



THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



NOTES FROM THE DESK OF MRS HUMPHRISS

May is here, hurray. The month of sun and flowers. You can definitely feel the warmth in the air and seeing the sunshine and slightly blue skies cheers everyone up. Last Friday we were finally able to return to our playtimes in the paddock and at lunchtime the children enjoyed playing in the newly cut grass, looking for flowers, climbing trees, playing many games of football (there is definitely more room than our playground) and raising their mental health spirits by just being outside. I love watching how happy they are when outside.

Governors this week have completed pupil interviews on Science; this week's subject spotlight is on Science. The majority of children loved Science and love doing experiments. Some of their comments are below in our Science spotlight. We also welcomed our Director of Primaries from the trust. Mrs Brown on a learning walk commented on the engaging EYFS unit, strong progress in learning and leadership at all levels is dynamic and often inspirational.

The school really is looking great and the children are trying their hardest and enjoying a wide inspiring curriculum. I have noticed that uniform could be neater and I would ask for your support on ensuring your children are wearing the correct uniform. If you need support then we have second hand uniform for sale in our front office. Please ensure that children are wearing black shoes as opposed to trainers. Black trainers are fine to wear with our main uniform but they should not be multi-coloured. I have sent out our uniform policy to remind everyone of our high expectations. Thank you so much.

Today we have danced the day away for Guide Dogs for the Blind - thank you for your donations.

Dates for your diary

Maths Challenge

Answer to last challenge

26

$$1 + 20 + 5$$

Try this... A drawer contains an unsorted collection of black, navy, white, and brown coloured socks. If socks are taken at random, one at a time, what is the minimum number which must be taken to be certain of finding five matching pairs?

6th May - School closed bank holiday

8th May - Reception Farm Visit

10th May - Celebration Assembly

13th May - KS2 Statutory Assessments

16th May - Y5 Fire Service Visit

21st May - Class Photo Day/Y5 & 6 Big Sing Warwick

22nd May - Y1 Fire Service Visit

24th May - Celebration assembly and 'Yes' day - FOSP event

Half term holiday - return to school Monday 3rd June

3rd June - Multiplication statutory testing starts


7th June - Grounds Day and Plant walks

10th June - Phonics screening for Year 1 begins

13th June- New Reception Parent meeting

14th June - Celebration Assembly/CAT football tournament

STAY SAFE IN A DIGITAL WORLD



Update 22/03/2024 – Parents via the Snapchat Parental Controls can now disable the my Ai chat bot from replying. To do this simply tap on settings scroll down to family centre, then scroll down to My Ai then toggle to disable My Ai

As technology continues to advance, AI chatbots have become increasingly popular in various industries, with applications ranging from customer service to entertainment. One chatbot gaining the top spot for attention in the last week is Snapchat My Ai'. Not least because you cant turn it off. Well you can if you pay £3.99 per month but who pays for Snapchat?? Certainly not any children – or adults I know. Do you?
<https://www.waynedenner.com/blog/snapchat-my-ai-chatbot/>

SAFEGUARDING - EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

EACH WEEK WE WILL SHARE SAFEGUARDING MESSAGES HERE FOR YOU

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO BE SAFE, HEALTHY AND WELL.

Op Talkative - Statement of purpose

Op Talkative is a concerted partnership initiative to prevent and divert the threat of knife crime and possession within the County of Warwickshire. It is recognised that traditional police enforcement towards those perpetrators in possession of or using knives to commit crime has limitations and that this alone can miss the potential for early intervention to prevent and deter, which could potentially stop a person escalating into criminality, committing a serious offence or worse ending in very tragic circumstances.

Op Talkative is asking for our community to share more information about anyone they know or hear about carrying or having possession of a knife. Increase in this information is vital to enable not only the police, but the full range of community safety partners to consider options to prevent and divert individuals risking their own and others safety in Warwickshire.

Operation Talkative
 Intelligence regarding possession of knives

Subject Spotlight – Science

To ensure effective teaching in Science we follow Curriculum Maestro's well-defined scheme of work, which is aligned with the National Curriculum, ensuring progression across all key stages in Science.

At the beginning of each unit, we assess students' prior knowledge through discussions. In each lesson, we have flash back question tasks to support retrieval practice, develop long-term memory and connect to previous learning. Children learn key vocabulary to aid their development.

Science topics are introduced with relevant real-world examples. Cross-curricular links are encouraged, allowing children to build on prior knowledge and become adept inquiry-based learners. Our planning includes activities that promote inquiry and exploration. We model with examples and record in books, taking pictures of practical's and complete observations over different periods. We will adapt activities and assessments to meet individual needs. Our teaching methods involve hands-on experiments, group discussions, demonstrations, and multimedia resources. We encourage collaborative projects that require students to work together, fostering a spirit of teamwork and mutual respect. We provide individualised support to ensure that all students, regardless of abilities, have the resources and encouragement needed to pursue their scientific aspirations. We encourage self-reflection and peer feedback for a collaborative learning environment.

The love of science is promoted and developed through engaging hands-on lessons, science week, STEM workshops, outdoor learning and educational visits which link with other subjects.

