



# The Stondon Lower Newsletter

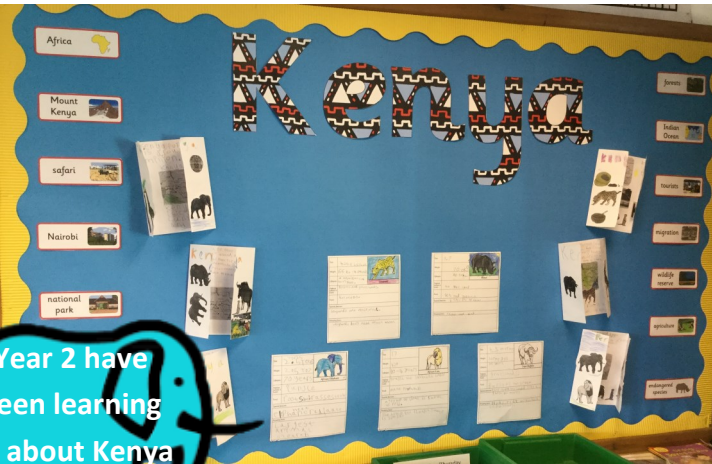
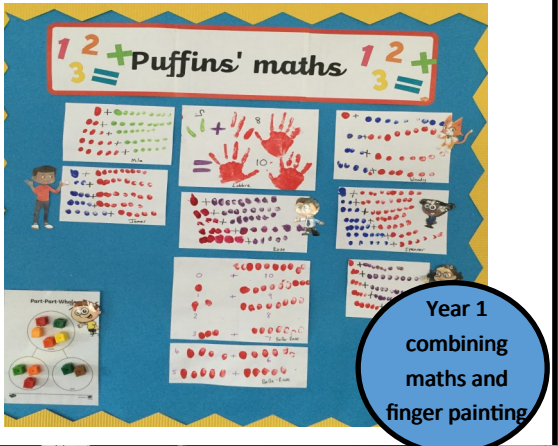
## Bringing school to you

Usually by now you would have been given the opportunity to walk through school or even visit our classrooms and take a peek at what we have been up to. The children have worked incredibly hard since returning to school and it seems like a massive shame that we can not share our displays with you.

With that being said, you may not be able to come in to school, but that doesn't mean we cant bring school to you.



Our full school poppy display looking beautiful on Hillside Road





# Children in Need

Throughout last week we were taking part in Children in Needs '5 ways to thrive.' The children engaged in a number of wellbeing activities focusing on mental wellbeing with the aim to help children feel better about themselves as well as helping others.

## Be Active



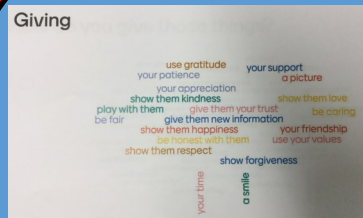
Year 4 on their daily mile!

## Connect



Connecting and working together

## Give



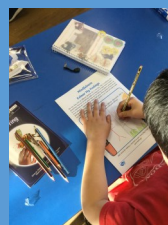
Year 3's fabulous ideas on how you can give to someone else!

## Keep Learning



Year 1 leaning some new yoga moves

## Take Notice



Year 2 taking notice and describing how they feel



It was great to see so many Pudsey ears and spotty accessories on Friday!

### **Robin Class News**

I would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to all the parents and carers who have been busy supporting Robins' home learning throughout this week. I really appreciate that you have shared your child's learning with me and I saw so much positive learning take place at home.

For Maths Robins worked on comparing two groups of objects using the maths vocabulary 'more', 'fewer' and 'the same'. Next week the children will learn about 'change within 5' ('one more' than a given number). In Literacy, Robins are continuing 'I will NOT ever NEVER eat a tomato' and will carry out a writing task, which is to write a shopping list independently. In Phonics Robins will continue learning Phase 3 sounds, tricky words and high frequency words. During P.E. lessons, the children will learn a range of different movements. As we are just about to see another seasonal change, we are going to do some art and craft activities using autumnal objects.

