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Diary Dates

Monday 13th March	Monday SATs club for year 6 pupils
	Esther Leverett Williams—Private music lessons
Tuesday 14th March	Esther Leverett Williams — Private Music Lessons
	Year 6 Dental Survey
	Lego & Football After School Clubs
Wednesday 15th March	Esther Leverett Williams — Private Music Lessons
	Gardening After School Club
Thursday 16th March	Severn Class Science Fair @ Lacon, within the school day
	Thursday SATs Club & Netball After School Club
Friday 17th March	Red Nose Day — Non School Uniform £1 donation on the door — Cake Sale (donations for a sale in each class please).
	Forest Fun Session for N2 & Teme Class Pupils
	Lego After School Club



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



Reminders about school uniform:

Thank you to everyone for sending their children back in smart school uniform (a reminder of this is [here](#)) as it really helps set the 'tone' of a school as an important place where we wear 'work' clothes/uniform that makes us all feel an equal part of the family. Following these standards/rules is an important concept for children and, if given the right value by everyone, helps a culture and ethos of a school. Below are a few reminders we would welcome people remembering:

- PE kits should be in school all the time (jogging bottoms are still a good idea for the cold)
- Short hair cuts should not be shorter than a grade two and long hair should be tied up in a simple hairband (these things become a distraction and a peer pressure)
- Children should not be bringing in toys/teddies to school as this is also distracting learning.

This includes elaborate keyrings/zip pulls which are not only dangling off bags but are now dangling off water bottles (getting quite competitive — please ensure children keep these special things at home)

Thank you for your support and, as a result, making sure these rules are fair for everyone.

Our Worship/Reflections this week:

This week we have shared our understanding of and value of friendship by:

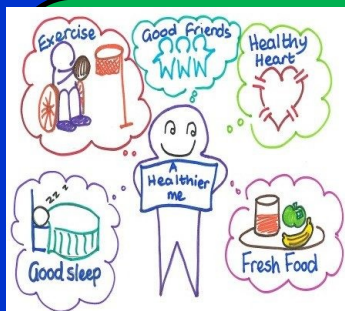
- Reflecting on the story 'A friend for Little Bear' - what is more important friends or things?
- Launching our new PSHE theme 'Healthy Me'
- Continuing to find out about Moses and how he led the Israelites to freedom



A Friend for Little Bear



By Harry Horse

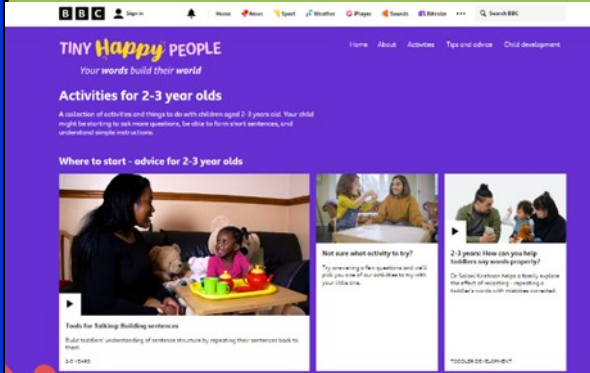


School Closures

Thank you for people's understanding about school closures yesterday and today. This morning was a much harder decision as we knew the day was likely to end with beautiful sunshine. However, considering everyone's safe travel into school and ensuring we have enough staff to keep children safe in school has to be our priority. Thank you for engaging in home learning and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

Nursery News:



BBC Tiny Happy People is an initiative that aims to reduce the word gap by helping parents to develop their little ones language and communication skills in the home learning environment.

Please visit bbc.co.uk/tinyhappypeople for activity content, child development and science content, and tips and advice from speech and language experts.

Talk for Writing Story: Dear Zoo

Retelling the story using actions, story map and discussing our favourite parts of the story.

Rhyme of the Week:

A Zookeeper Song
(Sing to the tune of 'Frère Jacques'.)

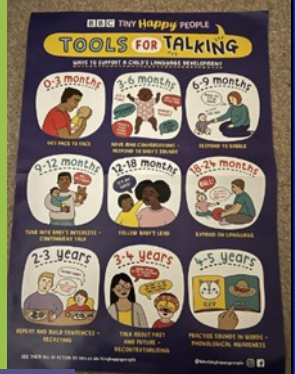
A zookeeper, a zookeeper,
Works all day, works all day,
Feeding all the creatures,
Feeding all the creatures,
Every day, every day.

A zookeeper, a zookeeper,
Works all day, works all day,
Cleaning all the cages,
Cleaning all the cages,
Every day, every day.

A zookeeper, a zookeeper,
Works all day, works all day,
Handing out the tickets,
Handing out the tickets,
Every day, every day.

