

Nursery

This half term the children in Nursery have been continuing learning about 'Spring'. We were lucky enough to go to the 'Small Breed Farm' in Kington. Children had a fantastic day and got to experience feeding and holding some of the animals. Their behaviour was exceptional and were a credit to the school. Next term we are looking at 'Animals' and 'Adventure' and have lots of things planned!



Reception

This half term the topic we have been learning about is 'Spring Celebrations'. We have looked at Pancake Day, Mother's Day, Ramadan and Easter. We have also learnt about the changes that begin during the Spring. We have enjoyed making (and eating) pancakes and a trip to Small Breeds Farm in Kington where we saw lots of animals, some just a few weeks old! This half term we have also been lucky enough to have Rosie join us every Tuesday morning for a music session – the children have loved it. Reception have learnt lots of new sounds this half term and spent a lot of time practising their reading skills. We have been working very hard across the board – well done everyone.



Year 1

This half term Year 1's topic was called 'All Creatures Great and Small'. We enhanced this topic by taking a visit to Hoo Zoo where we saw a variety of different animals. Year 1 were able to make links to their Science work, talking about which animal group the animals belonged to and found out which animals were carnivores, herbivores or omnivores.

We also celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as a character from our favourite books.

Year 1, you have all worked incredibly hard this term, well done! Enjoy the Easter Holidays!



Year 2

Year 2 have really got into their topics this term of learning about how Schools Were Different in the Past as well as learning all about the United Kingdom. As part of our topic we went on an amazing educational trip to Blists Hill where we dressed up as Victorian school children and had a very different lesson to the ones that we are used to. We've also really dug into a great Minibeasts topic as part of our science lessons. We had a walk around the discovery centre and found lots of different plants and insects that coexist together. Year 2 have been fantastic this term and have earned a well deserved break.

Mrs Westwood & Mr Vaughan



Year 3

This term we have been exploring the Antarctic and how childhood has changed through time. The children have designed and produced their own pneumatic toys in DT to look like penguins. We have furthered our understanding of Antarctic wildlife by writing non-chronological reports about penguins in our English lessons. Year 3 have celebrated cultural events in the world's calendar, including Chinese New Year. As a class we read the story of the zodiac animals and then had a go at writing Chinese characters. The children were very amused to learn that they were all goats and monkeys!



Year 4/5

In Year 4 and Year 5, our spring term has been a whirlwind of exploration and discovery. Settlements have been at the forefront of our studies, igniting our imaginations as we uncovered the intricacies of the community's past and present. Our recent excursion to Ludlow Castle was a highlight, where we stepped back in time to explore the rich history and architecture of this medieval marvel.

In the realm of music, the rhythmic pulse of carnival beats has infused our learning with joy and excitement. We've been exploring the vibrant melodies and infectious rhythms that define carnival music.

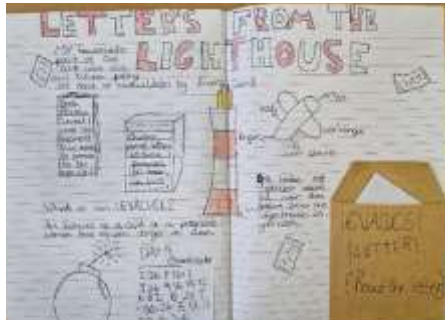
Meanwhile, in design, pneumatics have captured our fascination, offering a glimpse into the power of air pressure and its applications in engineering. In science, the study of sound has captured our imagination, revealing the magic behind what we hear. Adding to our excitement, our PE sessions have been filled with the exhilarating swish of tennis rackets as we refine our skills on the court.

As we embrace the spirit of inquiry, Year 4 and Year 5 continues to thrive, weaving together learning experiences that spark curiosity and fuel creativity



Year 5/6

Year 5/6 has had a very busy spring term. We have really enjoyed reading 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll. This linked in with our overarching topic WW2. The children have completed lots of writing focusing on diaries and Newspapers. We have been learning to sew and made our own teddies. The children really excelled at this and it was nice to see the progress everyone made. In PE the children have had the opportunity to go to the sports hall and really made use of the extra space and have learnt Volleyball and Tennis.



Outstanding Arrears

We have a number of outstanding arrears that still remain unpaid. Please can we encourage parents to log in to their school money accounts to check and make a payment.

Please note that your child will have to bring a packed lunch if you owe over a week's worth of dinners or breakfast club provision will be paused if left unpaid.

Please contact the office if you need to set up a payment plan.

Attendance

The Education Welfare Officer (EWO) checks our registers regularly. We understand that some childhood illness' cannot be helped, however we expect all children to attend school and be on time.

Please inform the office of any illness that requires your child to have time off school.

Please make sure all contact information is up to date and your child has **at least** 2 emergency contacts on file.

Trust Student Parliament

Two children from each school within Trusted Schools have been nominated and for Student Parliament. Lilly Mae Brown and Aiza Khalid in Year 6 represent Stokesay Primary School. The student parliament students recently met together and jointly chose charities to raise money for. Please see the fund raising link below for their chosen charities.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/trusted-schools?utm_term=y5EYwjgqg

Eligibility checker

We are encouraging all families to use this link to check if you are eligible for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium funding. Those pupils who are eligible will not only receive free school meals during their time in school but additional support and resources. (school uniform/stationary).

It is essential that parents/carers apply even if their child doesn't wish to receive a school meal.

If you need assistance to complete the form, please contact the office.





WALCOT HALL

Easter Trail

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH
10AM - 3PM

Trail
Refreshments & Crafts

Walcot Hall, Lydbury North, SY7 8AX
£6 per child
Tickets at
www.walcothallevents.com

Stokesay Church Easter Saturday
**Family Easter gathering and
big egg hunt.**



Join us at **St John the Baptist Church, Stokesay** as we celebrate Easter with a big egg hunt and the Easter Story.

All ages are welcome.

Saturday 30th March 2.30 to 3.30



SECRET HILLS
DISCOVERY
CENTRE,
CRAVEN
ARMS

All parents and those caring for someone with a Hidden Difference are invited to join us for a well earned

COFFEE BREAK

EVERY THURSDAY
Relaxed and informal.
ALL WELCOME
wherever you find yourselves on the journey.

11 am

www.empathyforspecialchildren.org



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- Childcare - finding it and advice on paying for it
- Local baby and toddler groups
- Events, activities, and fun things to do in the school holidays.
- Support for parents and families

We cover everything and anything to do with family life, so if you have a question, chances are we'll be able to help, or if we can't, we'll point you in the direction of someone who can.

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Parent Support over the Easter Break

To report a safeguarding concern by phone ring Shropshire [First Point of Contact team](#) on 0345 678 9021 Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday 9am to 4pm.

If you have urgent adult safeguarding concerns outside of these hours, please phone the [Emergency Social Work Duty Team](#) on 0345 678 9040.

Parenting Helpline 01743 250950 Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am to 12.30pm.

Ludlow Food Bank 07896706189

Craven Arms Food Bank Market Street Craven Arms open Tuesday mornings

We would like to wish all our students, parents and staff a happy and safe Easter break. We return to school on **Monday 8th April.**

Nursery Places

If your child has their 3rd birthday before 31st March 2024, they are eligible to join our Nursery after Easter. If they turn 3 between 1st April and 31st August they can join in September 2024.

We have spaces for both intakes, please contact the office for a form.