



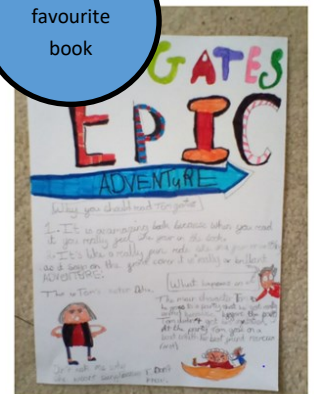
Olivia's Egyptian mask



Some wonderful baking for DT this week



Harry's favourite book



Don't forget to keep in touch. We love hearing from you and seeing photos of what you have been up to at home. Keep sending in your work, photos and superstar nominations.

Every Friday during celebration assembly we share as many as we can, if you would like to share your home learning during assembly then please contact your teacher via SeeSaw.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Birthdays

The following children have either had a birthday in January!
We hope you all had a wonderful day!

Alfie B	Lola	Sophie	Eoin	Kai
Parker	Liam	Amaya	Eddie	
Kundi	Kaine	Harriet	Isabelle A	
		Ella		



"Act as if what you do makes a difference. IT DOES."

WILLIAM JAMES

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We are very lucky at Stondon Lower that we have amazing Parents. This week one of our Parents has kindly donated to us brand new note pads, pencils, pencil sharpeners, rubbers, ruler and pencil cases. If you are running low on stationery or your child needs a little boost to help them with their remote learning then next week outside the main front door we will have some stationery available for families to come and collect when out on their daily walk. We also have still have some white boards and pens available to assist with the live sessions these will also be outside if you need them. We hope that some of you will be able to make use of this incredibly kind gesture.