Makaton Sign of the Week:

Sorry



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



Reception News

In **Phonics**, this week we've focused on the following phonemes:

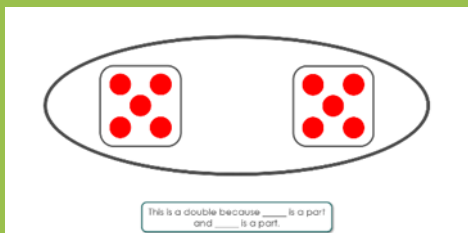
air (chair in the air) | **er** (a bigger digger)

dd (ladder) | mm (hammer) | tt (litter) | bb (rubbish) | rr (carrot) | gg (jogger) | pp (puppet) | ff (coffee)

Longer Words - We will be reading longer words and using chunking method to help us read them e.g. hel/met helmet, hab/rit habit

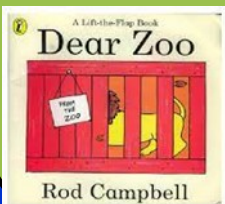
Reception have been learning to read and write the following words:

bigger	chair	fair	rubber
shimmer	butter	supper	chatter
muffin	mutter	buzzer	cannot
laptop	seven	fantastic	comic



In **Maths**, this week, the children have continued to explore the composition of numbers within 10, focusing on the 'special case' of when 2 equal parts combine to make a whole. We used a range of familiar representations including dice and fingers to explore the idea of '2 equal parts', and then find the whole by combining these parts. The children have continued to use their subitising skills, and begin to 'know' the whole when they see 2 parts the same size for larger numbers within 10, as well as begin to recall some doubles facts when an image or physical resource is not available to support them.

When children made a double pattern on their fingers, they were encouraged to match their fingers to 'check' that the same number is shown on each hand. The children found it helpful to use a 'circling' gesture to draw the children's attention to the double being composed of *both parts together*.



In **Talk 4 Writing**, the children have written a letter individually to the zoo requesting a pet of their choice. As a class we explored what a letter is, a letter is a form of non-fictional communication, that can be sent in the post. We explored the journey of a letter by using the internet and watching a short clip. In the writing area, this week we have had letter templates, envelopes, and pretend stamps to encourage us with our independent writing.

Rea Class

Phonics for year 1 will be:

Monday a making the ar sound in father and recap from week 2 of term.

Tuesday 'a' making or as in water.

Wednesday - the under pronounced schwa sound as in different and celebrate

Schwa is the name for the most common sound in English. It is the unstressed sound that we find in many words; it makes an 'uh' sound, which varies according to accent. The phonemic symbol for the schwa sound is ə . Schwa can be represented in writing by all five vowels, and by a number of digraphs and trigraphs such as 'er', 'ou', 'or' and 'our'. (from Charlotte Raby, Little Wandle).

Thursday - 'a' making the 'o' sound after a 'w' or a 'qu' as in 'wasp', 'squash' and 'want'

Friday - Growing the code for 'air' with 'are' recap (share), 'ear' (bear) and 'ere' (there). Weekly review.

Phonics/spellings for year 2 will be:

Monday - kn making n and homophones new and knew.



Tuesday - homophones there, their and they're.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - adding the suffix es to verbs and nouns ending in y (making either an ee or igh sound). - eg bunny becomes bunnies, carry becomes carries and cry becomes cries. We do this by changing the y to an i and adding the suffix es.

Maths year one:










In mastering number we will be focusing on subtraction. The facts being practised this week are subtraction from the odd numbers 5, 7 and 9. The children's attention will be drawn to the fact that when odd numbers are partitioned into two parts, one part must be even, and the other part must be odd.

In the main maths session, we will be finding missing parts in addition and subtraction problems.

 15	
 <input type="text"/>	 6

The start (how many shells Jo has to begin with) is the whole.
The 6 that are broken are one part.
The number of unbroken shells left is the other unknown part.
 $15 - 6 = 9$ unbroken shells

Solving problems by finding all possible answers.

6		4		3	
11		8		6	
5		7		2	



Pupils explore building as many robots as they can, discarding any combinations that are greater than 20.

Maths year two:

In mastering number we will be focusing on subtraction. We will be focusing on bridging the tens boundary by splitting the subtrahend (the number we are subtracting) eg. $14 - 7$ being partitioned to show that $14 - 4 - 3 = 10 - 3 = 7$.

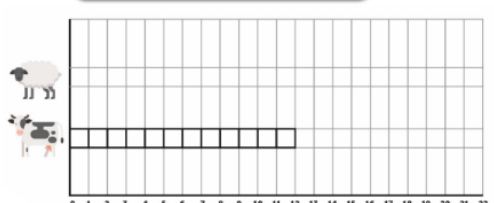
In the main maths session, we will continue with difference from last week.

Then we will consider how to rebalance equations when adding or subtracting 9 or 11.

	$43 + 9 =$
	$42 + 10$

Solving problems with statistics.

