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Park Life

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TERM 4
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Welcome to Term 4's edition of Park Life!

A Message from Mrs Lambert...

We have been so busy here at Stoke Park, I do hope you enjoy reading about what each class has been up to!

Earlier in March we celebrated a wonderful World Book Day. It was lovely to see the children dressed up as book characters and then back at school in the evening for 'Book at Bedtime'. We have very much enjoyed being part of CST events this term: our Y4 and Y6 teams competed at the gym competition this term, organised by our very own Mrs Dennison. We were so proud of how they performed and both teams were awarded silver medals - well done to everyone involved! Look out for more gym news later in the year. A year 3 team took part in a dodgeball festival at St Katherine's School and this week, a group of children from Year 4 are attending an art event at Hotwells Primary. Additionally, our football team has played against Filton Avenue and St Bonaventure's schools.

We have had lots of trips this term, which has been wonderful. Year 3 and 4 took a train trip to Keynsham, Year 5 visited the Aerospace Museum, Year 2 the SS Great Britain, Year 6 the Lifeskills Centre and three classes went to watch a fantastic music performance at Trinity last week. There are lots more opportunities linked to our new 'enrichment passports' - do ask your children what's coming up for their class. I would like to particularly thank our wonderful PTA, who work so hard to support the children and families at Stoke Park in all sorts of ways. With their help, this term the children have enjoyed the reading challenge and also made some lovely badges to give to a special lady in their life and we are looking forward to our annual Easter hunt. Most recently, the PTA have kindly agreed to fund a new sound and lighting system for the hall. This will benefit all the children and make such a difference day to day to assemblies, music and drama lessons and also to those very important shows that we all love to watch. Thank you to all involved in the PTA for your energy, enthusiasm and commitment and most importantly for the time that you give so generously.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Miss Robinson as she moves on to another role. We would like to thank Miss Robinson for all of the work she has done in her role at Stoke Park and wish her all the best for the future.

We are looking forward to an exciting summer term ahead, with hopefully some warmer weather! Have a wonderful holiday with family and friends and we will see you back at school on Monday 17th April.

Best wishes,
Mrs Lambert



Learning Updates (p2-5)

What have we been up to in Term 4?



Silver for Stoke Park! (p6)

Our gymnasts made us proud at the gymnastics competition!



The Zones of Regulation (p6)

A school-wide strategy to support our pupils. Find out more on page 6!

Nursery

Term 4 in Nursery has been full of amazing learning opportunities. We have been learning about different minibeasts through our love of stories. We used the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' to learn about caterpillars and butterflies. The children have used art and DT skills to create their own caterpillars and butterflies, they have learnt a song about them, used non fiction books to find out information about them and used their sense of sight to watch real caterpillars change to cocoons. We are hoping they change to butterflies over Easter.

In Maths we have been learning about measurements. We have learnt to compare our heights to others, compare the capacity of containers and how to use the bucket balances to talk about heavy and light. The children have learnt how to use the beebots, programming them to move forwards and backwards along a number line to reach the flower.

We have really enjoyed Forest school this term. We have found woodlice, worms (enormously long ones!), snails and slugs. We look forward to the next term as we continue to grow in Nursery and welcome new children into our class.

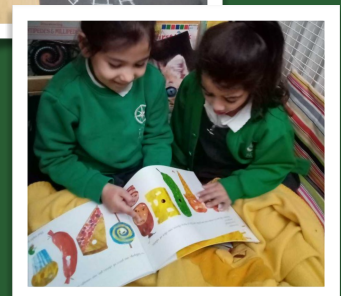


Reception

This term Reception's theme has been 'Nature Detectives'. We have been so lucky to see frogspawn change into tadpoles and caterpillars make a cocoon around themselves which will then become butterflies. Our wormery had many worms of different sizes that we found outside whilst stamping our feet. They made tunnels and explored how they could move around the wormery. We have learnt all about insects and spiders and created handprint spiders with 8 legs. We have made snails in the style of Kandinsky as well as creating our own snails from salt dough.

We enjoyed The Very Hungry Caterpillar story, retelling it and then making our own story about a moth. We have also read a book all about the life cycle of a frog whilst closely watching how our tadpoles are changing.

