



STAMFORD ST GILBERT'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

Dear Parents

It has been a very busy end to the month but it has been filled with triumphs for our Sports Teams, a visit from The Trussell Trust to receive your generous donations to the Foodbank totalling £801 and Sarah Outen visited the school this week, giving an inspirational talk on 'How to be brave'. KS2 pupils also need to look out for an exciting photography competition which has come home this week.

I would like to welcome all our new families who have joined our school community this week. We hope you will be very happy with us.

Once again, please may I ask for your support in ensuring all our children arrive safely at school each morning. We have been contacted by Airtex regarding two children seen running through their carpark this week. Children's safety is paramount and they are extremely concerned that someone is going to get hurt, as are the school. Whilst I understand parking is at a premium at the beginning and the end of the day, this is private land and I would be grateful if you could refrain from parking or walking through this area. Many thanks for your continued support.

DIARY DATES

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
24/2/20	School Closed for Training Day
25/2/20	Term 4 Begins

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 Milne Class
who had 98.85%
attendance last week.
Well done!*

Foundation Stage

This week, the children in Foundation Stage have been reading 'Dear Zoo'. The children had a go at retelling the story and then even came up with some amazing adjectives to describe their own animals, such as 'beautiful butterfly' and 'fluffy rabbit'. Following this, the children had a go at writing their own fantastic animal facts using some information books and some of the knowledge they have learnt this term.

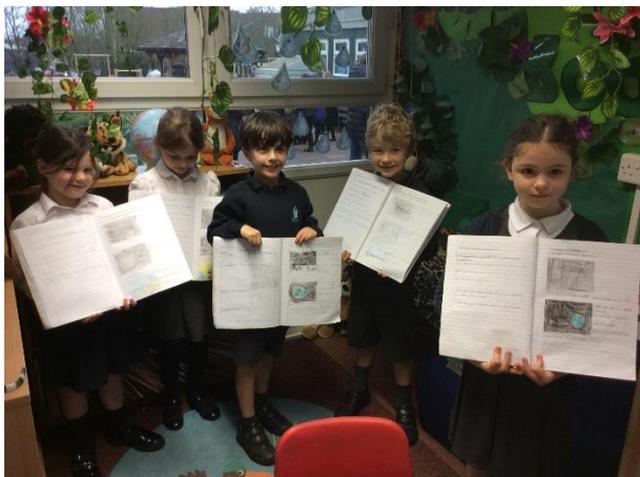
In Maths, the children have been learning to combine numbers. They enjoyed using dominoes to play a game of 'Who has more' and recorded their results using whiteboards and by collecting multilink cubes. It was very exciting to see who would find the most!

In Character Education, the children have been talking about what it means to be fair. They have even learnt a new song that reinforces the message about why it is important to be fair.



Key Stage 1

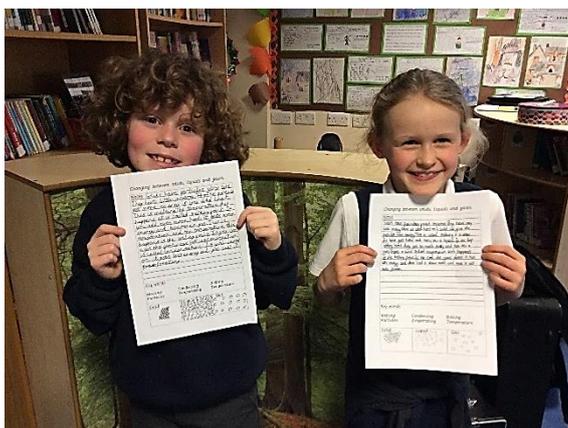
In RE this week, the Year 1.2 children have been learning about the Islamic creation story. They used their comparative skills to look for similarities and differences between this and the creation story in the Bible. They thought deeply about why there were differences and how this may impact on how Muslims believe the world was created. To further deepen their understanding, the children drew pictures for each part of the story before using these to retell the story to their partner.



Key Stage 2

Anyone fancy a take away? Our Maths work has focused on taking away units and tens from larger numbers, and finding different mental strategies to speed up our calculations. The children were able to explain their methods clearly and concisely, using key vocabulary to formulate their explanations. A small group of children also created their own subtraction game using dice and demonstrated their creative skills by adapting their games to make them challenging, competitive and exciting.

In Science this week, we learnt about how to change between liquids, solids and gases and researched the structure of the particles in each state. The children then went on to learn lots of technical language about boiling points and melting points of various metals, including aluminium, copper and gold. Using all of their Oracy skills, they were all able to ask sensible, scientific questions to complete their results tables.



500 Words Writing Competition

The UK's largest story writing competition for children is back for its tenth year. This is a chance for your child to use their amazing imagination and write a story about absolutely anything. Once they have written their story, of no more than 500 words, you can submit it using the form on the BBC link and potentially be one of the lucky winners. There are some amazing prizes to be won, so why not get your pen out and start being creative! Click on the link below for all the information that you need to get involved:

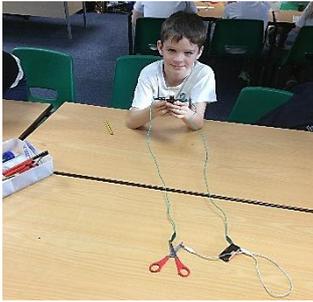
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4n1Hgl2GFCWDmCtq9Sx5kKB/500-words-2020>

Key Stage 2

This week, Year 5 and 6 have been working hard in English writing a diary entry from Moss' point of view. They thought back to the events in the story that Moss witnessed and made a note of all the secrets she is currently keeping from her Father. The children unpicked the features of a diary entry and made a careful plan to make sure they could include those features in their own diaries. We have been really impressed by the children's vocabulary and their flair for writing. It's wonderful to see how much impact a quality text can have on writing.

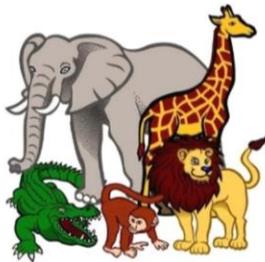
In Maths, the children have been investigating with squared and cubed numbers. They have spotted lots of patterns, made systematic attempts to solve very tricky problems and thought about the rules of BIDMAS to solve more complex number problems.

In Science, the children were investigating electrical conductors and insulators. Their brief was to help a football team who were in need of new floodlights to illuminate their football pitch for evening games. The children had fun testing various materials to find the best conductor for the circuits in their lights, so that the lights shine as brightly as possible. In groups, they then had to produce a presentation, explaining their findings to the 'football team' and recommending the best materials to use.



Down in the Jungle at Stamford Library

Thursday 20th February
10am to 12 noon



Join us for a morning of craft activities, quizzes and games for children

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Triwizard Tournament at Stamford Library

Saturday 8th February
from 10am to 3.30pm

Enter the world of wizardry with
crafts, quizzes, games and

The Market Deeping Railway Club is bringing
The Hogwarts Express Model Railway



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