



Stoke Hill Federation

NEWS



Welcome Back

The third word in our Federation motto is **'Succeed'** and is a great word to describe the summer term. Across the Federation we will be helping the children to learn that success comes in many forms and with a growth mindset and lots of ways at our fingertips to tackle challenges, we can all improve and move closer to our goals, whatever they are.

We have lots of interesting and exciting learning lined up and hope that the children have a brilliant time this term.

Look out for yeargroup 'Learning Letters' coming home soon, which will outline project plans for the weeks ahead. So far a boat journey, a visit to the National Trust, the appearance of a strange (large) metal mystery object, plans for a 'Peace Garden' are just a few details of what lies ahead for Federation children.

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School Libraries

We are really lucky to have two well stocked libraries. The children have opportunities during the school day to change their books and we try to make sure that they have all got an interesting book 'on the go'.

At the Junior School the children have an Accelerated Reader book that is linked to their 'Zone of Proximal Development'. They can choose any book from the free choice section of the library (*open after school each day*).

At the Infant School the children have a 'Guided Reading' book which they work on reading really fluently, plus they can choose a library book each week (*open after school on Thursdays*).

After school you are welcome to come in for browsing and renewing books or just to spend a bit of time together with your child, enjoying the relaxing library surroundings.

The Next Generation...

Welcome to Trainee Teachers Miss Amy Driver (in Class 2E) and Miss Lynsey Holland (in class 1HJ) placed with the Infant School for their final teaching practice.

Both schools are committed to supporting trainees as they learn and develop their teaching skills.

Several of the Federation's experienced and skilled teachers fulfil mentoring roles to support trainees, with Mrs Palmer and Mrs McKimm leading and co-ordinating this inspiring journey for new teachers.

Accelerated Reader

This week's top Readers

Most Books Read

All these children have read 5 books since Monday:

Shreya, Kristian, Layan, Francesca and Marianna.

Most Words Read

The children who have read the most words this week are:

Francesca, Marianna, Albie, Callum and Jimena.

Two children have joined the

Million Word Club this week, well done to Niave and Anna.

Thank you to the PTFA The Nursery children got a big surprise when they went into the woodlands before the Easter holidays. A new and exciting water tray had arrived overnight. The children quickly became engaged in exploring how they could link this water tray to our old small one using a variety of pipes and channels. There was an abundance of problem solving with the children sharing ideas and negotiating. We were particularly pleased with their levels of persistence when things didn't work out as they planned. The plastic ducks were also very happy as they got to try out some exciting water flumes! We would like to say a big thank you to the PTFA who funded this new resource which will provide an excellent vehicle for learning for many years to come.



Home Learning Survey

Many thanks to everyone who completed the Junior School Home Learning Survey last term. We had over 100 returns, and the key findings were:

79% of you think the amount of homework the children get is about right. There is an even split of you who would like more/less homework.

86% of you would prefer weekly maths and English tasks to long-term projects or 'making' activities.

91% of children make good use of online resources

86% of you feel you get good feedback about completed homework.

It is also clear that we need a more consistent approach across the school to the days homework is set and returned

We will be using this information to plan our approach to homework in the future so thank you. Remember, you can see you child's homework by going on to the school website , clicking 'curriculum' and then 'Show my Homework'.

Mrs Potter has started her epic 8.000 mile cycle ride around the world for Sport Relief. As well as raising lots of money for a really good cause, she has planned some brilliant learning opportunities for the children based on her virtual experiences. You can find out more by following @sportrelief18k and @stokefed on Twitter.