In maths we have learnt all about number bonds as well as partitioning to 5. We have also learnt about symmetry, 2d and 3d shapes, looking at special reasoning through construction and puzzle making.



Year 1

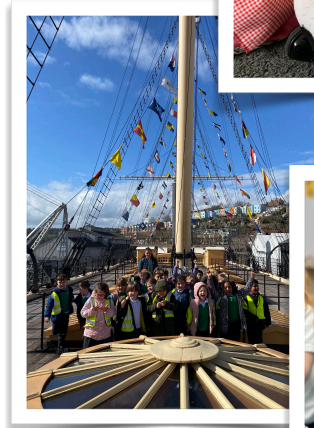
It has been a very busy Spring term and Year 1 have been working exceptionally hard! We started the term off in Maths by using different resources to add and subtract. We are now great at using tens frames, number lines and part whole models. In Literacy we started our writing by creating stories based on a familiar setting. We decided to set ourselves the challenge of thinking of our own problems for the character in the story. This term in Art we have been exploring textiles and had great fun using different materials to create a self portrait. In our History lessons we have moved forward on our timeline to look at the life and significance of David Attenborough. Not only have we enjoyed watching clips from his amazing animal documentaries but we have thought about his important message of saving our planet. To finish the term we enjoyed completing one of our passport activities and decided to hold an art and cake sale to raise money for the Guide Dog charity. It was great to see lots of grown ups there to support us. It has been amazing to see the great progress Year 1 have made this term, you should all be very proud of yourselves! I hope you all have a fun Easter break!



Year 2

Wow! We have had such an amazing half term in year 2. The children have done some great learning and their progress has been incredible. In maths, we have absolutely mastered fractions over the past few weeks. Mr Bliss bought fraction apples for us to use and we loved exploring different fractions and using our new vocabulary. In science, we learnt all about materials and made a matching game about their properties. Our collage unit has been really fun in art too! This term, we've also done lots of extra activities, which have been so fun! Some of our highlights include:

- Our gymnastics showcase, which our parents came to watch
- World Book Day, when we all dressed up and shared our favourite stories with year 1
- Our engineering workshop, where we met a real life engineer and imagined we had to redesign Clifton Suspension Bridge.
- Our amazing trip to the *SS Great Britain*. We learnt all about life aboard from Francis, our captain, and we imagined what life must have been like when sailing all the way to Australia!



Year 3

In Year 3, we have had a fabulous term that's included a trip on a train to teach us about railway safety; this was a delightful day out and about. We've also had other exciting afternoons out of the classroom at the local swimming pool. Some of us had never been swimming before, and all of us are loving it, not only because we get to jump into the water, but also because we get to sing songs on the bus with Mrs Jones and Mrs Knight!

In Geography, we've been looking at different maps of Bristol, showing us the difference between large and small scale maps, whilst in History we've been introduced to Boudicca and a few of the Roman Emperors. In RE, we've been learning about the meaning of Easter for Christians and how chicks are often used to represent new life and our DT module this term has been making the most amazing electronic charms as well as little pouches to pop them in. In all, it's been a totally charming term!

Year 4

We have had a jam-packed term once again in Year 4! We kicked off term 4 with a brilliant train trip to Keynsham which was organised by Platform. The children learnt all about being safe at train stations and when using trains. They were amazing and represented Stoke Park brilliantly.

This term in writing we have written explanatory texts, persuasive adverts and a critical analysis of poetry. For their persuasive adverts, the children came up with their own inventions to make our life in the classroom easier. These ranged from an everlasting gluestick to an unbreakable ruler!

In maths we have been learning about length and perimeter, finding missing lengths and using our addition skills to find the perimeter of different polygons.

In art week the children mixed paints to create a gradient and ombre effect. We were also really lucky to have an engineer from UWE come in to tell us about engineering and to run a STEM day where we designed wind-powered cars. Our D&T day was very exciting because we programmed the Micro:Bits to create mindfulness timers.

From all of us in the year 4 team, we hope you have an incredible Easter break! You deserve it!



