

**STOKE
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NURSERY &
PRIMARY**

Park Life

**TERM 4
28 MARCH 2024**

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Welcome to Term 4's edition of Park Life!

A Message from Mrs Lambert...

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

At the beginning of term we had 'Attendance Week', to highlight the importance of regular attendance; it's so important that children are at school every day. We regularly monitor attendance across the school and if your child's attendance drops below the expectation, you will be notified. If you would like to talk about an attendance issue, please let us know.

We enjoyed a wonderful World Book Day and it was lovely to see the children dressed up as book characters and then back at school in the evening enjoying 'Book at Bedtime'. Year 5 and 6 also took part in a Shakespeare themed circus workshop as part of our partnership with the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.

Our KS2 choir were very busy preparing for the trust 'Music Makers' concert, which was held at Bristol Beacon this week. It was wonderful to take part in such a lovely occasion, with all nine schools singing and creating music together. We were so proud of our children who sang their hearts out and made us all exceptionally proud!

The children have been working hard on their learning this term and it was good to see so many families attending parents evenings to discuss progress. If you did not manage to see your child's class teacher, please contact them to make an appointment.

We are looking forward to an exciting summer term ahead, with hopefully some warmer weather!

Have a wonderful holiday with spring break with family and friends and we will see you back at school on Monday 15th April.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lambert

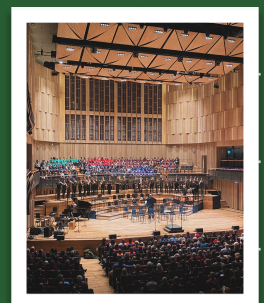
Learning Updates (p2-5)

We've had a wonderful term across all of our classes!



Music Makers

Members of our choir performed at the Bristol Beacon alongside children from other CST schools.



Safer Internet Day and Neurodiversity Week

Find out what we got up to on page 6.

Nursery

Term 4 in Nursery has been full of amazing learning opportunities. We have been learning about different minibeasts and vegetables 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. We used the story, 'Oliver's Vegetables' to learn about vegetables and have enjoyed exploring them through touch, smell and taste. We showed our preferences for vegetables while talking about what we like and dislike. Some of the children were very brave trying new things.

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. In sound time we have been learning about sounds we can make with our voices and instruments. We had to think really hard about the best instrument to use to represent a fairy's footsteps, an elephant's stomp and going down a slide.

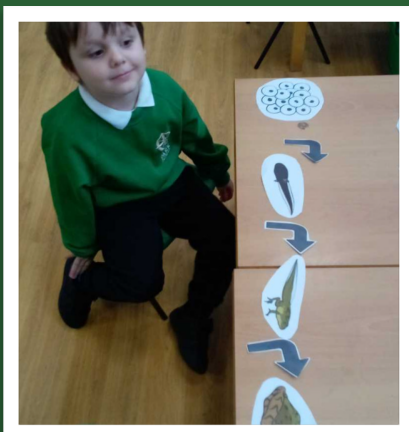
We have really enjoyed Forest school this term. We have found woodlice, worms (enormously long ones!), snails and slugs. Some children have shown real determination and strived for success by completing the log poles. We look forward to the next term as we continue to grow in Nursery and welcome new children into our class.

We had a great time walking to the post box to post our invites to the sing-a-long and have enjoyed being outside even in the cold!

We cannot wait for next term!



Reception



This term, Reception's theme has been 'Nature Detectives'. We have been so lucky to see frogspawn change into tadpoles and stick insects grow really quickly! 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. We have made collages of honey bees and models of frogs and tadpoles.

We enjoyed the story of Superworm, retelling it and then making our own story about a Lava Monster. We have also read books all about the life cycle of a frog and learnt about bees making honey. We know so many new facts about insects.

In maths we have learnt all about number bonds as well as partitioning to 5 and then 10. We have also learnt about symmetry, 2d and 3d shapes, looking at special reasoning through construction and puzzle making.



