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# Stottesdon C. of E. Primary School

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## Diary Dates

Monday 30th January 2023	Esther Leverett Williams – Private Music Lessons
	SATs After School Club (Year 6's only)
Tuesday 31st January	Esther Leverett Williams – Private Music Lessons
	SATs After School Club (Year 6's only)
Wednesday 1st February	Esther Leverett Williams – Private Music Lessons
	Craft After School Club / Lunchtime Choir Club
Thursday 2nd February	Netball After School Club
Friday 3rd February	Lacon Sports Coach for Corve and Severn Class
	Lego After School Club / Basketball After School Club



**Well done those who are reading 4 x a week and logging it in reading diaries.**



This weekend is RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. In Teme class they have made a variety of birdfeeders to encourage birds into our garden at school and at home. If you too would like to take part, please visit <https://www.rspb.org.uk>

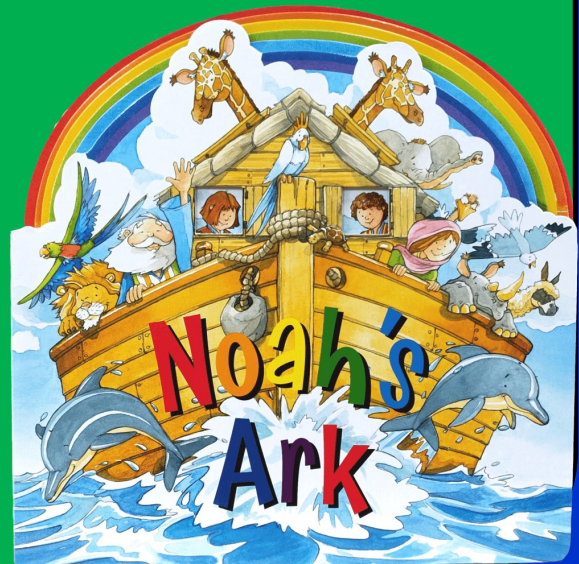
Be part of #BigGardenBirdWatch. Simply choose an hour between 27 and 29 January and count the birds you see land in your garden, on your balcony, or in your local park. Then tell us what you saw. Even if you saw nothing, it still counts.



## Our Worship/Reflections this week:

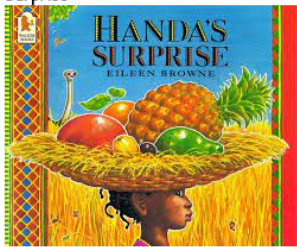


We have continued our new theme of Courage with:

- Continuing to think how important it is to 'stand up' for what is right and against what is wrong. Children thought about the story of Daniel and the Lions.
- Open the Book took us to the story of Noah's Ark and we reflected on how we all need fresh starts sometimes.
- In phase assemblies children learnt about Chinese New Year
- Children have also considered their feedback about behaviour (in class and around school) from their questionnaire. The children have shared what they think they can do even better!



# EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

## Nursery News:

<p><b>Talk for Writing Story: <u>Handa's Surprise</u></b></p>  <p>We are beginning to sustain our attentive listening and respond to the story by offering relevant comments, questions or actions.</p>	<p><b>Rhyme of the Week:</b></p> <p><b>Ten Tall Fingers Song</b> <i>(Sing to the tune of 'One, Two, Three, Four, Five'.)</i></p> <p>Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, Make your fingers do some clicks! Five, four, three, two, one, Ten tall fingers now there's none! Which hand to use to write? Use your left hand or your right! Can you all wave to me? Now, put your hands down on your knees!</p> 	<p><b>Makaton Sign of the Week:</b></p> <p><b>Hungry</b></p> 
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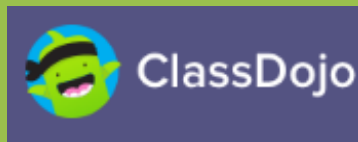
Our topic learning focussed on Healthy Eating this week:



Please be aware that minibuses and taxis are entering the lower playground at nursery collection time. When exiting the playground please leave through the single gate not the double gate



Don't forget to look at Tapestry or Class Dojo this week!



## Reception News:

### Talk for Writing: The Gingerbread Man

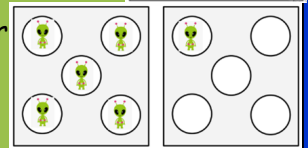
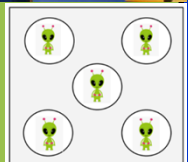
The week started off with retelling and performing 'The Gingerbread Man' story to our parents. Then we created a new character that the little old lady could make instead of a gingerbread man. We edited and changed our story map to innovate a new story.





