



Stondon Lower School

26th February 2021



The Good News Newsletter

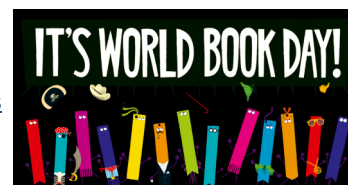
World Book Day—Thurs 4th March 2021

It is that time of year again and it has come around quickly! Although this year is quite unique, we will still be celebrating World Book Day throughout the day as a school.

Dressing up as your favourite book character is always a fun part of World Book Day and this year you still can (if you want to)! We'd love to see your costumes so send your teachers a picture via seesaw, email the school office or via twitter we would love to share as many as we can in our next newsletter. We would love to see you dressed up in our afternoon live sessions to. We may even have some prizes for the most creative costume!

Morning live lessons will be replaced with a whole school assembly with both schools at 9.30am. A link for this will be sent out next week.

There is also a live event on the World Book Day website <https://www.worldbookday.com/event/words-pictures-bring-reading-to-life/>



Next week your children's teachers will be giving you a call to check in. We just wanted to pre warn you that some of these calls may be made from a with held number. If you miss the call then don't worry they will leave a message and you can always contact the office if you have any concerns.



With spring just around the corner and to celebrate everyone returning to school on Monday 8th March we need your help to brighten up the windows at the front and the back of school. We would love to see some spring related art work from all of our children, whether in school or at home. We need trees, flowers, butterflies, chicks, lambs anything that makes you think of spring. You can use any materials you would like (but remember it will be stuck to a window.)

If you need some inspiration we have some sheets printed off in a box by the front door which you are welcome to come and collect when out on your daily walk.

We would love to get them all up on the windows in time to welcome everyone back so ask for any artwork to please be dropped in to the school post box (by the front door) by Thursday 4th March so that we can get the displays up and ready for the 8th.



WANTED

Over the past few weeks we have purchased lots of new and exciting equipment for our children to play with at break and lunchtimes.

We are however still in need of some action figures, Barbie's, my little ponies etc. If you are having a clear out and have any unwanted figures or dolls then please drop them in to the office. We would be extremely grateful.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who have completed the

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RSE survey we sent out on Monday. If you have not done so already please may we ask you to do so. This will really help with our planning going forward. The survey can be found on ParentMail under the forms section.

Robin Class News

After a restful holiday, both Robins at home and school have had an exciting and busy week. In particular, lots of new outdoor equipment arrived this week and Robins at school have enjoyed them. I am sure that all Robins at home will enjoy them when school reopens. Even more exciting news is that there are more new resources in the shed waiting until everyone is back at school.

This week, Robins were introduced to a new story, 'I Am Henry Finch'. This inspirational and philosophical story is about a little finch called Henry who becomes the greatest finch through clever thinking and bravery. Related to this theme, Robins talked about what they are good at and what they want to be better at. There have been lots of interesting thoughts and ideas. In Maths, Robins have learnt how to compare two groups of objects to 10, using counters and cubes. Since 'I Am Henry Finch' is illustrated using thumb prints, Robins also had a go at using thumb prints to create their own art work. Many Robins sent me lovely photos of their art work.

Next week, the children will carry on with 'I Am Henry Finch' and will start learning about 'addition to 10'.



Cardboard robots



Story book inspired art



Delicious cake!



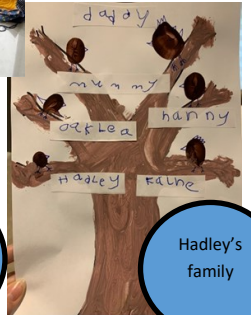
Jude's finches on the washing line



Water channelling equipment



Fire breathing dragon



Hadley's family



This weeks writing task



Molly gardening



Beautiful masks



This weeks PE- balance time



New basketball nets

Puffins Class News

Hello! This week we have been comparing heights, lengths and we have measured using different objects. Next week we are going to have a look at weights and volumes.

In English we have been writing an information booklet about animals and found out about the mean Pig the Pug! Next week we are going to study The Odd Egg by Emily Gravett.

10 days and we can have all our class back at long last! We are all looking forwards to it and to welcome Olivia properly as a member of Puffins!