The difference between the number of sheep and number of cows on the farm is 9. There are 12 cows. How many sheep could there be?



FoSPS

- **SAVE THE DATE:** film night returns after school on the 24th March - more information next week.

- Last Easter children loved the Easter

Raffle organised by FoSPS. Please send in donations so we can do this again (tickets will be sold in last week of term). We are also doing adult hampers to raffle so if you are able to send in a few treats for parents that would also be welcomed.



- Please see information below regarding the Baby and Children's Tabletop Sale.

BABY AND CHILDREN'S TABLETOP SALE

Only £5 per table - You keep 100% of sales
Selling your own belongings - Setup from 9am

Saturday 29th April 2023
10am - 2pm
Chorley Village Hall
New Road, B'North
WV16 6PA

Kids clothes
Pushchairs
Cots & baby items
Toys, games & books



£1 entry for buyers - Cash only sales
All money from the door donated to Friends of
Stottesdon Primary School

Contact Heather to book a table
07877677438 - nursehev@hotmail.com

Please see information below and attached from the Parenting Team at Shropshire Council:



- o Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- o Do you need support to understand your child's behaviour?
- o Would you like a chance to meet with other parents with children of a similar age?



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD WORKSHOP

Come and join us for a 2 hour workshop on:

Monday 24th April 2023

From 10.00am to 12.00pm

At The Zone Community Hub
Linden Way
Market Drayton
TF9 1QT

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the services the Parenting Team offers please email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or us call on: 01743 250950



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- o Would you like to know more about your child's development?
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- o Would you like a chance to meet & chat with other parents and carers?



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS

The groups are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shropshire

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

SEND Groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed for our SEND Groups

Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Thursday 27th April 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm at Sunflower House Hub, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury

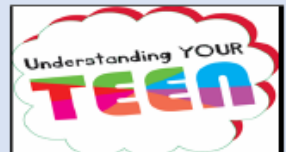
Understanding Your Child starts on Thursday 27th April 2023 from 09.30am to 11.30am at St Mary's Bluecoat Primary School, Bridgnorth

Understanding Your Child starts on Friday 28th April 2023 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child starts Monday 15th May 2023 from 09.30 to 11.30am At Crowmoor Hub, Crowmere Road, Shrewsbury

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To book a place on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the Parenting Team by: Emailing: Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk Telephone: 01743 250950



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- o Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well-being?
 - o Does your child struggle with their sleep?
- o Would you like to access support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines?
 - o Would you like to meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences?

SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOPS

The workshops are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shropshire

Our workshops run for 5 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

Starting on Wednesday 26th April 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm at Sunflower House Hub, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury

Starting on Friday 28th April 2023 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams

Starting on Wednesday 14th June 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm at Sunflower House Hub, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury

Starting on Friday 16th June 2023 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams

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Reception and Nursery's topic for Spring 2 is 'Wild Animals Around the World'.

To bring the learning alive for the children, we have organised for Corner Exotics to come into school on Friday 24th March 2023 to show a range of 35 exotic animals. This will give the children a first-hand experience workshop of what different animals from around the world look like, their habitats and their life cycles.

As this is an exciting experience, we are inviting KS1 and KS2 to join in with the fun with a shorter 'hands on' meet and greet with the animals - Q and A's session with experts about fears, phobias and the environments that these animals come from, how they protect themselves.

For this session to go ahead we are asking for a voluntary contribution of:

Nursery: £4.25 / Reception: £4.25

Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6: £2.70

Those children eligible for benefit related free school meals are asked for a 50% contribution of the above amount.

Contributions are voluntary, but we must point out that without sufficient support such visits will not be able to take place. We hope that you agree that the children's education benefits greatly from such visits. Please make your voluntary contribution through Squid by 17th March 2023. If your child has any allergies and CANNOT touch the animals, please let the office know.



Spring HAF Programme:

The Spring / Easter HAF programme is running during the first two weeks of April. Please see the What's on Guide attached to the newsletter which gives details of the organisations running activities and how to book.



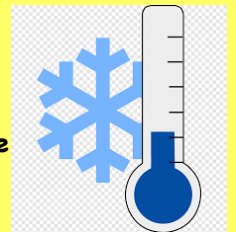
The Core Eligibility remains the same - offering free places to children and young people in receipt of benefits related free school meals and Ukrainian guests staying in Shropshire.

Follow this link [Spring 2023 Promo v2 - YouTube](#) for the Shropshire HAF Spring promo video.

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)



SGET Evening of Poetry to celebrate international poetry day: Tuesday 21st March 2023 @ 6pm – Lacon Childe School.

Mrs Britton, from the English department at Lacon, has been supporting / inspiring children to consider whether they want to perform a poem by heart at the event detailed above. Children who are interested will be bringing letters home with further details. Please return the letter to confirm participation (please note parents will need to transport and collect children themselves).