Thank you to all the parents who attended the Reception Stay and Play: Writing Workshop.

In maths, the children continued to develop their understanding of composition, or the numbers within numbers. We used the Hungarian number pattern (die pattern) to explore ways to represent numbers. By using this die pattern, it is helping the children understand the '5-ness' of 5.

We started by singing the '5 Little Aliens in a Flying Saucer' song to help us see remember the pairs of numbers that make 5. When another alien joined the gang, they quickly realised there was no space! "We need to build another spaceship." Therefore, we used a double dice frame to begin to explore 6 and 7 as numbers that are composed of '5 and a bit'.

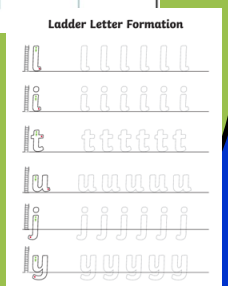


 chair in the air	<b>air</b>	 a bigger digger	<b>er</b>
<b>dd</b> ladder	<b>mm</b> hammer	<b>tt</b> litter	<b>bb</b> rubbish
<b>rr</b> carrot	<b>gg</b> jogger	<b>pp</b> puppet	<b>ff</b> coffee

In Phonics, we have focused on the following phonemes:

### How can you help at home over the weekend?

- To read at least four times of our school reading book and tricky word cards
- Practise forming the tall ladder letters correctly, can your child remember the formation rhyme see the back of your child's reading record for the formation rhymes. There is a sheet in your child's reading wallet.



## Rea and Teme Multi Skills and Lacon Childe

Yesterday, we attended a 'Multi Skills Activities' afternoon @ Lacon Childe school. Here we were given the opportunity to have a go at a variety of different 'sports', such as tennis, football, hockey and frisbee. However, there were also activities where we could improve our agility, co-ordination and explore a variety of equipment.

The whole class were impeccably behaved and were strong ambassadors representing our school - well done all!



## Rea Class

If Rea class have any interest books from before Christmas at home, can they come into school to Mrs J Jones please, particularly our copies of Where the Wild things are by Maurice Sendak and Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper.

### Phonics for year 1

Monday - Differing ways of making the 'u' sound - o-e as in some and love, o as in mother and son, and ou as in young and touch.

Tuesday - se making the z sound, as in cheese and noise.

Wednesday - se and ce making the s sound, as in house and fence.

Thursday - ey making the ee sound as in donkey and money.

Friday - sorting se making the s and z sounds, and revision from Monday to Thursday's sounds.

### Phonics/spellings for year 2

Adding the y suffix to words ending in e (usually as part of a split digraph) eg the verb "shake" changes to the adjective "shaky".

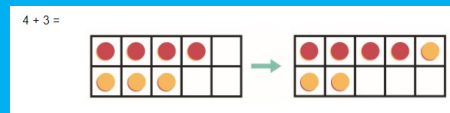
Strategies for learning topic words.

Dictation using words learnt so far this term.

Accurately spelling words with the 'ey' grapheme.

### Year 1 maths

Using regrouping to make 5 and some more (think 5)



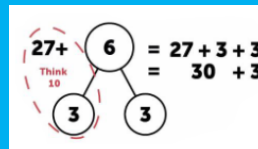
Making 10.

### Year 2 maths will be:

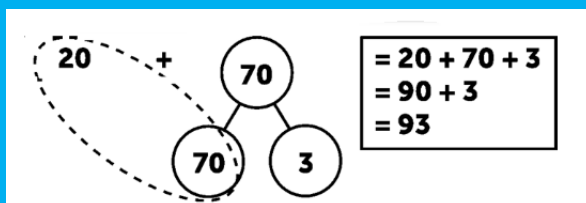
Finding the nearest multiple of 10.



Adding a 1 digit number to a 2 digit number using "Think 10".



Adding a 2 digit number and a tens number.



## NEU Strike Action

Teachers are not participating in the strike action on the 1st February and the school, nursery and wrap around will be open as usual.

Whilst the agenda of pay and school funding is of significant concern and is significantly affecting recruitment, retention and provision for children, staff do not want to disrupt children's access to education.