Using numericon



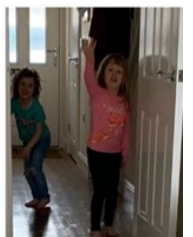
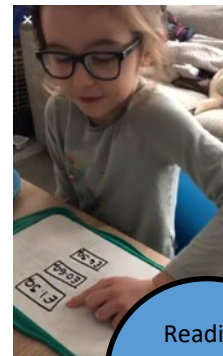
Talking about money



Reading time



Reading prices



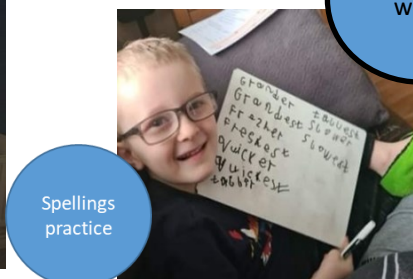
Bottle skittles



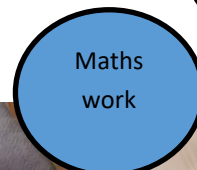
Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s



Beautiful stained glass window.



Spellings practice



Maths work



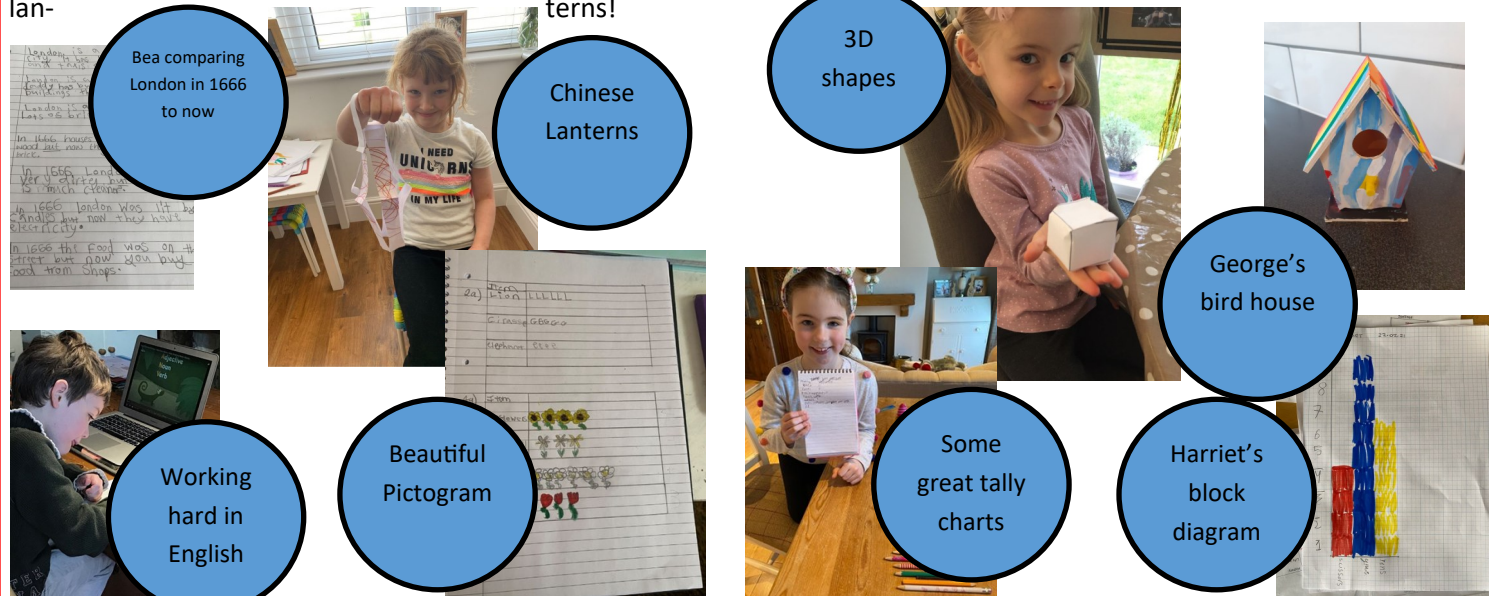
Kestrel Class News

Over the last couple of week in Kestrels' we have been working super hard as always! In English, we have started our new topic of 'The Great Fire of London', which links into our History lessons. So far we have explored what London was like in 1666 and found out how the fire started. Through this we have produced fire safety posters using commands, questions for Thomas Farriner and comparative sentences using conjunctions. We are looking forward to finding out more in the next few weeks!

In maths we have been working hard on the topic of statistics. We have produced tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams by asking our class lots of interesting questions. We have now started our topic of 2D ad 3D shapes!

In science we are beginning to look at materials, their uses and their properties. So far, we have been on a material hunt around the classroom and our homes, looking for objects made out of certain materials.