Year 1



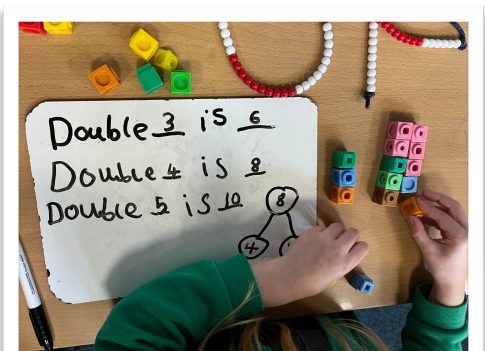
Year 1 has started and ended term 4 on a high! They have worked hard across their learning: thinking like mathematicians to challenge their number work, wow-ing the adults with their ideas and word choices in literacy, investigating materials and their properties in science as well as revisiting their work on animals including humans and impressing us with what they could remember.

They've been practising mindfulness techniques such as belly breathing and have discussed the importance of online safety knowledge in computing. A lot of fantastic reading has taken place too, not least on World Book Day. A highlight for Year 1 has to have been Red Nose Day where they stopped what they were doing and danced on every hour for charity.

Lastly, Year 1 has also shown flexibility and resilience in the face of change this term as they wished good luck to Miss Setherton and welcomed Miss Francis. Well done Year 1, I am looking forward to a whole summer term of fun and learning with you!

Year 2

This term in Maths, Year 2 have furthered their understanding of multiplication and division by exploring fractions; learning about doubles, halves, quarters and thirds. In Literacy, we have been writing stories set in different cultures across the world alongside recounts of personal experiences that we have enjoyed. We have been learning about balanced diets in Science and have even made our own healthy and balanced wraps to demonstrate our new understandings. In History, we continued our unit of learning about the history of Bristol and have loved learning about the impact of the English Civil War and the Victorians on our city. We brought our learning about Victorian Bristol to life through our visit to Brunel's ship the S.S Great Britain, which was a very informative and enjoyable day for all involved.



Year 3

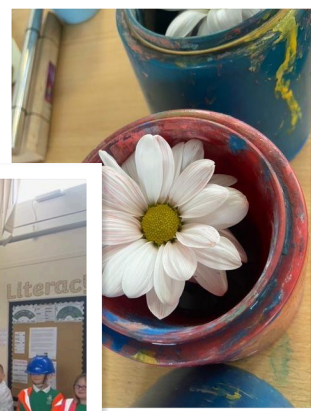
This term has flown by in Year 3 and we have managed to fit in so much fantastic learning.

We completed our multiplication and division unit in maths and have all enjoyed trying to beat our own best scores in our multiplication booklets each day.

In Science, we have been learning all about plants and have worked like scientists conducting many experiments. Some of these experiments involved looking at how water is transported through a plant and what conditions are best for photosynthesis to occur.

We have sadly come to the end of our Stone Age - Iron Age History unit. We have had a great time learning about this time period and how people lived. We can now get ready to begin our next History adventure, learning about the Romans!

Year 3 ended this term with a trip to Keynsham. As we travelled by train for the trip, we were lucky enough to have a special guest come and speak to us about rail safety. We all found the workshop really informative and enjoyed being able to dress up as different people from the rail industry.



Year 4

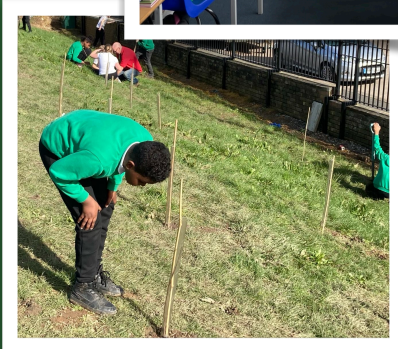
Year 4 have had a tremendous term 4 with achievements and success across the board! Our class book for most of the term has been 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' – a gripping tale of a young, Syrian refugee and their arrival in Britain. The class have loved the book and have already drawn connections between it and our new class book – Varjak Paw! The middle-eastern background of both books as influenced not only our writing in English but also in History as we begin to explore the awesome Egyptians!



Connecting to this, in our geography lessons we have been looking at the water cycle and learning how water never goes away...it just changes where it is! In mathematics we have been learning about fractions and now decimals: looking at the ways in which numbers less than one can be shown.

Aside from the classroom, Year 4 have been active outside it. This term we have had two trips: one to the Bristol City Council offices to debate the merits of reducing our electric usage at school, another to the Bristol Museum to examine artefacts from Ancient Egypt itself! The class have learned a lot this term and are excited to learn more next!