Year 5

Wow, term 4 has flown by in year 5! In maths we have been looking at decimals, percentages and fractions, and how to convert between them. We have been loving Shakespeare in reading and literacy so we wrote a synopsis of a *Midsummer Night's Dream* and we even have a lego Shakespeare that floats around the classroom! We are currently finishing our biography of Mae Jemison, who we have learned was the first African American woman in space. We can't get enough of our current novel, *Boy in the Tower*. I wonder what will happen with the Bluchers? Art week saw us learning about and making 3D structures, while we designed and made bridges on D&T day.

We have been fortunate enough to have lots of experiences outside of lessons this term. It started off with a movement workshop inspired by Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, during which the children learned some tricky lifts. We also had a trip to the aerospace museum followed by a workshop at UWE where the children designed sustainable aircrafts using minecraft! Finally, our highlight of this term has to be seeing the LEAP orchestra at Trinity, where we got to sing and dance and generally have a fantastic afternoon.



Year 6

Wow! Just when I thought Term 3 would have been our busiest and most successful term, Term 4 arrived. What an extraordinary six weeks we've had. In spite of the sight of our SATS on the horizon, we have managed to have an action packed term. Early on in the term, a highlight came in the form of a fantastic trip to Life Skills. We experienced a range of scenarios in the Create Centre's model town which included practising 999 calls and working on being a first responder. Later in the term, we had a visit from the dance team in the Shakespeare's Birthplace Trust where we learned some stage choreography and created dances around the theme of 'power' inspired by Shakespeare's *MacBeth*. In the last couple of weeks, we have also created some spectacular watercolours taking inspiration from the artwork of Tony Gilecki and most recently, had a truly fantastic day of composition workshops with blind musician and music therapist Carl Morgan. In these sessions, we explored dialogue through music and worked collaboratively to compose a school song.

In spite of all these amazing experiences in the wider curriculum, we've been making some outstanding progress in our core curriculum. Notably, our maths continues to go from strength to strength and this term we have focused on applying our fluency with arithmetic to more real world problems such as data handling and statistics as well as continuing to build operational fluency. In reading, we have finished a successful unit of work on Malorie Blackman's *Pig Heart Boy* and are now fully immersed in *All Aboard The Empire Windrush* which links with our history and we are using this to inspire. As well as writing newspaper reports about the event this term, we will continue to use it to create fiction based around themes such as belonging, migration and acceptance. Across the foundation subjects, we have worked on the historical events leading up to the Empire Windrush's journey from the Caribbean to Britain and researched some of the individuals who make up this integral piece of British history. In Science, we've consolidated our understanding of the circulatory system by exploring the impact of different exercises on our muscle groups and written guides to the circulatory system to support 11-14 year olds' understanding of how their body works.



Well done Year 6! A super term.

SCHOOL NEWS!

High Tea with Mrs Lambert!

Congratulations to Florence, Ahmed, Fraser, Esther, Maxwell, Nancy, Riley, Ava, Mavis, Tobias, Max, Elliott, Isla G, Oscar S, Hubert and Connor who have all been nominated by their teachers to have high tea with Mrs Lambert this term!



CST GYMNASTICS COMPETITION
Teams from Years 4 and 6 went to Trinity this term to compete in a gymnastics competition. Both teams were brilliant and won silver medals. We are so proud of them! A big thank you to Mrs Dennison for organising!



ZONES OF REGULATION

You might have heard your child talking about colours and zones over the last few weeks. The zones of regulation is a way of children being able to recognise and express how they feel and self-regulate by using strategies to get back to the zone best for learning - the green zone.

Why not open up the conversation about zones of regulation at home?

The ZONES of Regulation

Blue Zone Sad Bored Tired Sick	Green Zone Happy Focused Calm Proud	Yellow Zone Worried Frustrated Silly Excited	Red Zone overjoyed/Elated Panicked Angry Terrified



From all of us at Stoke Park we would like to wish our children and families a lovely, restful Easter Break. We look forward to seeing the children back in school, ready to learn on **Monday 17th April.**

NURSERY PLACES

Do you have a child who is 3 years old? Our Nursery is now accepting applications for September, for either 15 or 30 hours. Please contact the office for more information or to come for a visit. Children in our nursery have such a fantastic learning experience in a safe, nurturing environment - a wonderful start to their educational journey!