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# Stottesdon C. of E. Primary School



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## Diary Dates

Monday 20th March	Monday SATs club for year 6 pupils	
	Esther Leverett Williams—Private music lessons	
Tuesday 21st March	Esther Leverett Williams — Private Music Lessons	
	Lego & Football After School Clubs	
	Poetry Evening @ Lacon Childe School - 5.40pm arrival, 6pm start	
Wednesday 22nd March	Primary Swimming Gala at Ludlow — further information in newsletter	
	Esther Leverett Williams — Private Music Lessons	
	Gardening After School Club	
Thursday 23rd March	Rea Class trip to Pool Meadow—wellies & waterproofs required.	
	Thursday SATs Club & Netball After School Club	
Friday 24th March	Visit from <b>Corner Exotics</b>	
	Forest Fun Session for N2 & Teme Class Pupils	
	Movie Night	

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

## Changes to the School and Nursery/Wrap Around Timings

As previously notified, from the summer term (17th April) our school day timings change in order to be inline with the Government expectation of 32.5 hours a week for all pupils. School will open at 8.40am and children **will be expected to be in school by 8.45am**.

The end of the school day will continue to be 3.15pm. We have listened to queries regarding the Nursery session times (and resultant charging) and we have decided that these will also be adjusted as follows (from after the Easter break).

TERM TIME	Early Start	Breakfast	Am Session	Lunch Session	PM Session	After School
	07:30-08:00	08:00-08:45	08:45-11:30	11:30-12:30	12:30-15:15	15:15-17:30
	30 mins	0.75hr	2.75 hrs	1 hr	2.75 hrs	2.25 hrs
Std	£4.20	£3.15	£11.55	£4.20	£11.55	£9.45
20% Sibling Disc	£3.36	£2.52	£9.24	£3.36	£9.24	£7.56

Holiday club (from the June half term) will adjust as follows in order to follow the same session times:

HOLIDAY CLUB	Breakfast	Am Session	Lunch Session	PM Session	After School
	08:00-08:45	08:45-11:30	11:30-12:30	12:30-15:15	15:15-17:30
	0.75hr	2.75 hrs	1 hr	2.75 hrs	2.25 hrs
Std	£3.00	£11.00	£4.00	£11.00	£9.00
20% Sibling Disc	£2.40	£8.80	£3.20	£8.80	£7.20

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to email or make an appointment.

## No Outsiders



Everyone different, everyone welcome.

## Our Worship/Reflections this week:

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

- Revisiting our No Outsiders theme: children considered people with stammers and how to help and include them. Classes were also issued with age appropriate books which raise themes about including everyone.
- Considering how we are a friend to nature: children considered if there was anything they could do to help Hazel Dormice or other wildlife.
- Continuing our Moses stories with Open the Book: children thought about being thank for what we have rather than moaning about what we haven't got.
- Celebrating and thinking about our wonderful mother's—we hope you all have a fabulous day.....

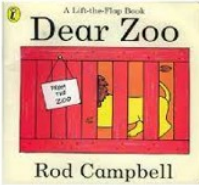


Could you do more to protect your local area?

# EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

## Nursery News:

**Talk for Writing Story: Dear Zoo**



Dear Zoo  
Rod Campbell


We've sharing photographs of our pets this week. We are trying to talk in full sentences to share information about our pets.

**Rhyme of the Week:**


**Down in the Jungle**  
(Sing to the tune of 'Down in the Jungle'.)

Down in the jungle where nobody goes, there's a great, big elephant washing his clothes.  
With a rub-a-dub here and a rub-a-dub there, that's how an elephant washes his clothes.  
He goes stamp, stamp, a boogie-woogie-woogie.  
Stamp, stamp, a boogie-woogie-woogie.  
Stamp, stamp, a boogie-woogie-woogie.  
That's how an elephant washes his clothes.

Down in the jungle where nobody goes, there's a huge, loud lion washing his clothes.  
With a rub-a-dub here and a rub-a-dub there, that's how a lion washes his clothes.  
He goes roar, roar, a boogie-woogie-woogie.  
Roar, roar, a boogie-woogie-woogie.  
Roar, roar, a boogie-woogie-woogie.  
That's how a lion washes his clothes.