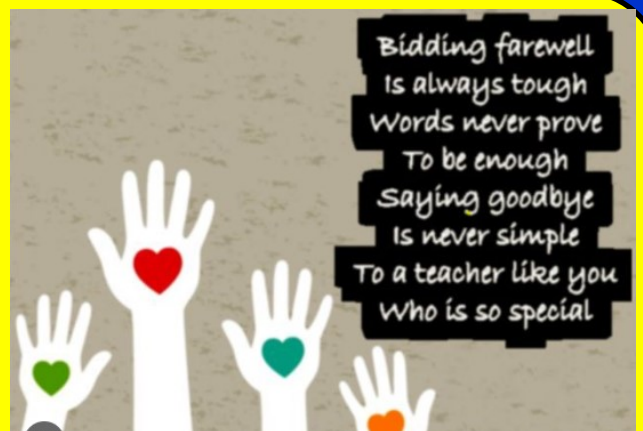
## Mid Year Pupil Reports

In order to help keep parents informed of how their children are doing, we do a 'mini' mid-year report which aims to give a snap shot of how your child is doing and any key next steps for them to be working on. We hope these reports are a helpful overview into the effort, progress and attainment for your children across the different subject areas. Parents evenings will be following at the end of this half term (3 weeks time - 14th and 16th February) to give the opportunity for further discussion or clarification. However, if you feel you need to discuss something before this time please do not hesitate to email, make an appointment or catch a member of staff at the end of the day.

### Mrs King's Leaving Gift

As mentioned previously, sadly Mrs King, who has been with us for several years, working in her many roles within the school, will be leaving us at the end of March this year. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils, and will certainly be a hard act to follow!

We would like to present Mrs King with a leaving present, if you would like to contribute would you hand your donation into the office please.



### Parking at Fighting Cocks

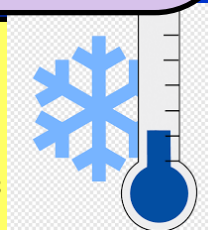
Very kindly, to try and help the parking congestion during school drop off and pick up times, the Fighting Cocks have offered the use of their car park.

If you are able to make use of this very kind offer please do so.



### Emergency Closures: Winter Weather Arrangements

As we head deeper into the winter period, we would like to remind parents of the procedure if we need to close the school (due to severe weather, damage to school buildings, loss of utility supplies, difficulty in accessing the site to make it safe). Closure will always be as a last resort to ensure the safety of staff and students. Schools are expected to stay open unless there is no other sensible option than to close and staff know that travel to work / school is regarded by both the police and the Council's Highways Management as an essential journey. However, there may be times when the school feels it is unsafe to be open or needs a delayed start to give more time for staff to travel safely.

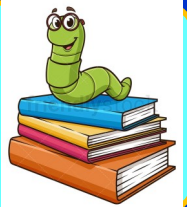


- Decisions will be made and communicated by 7am at the latest.
- Decisions to close will be sent by email and will be announced on Shropshire Radio (**Frequency:** 96 MHz, 90 MHz, 95 MHz, 104.1 MHz)

## Class Reading Information:

Term: **100%** Rea: 93% Corve: 75% Severn: **100%**

PLEASE HELP OUR CHILDREN AND READ WITH THEM 4 TIMES A WEEK TO HELP DEVELOPMENT WITH THIS CRUCIAL LIFE SKILL.



### Achievers

Well done this week to:

Meghan and Libby Grace for their knowledge and sequencing when learning about keeping clean as part of our 'Being Healthy' topic — particularly when learning how and when we need to wash our hands.

Fletcher for a real focus in his maths lessons.

Leon for showing empathy and understanding of how hard it would have been for Scott and Amundsen in the Antarctic.

Archie for his fantastic work applying his times table facts to correspondence problems in maths.

Hollie D for her thoughtfulness in helping others.

Maxwell for his fantastic contributions to class discussions this week.

William G for making great progress in his handwriting.

Eliza, Ana and Jay for their review writing in English.

Bronze Spelling Bee: Lincoln, Izzy P, Zach, Ruby S & Nate

Silver Spelling Bee:

Gold Spelling Bee: Nils & Felicity

Book Vouchers: Hugo D and Jenson Sh.



Rea Class — Numbots — Cash Donnelly

Corve Class — Times Tables Rock Stars — Lottie Bennett

Severn Class — Times Tables Rock Stars — Henley Bennett



### Sports stars of the week:

**Term Class:** Leo and Harriet for their focus and determination to succeed when at the multi skills activity afternoon at Lacon.

**Rea Class:** Esme & Oliver for their good partner work in dance.

**Corve Class:** Ellie for working hard to hold her balances with pointed hands and feet when doing a gymnastics routine.

Steve Adams has chosen Samuel as his sports star this week.

**Severn Class:** Steve Adams has chosen Eliza as his sports star this week.

I have to eat my lunch before I have my biscuit. Libby Grace

I went on an expedition in a forest. Hugo

When my mum came in the kitchen, she stared in disbelief because I ate all of the chocolate. Hollie D

I used my blender to make an amalgamation of food. Torrhen.

Using words of the week