



Stoke Hill Federation

NEWS



Half Term

The holiday has come around quickly and after a very hard working half term for children and for staff. We hope everyone enjoys a well deserved break.

Stoke Hill children are rarely stuck for something to do but if you have a chunk of time at your disposal then why not:

- ❖ Take a long walk around the Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM) on Queen Street
- ❖ Visit, walk or cycle along the Quay
- ❖ Visit the library, borrow a book, borrow loads of books!
- ❖ Walk around Mincinglake Valley Park, it's on our doorstep and looking lovely
- ❖ Visit www.devonwildlifetrust.org and take the '30 Days Wild Challenge'
- ❖ Log on to our learning platform and sharpen up your skills on Education City or Bug Club

Whatever you do, have a great week. See you back to school on Monday 6th June for the final half term of the school year.

Good Question...

When your children come home at the end of the day, parents often ask 'what did you do at school today?' and can be a bit frustrated with the answer 'nothing' or 'I've forgotten'.

These After School Conversation Starters might help:

Instead of 'How was school?' try 'What's the best thing that happened today?'

Instead of 'Who did you sit with?' try 'Tell me the names of four people you worked with today'

Instead of 'Was everyone nice to you?' try 'Who did you most enjoy talking to? Did anyone have anything interesting to say?'

Instead of 'Was the work too hard or easy?' try 'What was the best thing you were asked to do today in maths?'

Instead of 'Who did you play with?' try 'What was the best game you played at lunchtime? What did you chat about?'

The children have busy days every day, and really want to share it all with you!

❖ *'Quality talk and questioning sits at the heart of all we do'*

Federation Website

www.stokehill.devon.sch.uk

Don't forget to check in with the Federation website from time to time to:

- keep up-to-date with news that doesn't always make it to the newsletter
- check dates and times on the Federation calendar
- access a wide range of information about school policy and procedure
- look out for vacancies if you are interested in joining the Federation
- read Learning Letters, Newsletters, School Council Minutes and other kinds of learning information

Accelerated Reader Top Readers This Half -Term

Most books read

1. Taylor-Jack Brooks
2. Franco Mangone
3. Salim Chayfee
4. Shreya Nambiar
5. Ben Harper

Most word read

1. Francesca Boyce
2. Lucy Hughes
3. Marianna Mangone
4. Carwin Choi
5. Adil Macfarlane

Top Classes of the ½ term (words read)

1. 4AP 4.6 million
2. 4J 3.2 million
3. 6M 3.1 million

THE PEACE GARDEN

Year 2 had a visitor called Sam Cannon this week. She taught two Art 'Master Classes' and showed us how to blend watercolour paints with water to show tone in colour. We were allowed to write our names using her special writing style which was fun because it breaks the rules!

Sam lives near Lyme Regis and has a son called Louis. Her dog is called Bruno and she loves to paint him. Sam puts lovely words onto her paintings and likes to think animals are her friends. She is going to help us paint a mural in the new Peace Garden. It was exciting meeting Sam and interviewing her at lunchtime.

Written by Thomas Holman-Layne and Evie Scone.

Year 2 will be using their design and art skills to design a 'Peace Garden' after half term. Work has already begun clearing ground behind the staffroom for this. A peace garden will be a lovely addition to our outdoor spaces.

Reduce - Reuse - Recycle

This week Year 4 enjoyed a visit from Exeter City Council, learning about recycling old or broken electrical items. It involved some practical work making batteries in a surprising way:

A lady called Demelza visited our class and taught us about recycling. We learnt that if we want to power something, that doesn't need a lot of power, we can use a piece of fruit. In the lesson we used an apple, orange and lemon to power a clock, calculator and small LED light!

Report by Alfie Richardson