**Makaton Sign of the Week:**



Toilet

In our phonics sessions this week, we have focused on following sounds

		<p>Open your mouth and breathe out sharply <b>h h h</b></p>			<p>Put your lips together and say <b>b</b> as you open them <b>b b b</b></p>
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Can you find anything at home that begins with the 'b' or 'h' sound?

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:

	ai		ee		ur		ow
	igh		oa		oi		ear
	oo		oo		air		er
	ar		or				

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

sharp	shark	sheep	cheep
queen	tooth	short	thinker
powder	church	corner	farmer
torch	chain	shower	march

In **Maths**, this week, the children have used practical contexts to sort objects according to different criteria. We noticed different attributes in groups of objects - such as colour, size or function - and to describe what they notice. The children have played sorting games of 'How am I sorting?', the children went on to develop their own criteria for sorting. Sorting and classifying are important early years' skills that encourage children to identify similarities and differences. These skills also support problem solving and the development of data analysis.

In **ART**, we completed our collage backgrounds inspired by the artist Megan Coyle 'painting with paper'. These will be available on ClassDojo to see.

## Rea Class

### In Phonics next week year 1 will be:

Monday - 'ear' making the 'er' sound as in learn.

Tuesday - 'wr' making the 'r' sound as in wrist.

Wednesday - 'st' making the 's' sound as in whistle, and 'sc' making the 's' sound as in science.

Thursday - The schwa sound at the end of words, such as collar. (The schwa sound is an unstressed vowel, which can be represented by different graphemes).

Friday - Review day - including a focus on chunking up longer words such as 'tri/umph/ant'.

### In phonics/spellings next week year 2 will be:

Monday - Carrying on work with changing the y to an i and adding a suffix.

Tuesday - the possessive apostrophe

Wednesday - Adding suffixes 'ful', 'less' and 'ly'

Thursday and Friday - Strategies for checking spelling in our writing.

In mastering number, year 1 will be taking an in depth look at teens numbers and year 2 will be an in depth look at multiples of 10 and how using these and the mid-point can help us identify the value of missing numbers on a numberline.

In maths, we are moving onto work on 'Multiples and Repeated addition' in our main session for both year groups.

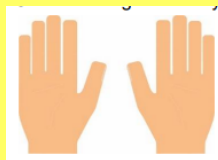
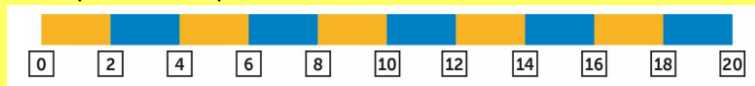
#### Year 1 will be:

Counting in 2s and spotting patterns

Counting in 5s and 10s and spotting patterns.

Counting with coins.

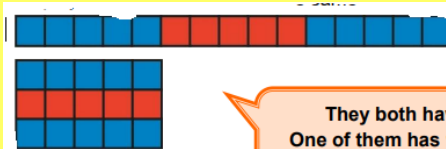
Counting and repeated addition.



- $2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 8$
- $10 = 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2$



Repeated addition and arrays.



They both have a total of 15 cubes.  
One of them has 1 row of 15 cubes and the other has 3 rows of 5 cubes.

#### Year 2 will be learning about:

Patterns for the 2 times tables.

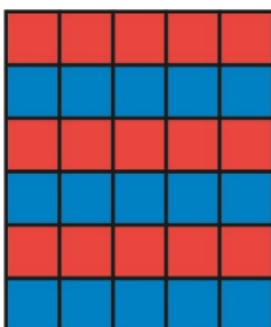
Patterns and strategies for the 5 and 10 times tables.

Counting in multiples of 3.

Linking repeated addition and multiplication.

Exploring arrays and recording them as multiplication sentences.

- $2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 10$
- $5 \times 2 = 10$



How many cubes are there here?

I can see that there are 6 groups of 5. I know that the 6<sup>th</sup> multiple of 5 is 30 so there must be 30 cubes.

I could check by counting in fives 6 times:  
5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30.

## Rea Class trip



On Wednesday 29th March 2023 Rea class will be visiting Wonderland in Telford. While there, we will be using our recently learnt map reading skills to find different routes to locations, eg find a route that includes: Snow white's cottage, the Mad Hatters Tea Party and Winterland.

