

# Stow Heath Primary School—Year 1 Spring Term Newsletter

## Reading

This term our reading focus will be:

- A range of decodable texts.
- RWI phonics books.
- Narrative - A range of traditional tales including Little Red Riding Hood and The Gingerbread Man.
- Non-Fiction—Information texts about people who help us, E.G: Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, and Instructions on how to make a puppet.



During story time and reading for pleasure, pupils will be exposed to a range of stories, non-fiction texts and poetry.

## Writing

This term our writing focus will be:

- Sentence construction - To learn that a sentence starts with a capital letter, includes finger spaces and to know which punctuation symbol to use.
- Non-Fiction—Letters to People who help us and Instructions.
- Fiction— Little Red Riding Hood and The Gingerbread Man.



## Numeracy

This term our numeracy focus will be:

- Place Value to 50
- Addition and Subtraction within 20
- Length and Height
- Mass and Volume

Mastering Number

- Subitising
- Number fluency—bonds within 10 and 20
- Counting objects using 1-1 correspondence and ordering numbers



## Reminders:

PE days are Monday and Thursday. PE kit is a white T-shirt, black shorts/ joggers, the school cardigan or jumper and trainers.

Reading books will be changed every Thursday.

Spelling tests will be on a Monday.

How to help your child with their **reading** at home:

- Listen to your child read their book daily.
- Discuss the reading book and ask questions that are in the back of the book.
- Practise the year 1 common exception words.
- Learn phonic sounds.
- Practise weekly spellings.

[Additional Reading websites](#)

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

How to help your child with their **writing** at home:

- Practise letter formation.
- Practise saying sentences using 'and'.
- Practise writing a sequence of sentences using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.
- Practise using adjectives in sentences.

How to help your child with their **maths** at home:

- Practise number formation.
- Practise counting forwards and backwards to 50.
- Practise addition and subtraction within 20.
- Practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.
- Measure real objects in CM.

## Key dates:

Inset Days in 2024—

Friday 24th May 2024  
Monday 22nd July 2024

Half term holiday —

Break up on Friday 9th — Return to school on Monday 19th February 2024

Break up for Easter holidays -

Break up on Friday 22nd March—  
Return to school on Monday 8th April 2024

### Science 1

Pupils will develop knowledge and skills when learning about the weather and seasons.

### RE

Pupils will focus on learning from the religion Sikhism and Easter.



### Music

Pupils will develop their knowledge of music styles and compose music using instruments, when completing the units—'Into the groove' and 'Round and round'.



### PE

Pupils will focus on Gymnastics, Dance, Net and Wall games and Yoga.



## Our Topic this term is:

### People Who Help Us and the Local Area

#### Geography

Pupils will develop geographical knowledge of the area around the school from a bird's eye view. They will explore human and physical features and develop map skills.



#### DT

Pupils will develop DT knowledge and skills of moveable levers and linkages to create a emergency vehicle with a moving part.



#### History

Pupils will develop historical knowledge of significant people in history—Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.



#### Art

Pupils will develop Art knowledge and skills by drawing and creating natural sculpture in the style of Andy Goldsworthy.



### Science 2

Pupils will develop knowledge and skills when comparing animals.

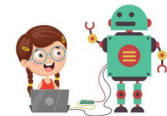
### PSHE

Pupils will focus on the themes Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me.



### ICT

Pupils will develop knowledge and skills when coding and will also create animated books.



### Literacy

Act out and retell the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Write sentences to tell the story.

Act out and retell the story of The Gingerbread Man. Write sentences to tell the story.

### Art

Create a picture using natural materials based on the work of Andy Goldsworthy. Take a photo of your picture and bring it into school.



### Music

Choose a piece of music in the style of Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and Funk. How does it make you feel?

Make a list of what instruments you can hear.

## Homework Activities for Spring

Choose at least one activity to do each week.

Bring it in to school so we can celebrate your learning whilst at home.

### Geography

Draw a map of your route from home to school. What roads do you walk down? What buildings do you see?

### DT

Can you use materials and resources from home to make a moving caterpillar? You could use paper, split pins, string, egg boxes etc.

### History

Create a fact file about Florence Nightingale or Mary Seacole. Research why they were significant in history.

What did they do?

How did they change British history?

### RE

Can you identify what the 5 K's are in Sikhism? Why are they important?

What is the story of Easter? Why do we celebrate Easter?

### Maths

Recall all number bonds to 10 and 20 and create a list.

Count in 2's, 5's and 10's.

Count and write numbers to 100.

Double numbers to 10.

Double  $5=10$ .

Halve numbers to 20.

Half of  $10=5$

Compare different lengths E.G: the pencil is longer than the button.

### PSHE

Create a poster about your successes and goals for the year. Make it eye-catching by adding pictures and bright colours!

### ICT

Log in to Purple Mash and click on Tools and find 2Go. Complete the challenges.