



STAMFORD ST GILBERT'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

Welcome back to Term 3!

I do hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday and New Year. The children have returned ready for the term ahead and full of news about their holiday.

A couple of reminders:

We have recently had one or two children sharing their lunch with others. Teachers have talked with all children and I would be grateful if you would have a conversation with your child about how important it is they only eat their lunch. This is especially important when considering pupils who have allergies and intolerances to certain foods.

In addition, please can I remind you that boots are not part of school uniform and therefore no child should be wearing these to school.

DIARY DATES

15/01/2020	JCA Meeting for Parents 3:30pm-4:00pm - current Year 5's- children welcome to attend
11/02/2020	Safer Internet Day
13/02/2020	Open Afternoon for Parents 2:30pm-3:00pm- for parents of children who attend St. Gilbert's
14/02/2020	Term 3 Ends

Attendance

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Each week we announce the attendance percentages for each class, recognising improvement and the class who has achieved the best attendance!

*Congratulations to Seuss Class
who had 96.63%
attendance before the Christmas break.
Well done!*

Foundation Stage

The Reception children were very excited to be back in school this week after the Christmas break and settled down very quickly to their work.

This term our topic in RE is about 'special books' and we have been looking at a story from the Bible. The children listened to the story of Noah's Ark and learnt a song about the story. They were then set the challenge to design and make their own boats. We can't wait to find out whether or not the boats float!

We have also begun our new topic on 'Rainforests' and the children immersed themselves in their 'rainforest explorer' role play area, exploring and investigating the rainforest animals.



Key Stage 1

Happy New Year! In Year 1.2 we have got off to a flying start. In English we have been discussing a day in our Christmas holiday, asking each other questions to find out more detail and then helping each other to plan and write a recount. We have been using a lot of important vocabulary and skills to add interest and detail.

In Art, we have discovered the different types of pencil that can be used for sketching. We have investigated how to use pencils in various ways to create different marks on the paper and have tried the methods of pointillism, shading, hatching, cross hatching and more!



Key Stage 2

It was lovely to see the children on Monday morning, after their long rest over the Christmas break!

The children were very excited to start our new topic of the term, learning all about the Romans. We started off the week thinking about what we would like to find out and wrote a variety of questions which we want to research. Time was then spent immersing ourselves into a variety of non-fiction books, to see if we could begin to answer some of the questions that we had generated. We made a good start, and are very much looking forward to continuing with this next week.

We also began to learn about volcanoes and why so many people choose to live near volcanoes, despite the potential dangers. We were very impressed with the children's ideas and current knowledge around this subject and everyone is eager to learn about a certain volcano that had a huge impact on the Roman civilisation!

This week we also started our new topic in Science, 'States of Matter'. The children were given a range of items, and with no hint as to how to classify them, they worked in teams to sort water, juice, milk, sand, rock, wood, paper and other solids and liquids into hoops. The children had some amazing, in-depth discussions really thinking 'outside the box' when it came to classifying the items and they debated and deliberated on whether or not certain solids had the same properties as a liquid and vice versa, and were brilliant at arguing for or against decisions and opinions made within their group. It was fascinating to stand back and observe the children working so well as a team and debating in an assertive, yet considerate way. A great start to our Science learning!

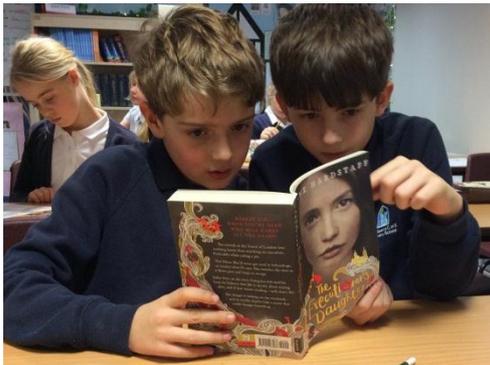


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This week, Year 5 and 6 have immersed themselves in our new book 'The Executioner's Daughter'. They have enjoyed exploring the character of Moss and thought carefully about predictions for the upcoming chapters. It has been wonderful to hear the children taking their learning outside the classroom, discussing their theories with their friends in the locker rooms! Next week, the children will think carefully about the decisions Moss has to make and form a balanced argument for her next steps. We are sure your children will be very keen to find out what happens next, perhaps even be inclined to read on at home. Encourage them to revel in their suspense and leave the mystery to be solved at school!

In Science, the children enjoyed comparing materials and their properties. They thought carefully about different properties and how these are useful for different purposes. They investigated with everyday items to discover whether they were permeable, transparent, hard, magnetic or flexible. They created thoughtful responses to questions like 'are all metals magnetic?' and 'if something flexible is bent, will it always return to its original shape?'

It has been a busy first week of the New Year and we look forward to taking our learning further as the weeks go on. Well done to all children who have come back with a fantastic attitude and thirst for learning.



Tuck Shop News

The Tuck Shop Crew have been taste testing new snacks for the Tuck Shop.

Watch out for new, exciting and healthy additions to our Tuck Shop products - more updates to follow!



PTA Meeting

Friday 17th January

9.00am

Staff Room

Everyone Welcome



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