We have also been looking into the Chinese New Year through reading comprehension, videos and even making our own lanterns!



Toucan Class News

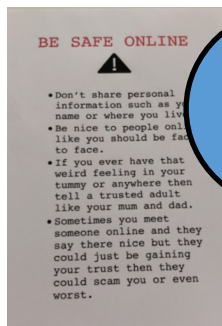
Another busy month in Toucan Class, full of lots of awesome home learning! We have continued to learn about different European Artists and became fashion designers like Coco Chanel, designing and making our very own hats. We have also continued learning about the Ancient Egyptians and combined with this with our DT work to make some delicious Egyptian sweet cookies and tasty flat breads too! In Maths we learnt about statistics, learning how to draw and interpret data in tally charts, bar charts and tables. We were able to use this to help us learn about the census as well. We have also explore poetry and had great fun learning about the rules to write a haiku, limerick and free verse poetry which the children did such a great job with and enjoyed very much.

We are all very excited to be returning to school soon and I can't wait to have my class back! 😊

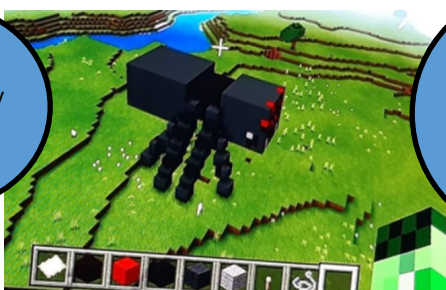


Hummingbird Class News

Hummingbirds have continued to work hard and challenge themselves both at home and school. They have been exploring fractions and the meaning of the words numerator and denominator; using this understanding to justify how fractions are added and subtracted. It has been exciting to read the newspaper reports and biographies that they have written about Howard Carter and his discovery of Tutankhamun. They have worked hard to embed their use of conjunctions, subordinating clauses and adverbial phrases into their writing. We also have had lots of fun writing magic spells and creating shabtis to take into the afterlife. Our hot dogs became shrivelled and aged following our observation over time enquiry to explore the effects of mummification and our Egyptian adventure reached a fabulous ending with a virtual visit to the British Museum which was great fun and allowed us to use an online piling tool. Ukuleles continue to be practiced in earnest and it is fabulous to hear the development of their skills. We have been very proud of the Hummingbirds class throughout lockdown but are very much looking forward to being altogether again very soon.



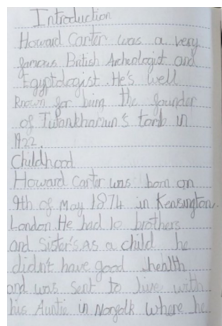
Sophie's
online safety
poster



Chloe using Mine-
craft to create a
replica of Louise
Bourgeois
sculpture 'Maman'



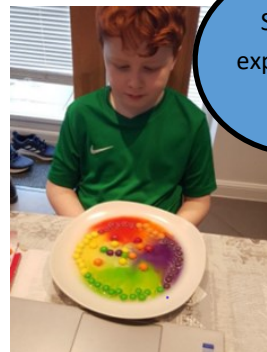
Baking
Egyptian flat-
breads



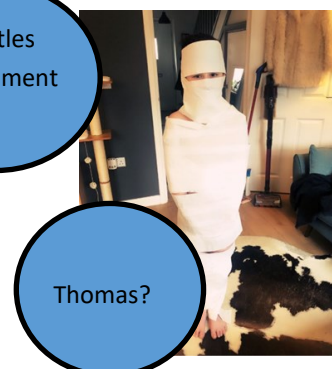
Charlie's
biography of
Howard Carter



Making
sushi!



Skittles
experiment



Thomas?



This week we received a very exciting delivery from the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire. We were lucky enough to have been donated 6 lap tops by the High Sheriff and Bedfordshire Learning Link. These laptops are going to be a huge support to our school community.



Diary Dates

Date and time	Event
Thursday 4th March	Please drop any 'spring' artwork to school by this date
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day- dress as a book character
Monday 8th March	Everyone returns to school
Friday 19th March	Red Nose Day- details TBC
Friday 26th March	Parent assembly- via Teams -time TBC
Friday 26th March	End of term
Monday 12th April	Inset Day
Tuesday 13th April	Start of summer term

Birthdays

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

Charlie P	Oliver F	Max	Charlie G
Poppy	Tommy	Sebastian S	
Charlotte	Willow	Antigone	Hebe
Lois	Ava	Sofia	
Jaya	Haidee		



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