We will be met by one of the Wonderland characters and also have a guided tour and a story time experience.

While we are there, we will be able to try out some of the Wonderland rides too.

[Home - Wonderland \(wonderlandmidlands.co.uk\)](http://wonderlandmidlands.co.uk)

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £14.35 to cover the cost of admission, story time experience and half of the transport cost (FoSPS have very kindly covered half of the transport cost).

Those children eligible for benefit related FSM will be subsidised by 50%.

Payment to be made via Squid as soon as possible please.



## Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars.

We would like the opportunity to tell you a little bit more about Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars.

Numbots - Numbots is an online game for children, which helps develop their sense of number and also helps retrieval of key number representations, facts and procedures that are used from reception through to the end of key stage one. Many of the representations and ways of calculating reflect the style of teaching that is used in both our mastering number and main maths sessions. Children in Rea class are set 15 minutes numbots homework over the week. This does not have to be completed in one go. The structure of numbots is that children practise an activity a few times often before moving on. This is not to be seen as failure to complete the task, but as practising to get faster, just like practising football skills to become more proficient. When they have mastered one skill, they will move onto the next. The steps are small and incremental, so as not to cause cognitive overload and not to make the children anxious. The steps go right through from subitising numbers (being able to recognise how many you can see without counting) to addition and subtraction of two digit numbers, over a range of levels.



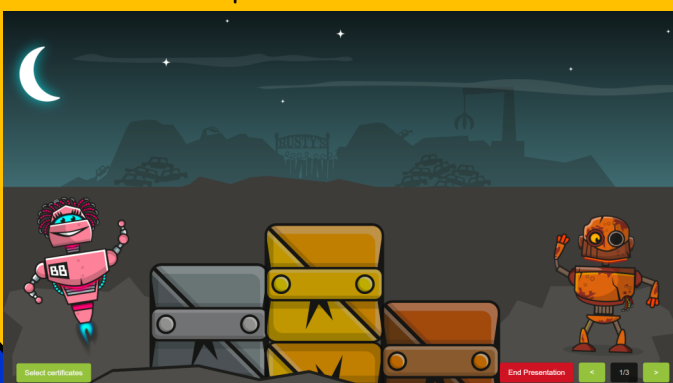
In addition, you can earn coins for achievements and progression and use these to dress your numbots avatar.

Watch the video in this link to find out a little more about numbots. <https://youtu.be/5Ed6OYu5zMw>

As a school we have joined forces with Cleobury Mortimer Primary School and Clee Hill Primary School in the SGET trust, to compete for times tables rock stars champion ships.

Times tables Rock stars is a fun game where your avatar completes a variety of times tables challenges in a fun and (if you want it to be) competitive way that helps you learn your times tables. Children in Corve class will be taking part in our challenges against the other schools. This is a proven way of improving your times tables skills whilst also having fun.

Each week in Teme, Rea and Corve class, we will have a weekly presentation to celebrate the three best improvers in each class to celebrate their progress.



I wonder who will feature in our presentations this week.





## FoSPS

### Movie Night :

- Date : Friday 24th of March @ 3.15pm (children will go from classes to event). COLLECTION AT 5.15–5.30pm from the front of the school (staggered collection to support congestion).
- FILM: Peter Rabbit 2
- Price: drink, popcorn and movie : £5 (£3 for children who have signed up for Lego club as this club will not run on the 24th



March)

Tickets will be on sale Monday lunchtime, Thursday lunchtime and Friday lunchtime. Children will need tickets in order to attend.

### Easter Hamper Raffle:

We would really appreciate it if parents would donate some prizes for the children's raffle; easter eggs, sweets, chocolates, easter cakes (any of these would be amazing). Please hand donations to the office by next Friday at the latest.

There will be an adult hamper as well, so donations for this would also be very welcome.

We would like to thank Mrs Lauren Walker for kindly offering, once again, to do the hampers. They looked amazing last year, as I'm sure you will all agree!