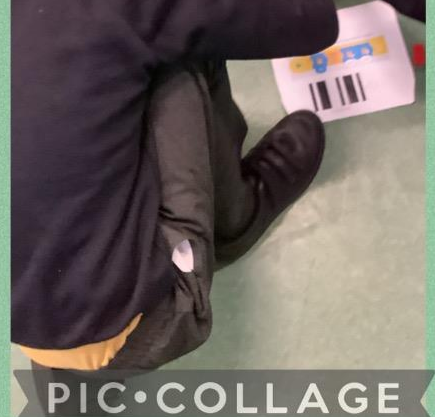
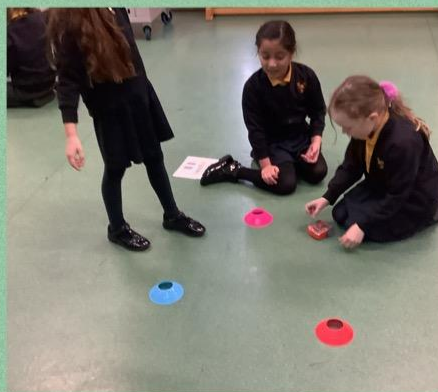


Stratford Upon Avon Primary School
Science Cornerstones Topic Map

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn 1	Different Seasons	Seasonal Changes	Animal Survival	Animal Nutrition and the Skeletal System	Food and the Digestive System	Forces and Mechanisms	Evolution and Inheritance
Autumn 2	Changes in the world-animals in winter	Plant Parts	Animal Survival	Light and Shadows	Sound	Human and animal reproduction Human and animal life cycles	Light
Spring 1	Similarities and differences Woodland features and creatures	Weather	Human Survival	Forces and Magnets	States of Matter	Earth and Space	Electricity
Spring 2	Season changes- plants, changing states of matter	Human Senses	Habitats	Forces and Magnets	Grouping and classifying	Earth and Space	Living Things and their habitats
Summer 1	Explore natural world: Mini beasts and plants	Everyday Materials	Plant Survival	Rocks	Electrical Circuits and Conductors	Properties and changing materials	Animals including Humans: Healthy Lifestyle
Summer 2	Materials and changes- floating and sinking	Animal Parts	Uses of Materials	Plant Nutrition and Reproduction	Electrical Circuits and Conductors	Properties and changing materials	Animals including Humans: Circulatory System



*Year 3 Science
workshop*



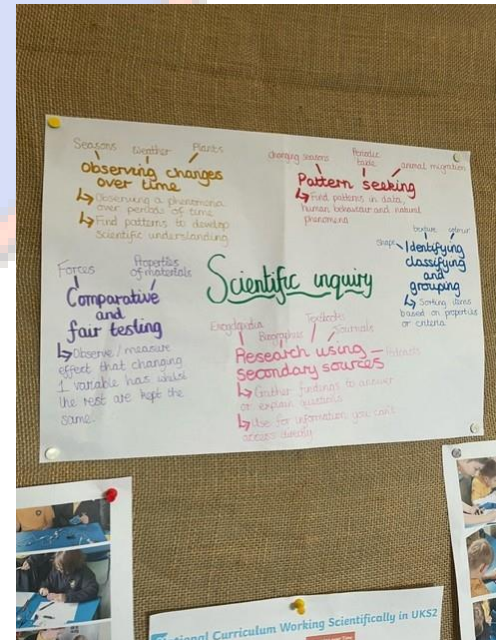
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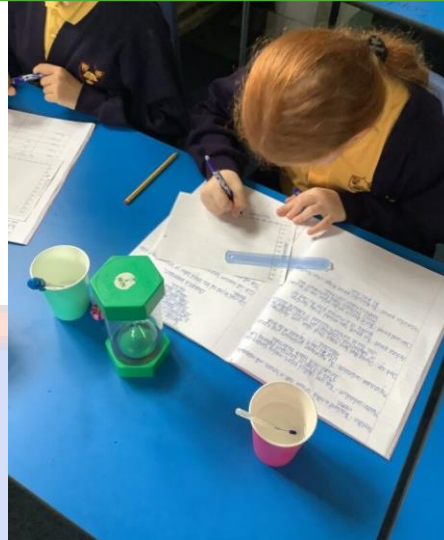
Luca and Alex love doing experiments. Luca said new discoveries blow my mind!!



Hala = We had to find out about phases of the moon. We learnt that each phase of the moon takes 27.3 days to orbit the earth. Also, Aristotle was also the first person to really think about space.



Will shared how he loves drawing diagrams and did you know if you take half of the roots from a plant it will still survive.



Stratford Literary Festival - Author visit Joseph Coelho - Children's Laureate.





We are very pleased to be able to offer a **FREE** shuttle minibus service

This will run from Friday 3rd May to Sunday 5th May

Collections will be from the corner of St Gregory's Road and Welcombe Road CV37 6UJ leaving promptly at:

10am - 12pm - 2pm - 4pm

Collections from the Welcombe Hotel car park leaving promptly at:

11am - 1pm - 3pm - 4.30pm (*Friday*)

5.30pm (*Saturday and Sunday*)

This is an 8 seater minibus and is on a first-come first-served basis.