### **Puffin Class News**

In Puffins we have finished our work on additions and subtractions within 10. They have now started learning about 2D shapes. In the next week we are also going to learn about 3D shapes. In English we have finished using non-narrative writing with recipes and have now started our new book called Mr Big. The children will continue using this book to produce their own narrative work using Capital letters, the correct punctuation as well as 'and.' Finally, we have also learnt about different habitats in Science and we have started working on a role play in French. In Art the children have done an observational drawing of their hands! They are such fabulous artists!

### **Kestrel Class News**

In Kestrels this week we have started to use the column method in our maths lessons to help us with subtraction. In English we have been looking at the painting 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm' by Henry Rousseau. We have written our initial responses to the painting and have been writing in first person, pretending we are the tiger!

In Art we have been looking at the artist Andy Warhol and exploring some of his Pop Art. We have created our own Pop Art portraits using oil pastels, and made sure we included lots of bright colours. Some of us made it look like our hair was green!

### **Toucan Class News**

In Toucan Class we have been enjoying learning about our new Geography topic—Rainforests. We have been learning about the climate of a rainforest and what the difference is between climate and weather. We have also used the iPads to find out about different rainforests around the world and where they are, locating the equator and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. In English we have continued using the book, Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets. We have put together a glossary to explain some of the words used in the book and will be using these in our own piece of non-fiction writing. In Maths we are nearing the end of our addition and subtraction unit, in which we have been working with 3-digit numbers in the column method.

### **Hummingbird Class News**

Last week and this week in Hummingbirds, we have been working on measuring, using a ruler correctly, measuring the perimeter of a rectilinear shape, converting measurements and problem solving. A very busy couple of weeks! Next week we are moving on to multiplying and will begin with multiplying multiples of 10. In English we have finished our most recent book by writing our own persuasive speeches about a life without the dark! What an amazing job we have done. Some of us were even confident enough to deliver our speeches to the class with both expression and passion. We have also been learning all about Hinduism and the recent festival of light, Diwali and were fortunate to have had Max offer to tell us all about his own experiences when celebrating with his family. We are continuing to find out about Antarctica and the Arctic and have just begun to find out about block printing in art.

## Christmas Lunch



Christmas lunch at Stondon is always a big deal! Usually it is the one day of the year that all of the children and staff eat lunch together, the hall is full of chatter and Christmas cheer and is often followed up by a staff sing-a-long. Although Christmas lunch will be different from other years as we will be unable to eat all together we are determined to still go ahead and have a great time. Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday 17th December. We will soon be sending out the menu and asking everyone to confirm if they would like to order a lunch very soon.

On Wednesday the 16th December we are still hoping to have our annual visit from Widdershins theatre. Widdershins will be performing 2 shows this year and as there is quite a lot of set and props involved for the show we have decided that on this day we will be able to provide a packed lunch option only. This means that we have minimum disruption for the school hall as children will be able to eat their lunch in their classrooms and then be ready for the show to begin straight after lunch!

We will send out a reminder regarding this nearer the time.

# This week Stondon celebrates

### Writer of the week

Reception– Molly

Year 1– Spencer

Year 2– Sofia

Year 3– Sophie

Year 4– Haidee

### Stondon Superstar

Reception– Josh

Year 1– Bella-Rose

Year 2– Eddie

Year 3– Alfie

Year 4– Harleigh

### Team Points

Spitfires– 55 (227)

Lancasters– 70 (240)

Tiger Moths– 65 (227)

Hunters– 61 (243)

### Reading Challenge

Well done to the Kestrels who have won the reading challenge this week!



### School Council

This week children had to opportunity to put themselves forward to be school council representatives. Our new school councillors are:

Year 1- Oaklea and Spencer.

Year 2– Kayleigh and Raddin

Year 3- Charlie and Elizabeth

Year 4– Haidee, Molly, Kai and Callum

School Council

# What's coming up.....

## Diary Dates

### Date and time

### Event

Wednesday 16th  
December

Widdershins show (packed  
lunch option only)

Thursday 17th

Christmas lunch

### Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Monday 7th September 2020 - Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5th January 2021 - Friday 26th March 2021

(Half term: 15th-19th February)

(Inset day: Monday 4th January)

Summer Term 2021

Tuesday 13th April 2020 -Thursday 22nd July 2021

(Half term: 31st May- 4th June)

(Inset day: Monday 12th April)