Children's Raffle: tickets to be sold in school 50p for one ticket, £1 for 3 tickets

Adult Raffle: £1 a ticket — tickets will be available to buy at reception

**Swimming Gala—Wednesday 22nd March** — Children taking part in the swimming gala next week (they know who they are following the meeting held in school last week) will need to bring:

- their swimming things (costume, hat (if they have one), goggles)
- t-shirt to wear pool side
- 2 towels (one to sit on - gets wet and one to get dry)
- flip flops for pool side or similar
- packed lunch and 2 water bottles
- An energy snack (eg Fruit)
- reading book or activity book for whilst waiting (NOT school reading books)

Parents are allowed to come and support / watch their children at Teme

Leisure Ludlow: the gala is due to begin at 9.45am (Please note NO photographs or recordings are permitted).



## Message from the School Council: Axolotl

The School Council has worked hard to get the school a pet and thanks to generous donations we have managed to get an axolotl. Recently, we have had an assembly to decide on it's name.

As a school, we have named it **Shadow**.

Shadow has 1 worm a day, we are feeding it in order of the register in Severn Class, so everyone will get a go.

We thank the people who donated the axolotl and its tank.



## Severn Class

On Thursday Severn Class enjoyed a visit to Lacon Childe's science fair.



### Spring HAF Programme:

The Spring / Easter HAF programme is running during the first two weeks of April. Please see the leaflet from Lacon Childe which gives details of the activities they are running 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. If you are eligible and would like to book any of the activities please contact the office and they will give you the appropriate code to use.

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)

## Kids Easter HOLIDAY CLUB



### SGN Easter Holiday Club

Please find attached the Easter Holiday Club booking form. The holiday club will be open on the following dates:

Mon 3rd / Tues 4th / Thurs 6th / Tues 11th / Thurs 13th April = 8am to 5.30pm

Wed 5th & Wed 12th April = 8am to 3pm

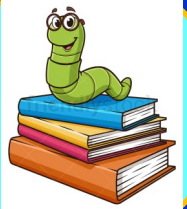
Please complete and return the booking form as soon as possible.



## Class Reading Information:

Time: 87% Rea: 100% Corve: 82% Severn: 96%

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:

Leo for creating a sequence for the children in his group and then for the 'Code-a-pillar to copy successfully.  
Isabella for the recollection of her knowledge of Arctic and Antarctic areas of the globe, polar animals and their habitats.

Ned for his independence, knowledge, understanding and extending his learning and effort when completing a task about animals that live in polar habitats.

Esther for her amazing ideas about why God loves Christians.

Lincoln for always treating others how he would like to be treated and being friendly and kind to everyone.

Isabelle B for her rebalancing calculations with bead strings.

Aaron and Lana for being fantastic maths buddies.

Ellie for her fantastic effort using the column method.

Archie and Samuel for their effort in their writing this week.

Willow, Cameron, Billy, Jack, Charlie, Chloe, William and Jay for making great progress in the recent additional spelling test.

Bronze Spelling Bee: Lottie Boo, Florence, Noah Weston / Silver Spelling Bee: Samuel

Book Voucher: Jackson, Harriet, Ned, Grace, Libby Grace, Raith, Aubrey, Esther, Frankie, Hugo, Isla, Leon, Reggie, Phoebe, Lincoln, William M, Spencer, Fletcher, Ruby B, Jenson St, Gabriel, Hollie D, Tabitha, Ellie, Maxwell, Lorelei & Nate



Time Class — Numbots — Eva George

Rea Class — Numbots — Hugo Richards

Corve Class — Times Tables Rock Stars —  
Elia Prestleton

Severn Class—Times Tables Rock Stars — Nate Rogers



## Sports stars of the week:

Time Class: Libby Grace for being able to create her own imaginative ideas when moving on, over, under, around and through the apparatus when being a variety of animals in the jungle.

Rea Class: Reggie for his high knees, landing on the balls of his feet and control when bouncing in gymnastics.

Corve Class: All of Corve class for their fantastic effort when learning their class Indian dance sequence.

Severn Class: Noah Weston and Felicity for showing great skills in tennis.



Using words of the week

I have a wide table at my house, in my kitchen. Harriet  
On the classroom floor, the carpet feels rough. Ada

Quietly, sneak past the giant. Cash

Outside the quivering house, the storm was treacherous and petrifying. Lorelei

I was bemused when my mum said she would be in two places at one. Holly