Year 5



Year 5 had a great half term, which started with an exciting visit from Miss Cerullo's brother, Gian! He is a conservationist who works in rainforests around the world to track the impact of deforestation on wildlife. He had lots of amazing photos and facts to show us and we were so curious, excited and also a bit disgusted at some of his stories!

Another highlight this term has been our work on Shakespeare. We really enjoyed learning about *Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The Tempest* and *Romeo and Juliet* and had lots of **big** opinions on why this story was so famous! Our Shakespeare work culminated in an amazing workshop on World Book Day, where we engaged in lots of circus activities linked to the story of *The Tempest*, such as juggling, tightrope walking and hoop tricks!

We also really enjoyed our planting workshop- we planted lots trees on the verge near the MUGA by carefully removing a patch of grass, planting the tree and placing the grass back around it. We also had to use special protective cylinders to keep the trees safe while they grow strong.

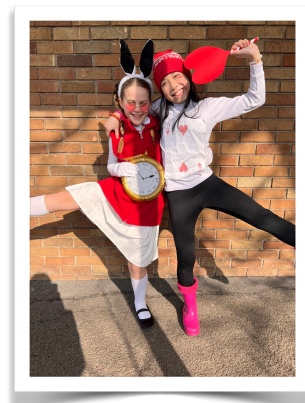
WOW- all of those activities on top of our busy day-to-day learning!! Well done Year 5- I'm sure next term will be even better!

Year 6

We have had lots going on in year 6 this half term. We brought maths to life in the real world when we collected, analysed and presented the school's data from attendance week (even if we didn't win!). We have also been looking at shape, as well as plenty of arithmetic practice. Year 6 have produced some brilliant writing this term, including a biography about Malala Yousafzai, a letter to instruct children to evacuate during WW2, free-form poetry, and some descriptive writing.

Another highlight has been reading *Skellig* by David Almond, which has fostered some really rich discussions and predictions about angels, owls, and what is going to happen next. Year. 6 completed their mock SATs tests at the end of this term and we celebrated with a presentation of certificates and awards for progress made throughout the year. Everyone who works with year 6 is feeling really proud of their hard work - we're nearly there!

Outside of the classroom, the class have taken part in a Bollywood dance workshop at Trinity and a circus workshop linked to *The Tempest* for World Book Day!



SCHOOL NEWS!

High Tea with Mrs Lambert!

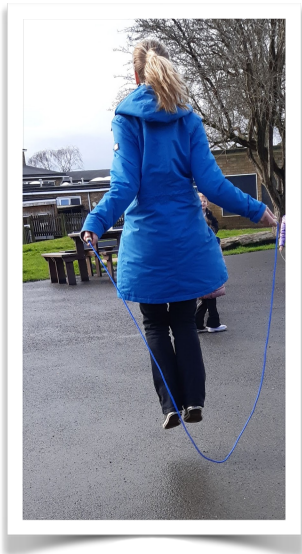
Congratulations to Amani, Zaki, Amelia, Olivia, Roma, Benji, Ra'Maya, Ned, Coco, Emily, Jeremy, Jasmine, Logan G, Bleu Jay, Oscar J, and Reece, who have all been nominated by their teachers to have high tea with Mrs Lambert this term!

Neurodiversity Week

All assemblies in the penultimate week of term were on neurodiversity. We looked at a variety of video clips in our classes and discussed a range of neurodiversities including: dyslexia, dyspraxia and dyscalculia.

Safer Internet Day

This term we took part in Safer Internet Day. During the day, classes learnt about how to stay safe online. We were joined for the day by Androulla Nicolaou, who works for the police. She ran workshops for all our KS2 pupils and also ran a parents workshop in the afternoon. Thanks to all those who attended.



Mrs Williams and Nursery have been completing a **March skipping challenge for Cancer Research**. It finishes on March 31st but so far they have raised £435!

Here is a link to the Giving page if you would like to make a financial donation <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/natashas-giving-page-3659>

Thank you for all your contributions.

We have an Instagram Page that showcases all of the art at Stoke Park!

Follow us at:

@stokeparkarts



NURSERY PLACES

Do you have a child who is 3 years old? Our Nursery is still accepting applications for this year, 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!

Happy Easter!

Have a restful and safe Easter break! We are really looking forward to seeing all our families back at school, ready to learn on **Monday the 15th of April!**