Thank you for your understanding



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK
13-19 MAY 2024



LET'S
MOVE MORE
FOR OUR **MENTAL HEALTH**

13-19 MAY 2024

This Mental Health Awareness Week find your #MomentsForMovement

www.mentalhealth.org.uk/mhaw @mentalhealthfoundation @mentalhealth



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Attendance, Houses & More



House Points

Our House Captains have been busy revising for their upcoming assessments so we will report 2 weeks of house points next week.



This week's winners are:

YR, Y6 and Y3

Attendance figures

Reception = 99%

Year One = 90%

Year Two = 93%

Year Three = 95%

Year Four = 92%

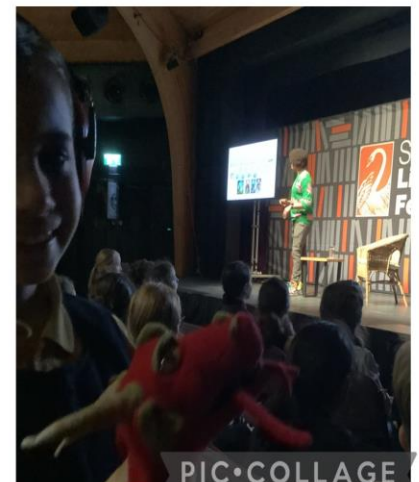
Year Five = 92%

Year Six = 96%

Whole school attendance for this year so far is:

96%

Unfortunately, lots of illnesses again this week.



George has been enjoying cuddles, PE, art and visiting Joseph Coelho the author.

PIC•COLLAGE



We have received our official portrait of The King and George is admiring it. Mildred has been watching Miss Campbell begin to paint our new history timeline. Watch this space and finally George and Desmond took time out at the reflection table to just enjoy being.



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS FOR GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND.

We are still receiving donations but at the time of going to press we have raised **£256**. Amazing. The children look great in their dance clothes and next week we will share lots of photos.



KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL

SHAKESPEARE'S SCHOOL

OPEN MORNING

SATURDAY 29TH JUNE 9.00AM - 12 NOON

The Sunday Times
State Secondary
School of the Decade



Current Year 5 students and their parents are invited to attend this Open Morning for Year 7 Entry in September 2025. You will be given an opportunity to look around the School and meet staff and students and gain a flavour of what a K.E.S. education has to offer.


Please also visit our website at www.kes.net/admissions for our Virtual School Experience.

The Headmaster will speak at 9.15am and 10.15am in the Levi Fox Hall

"King Edward VI school is a rich and vibrant community. Pupils thrive at this school" OFSTED



Chapel Lane, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 6BE

 [assure.wished.invite](http://www.assure.wished.invite)

t: 01789 293351 e: office@kes.net

w: www.kes.net

Regrettably there will be no parking available on the School site.





RIVERSIDE
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Crufts side 2024

Sat 4th & Sun 5th May

10:30am - 7:30pm

Enter your dog into Stratford's Annual Dog Show with many categories to choose from, plus lots more including live music from

The Swingettes (Sat) & Texan Peacocks (Sun)

Bouncy castle

Competitions

Face painting

Shopping

Food & Drink

Agility course

Demonstrations

Best In Show

**Scan to see the line-up and
enter your dog!
Just £2 per category!***

*plus booking fee





SCHOOL UNIFORM



**IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR
AND P.E. KIT ETC IS CLEARLY NAMED**

- **Gold polo shirt with school logo** – (these can be worn without a logo but must be gold)
- **Navy sweatshirt or navy cardigan with or without school logo**
- **Navy skirt/pinafore dress or Charcoal grey/navy trousers/shorts**
- **Navy or Grey socks/tights**
- **Black flat shoes (no open toed shoes or trainers)**

- **In summer a blue gingham checked dress may be worn with white socks**

P.E. KIT

- **A pair of plimsolls or trainers, these are best kept in a shoe bag marked with your child's name on their peg or in their locker.**
- **A pair of navy shorts**
- **A gold "T" shirt with or without the school logo**
- **Navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings/navy jogging top/fleece**

Please note:

- **Children should have an outdoor coat in black, navy or a dark colour**
- **Book bags can be purchased from Marks & Spencer or from the school office**
- **Hair accessories must be blue/navy or gold/yellow**
- **Long hair must be tied back**
- **Nail varnish and make up is not allowed**
- **Stud earrings only (these must be covered up or taken out for PE)**
- **A change of footwear (e.g. wellies) for playtime in the paddock to be provided**
- **Clothes suitable for forest school to be kept in a bag in school e.g. long sleeved tops and trousers with waterproofs**
- **Pupils are expected to look neat and smart at all times and we rely on the co-operation of our parents/carers to maintain our high standards**

Our School outfitters are:

Marks & Spencer: 03330148418
MANDSYOURSCHOOLUNIFORM.COM

National Schoolwear Centre – Alcester
3-4 Bulls Head Yard, Alcester B49 5BX
01789 400344

We also have second hand uniform in our school entrance – donations are welcome.