



**Staplehurst School Newsletter -
No.27- Summer Term**

News from the Senior Team



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a super start to the summer term this week; the sun has been shining and the children have returned looking very smart and ready for learning. This term is always incredibly busy with many events that we can enjoy together this year.

Curriculum:

Today our curriculum overviews will be emailed to you and uploaded onto the website by Monday 25th April; please take time to review what your child will be learning this term. As always, please ask your class teacher if you have any questions or would like support.

During the summer term many year groups will take important statutory tests. We will ensure that our children are well prepared and supported; key information will be shared with you in a timely manner.

School Site Updates:

Over the holidays our new picnic benches bought by the PTA have been installed – great timing! Can we thank you all for supporting our fund-raising events which support these improvements, especially as we all face rising expenses to the cost of living.

We are very excited to share that we have installed our new computing suite over the holidays. This has been an important project as it allows our children to access the computing curriculum to a much higher standard. Once staff have completed their training children will have weekly timetabled sessions.

Welcome to our new teaching assistants: this term Ms Levitt (Year 2), Mrs Harvey (Year 3) and Mrs Bryant (Year 4) have joined our school. All of our teaching assistants fulfil a very important role at our school and I know that we will all make them feel very welcome at Staplehurst.

Attendance: this week I shared with the children the importance of good attendance at school. As we know a regular and punctual attendance pattern will help your child when they enter the world of work. The link between attendance and attainment in school is clear. The more a pupil is in school the more they increase their opportunity to fulfil their potential, and allows our children to have improved choices when they reach adulthood.

This term Mrs Regelous has joined our team; Mrs Regelous is an attendance officer and will be working closely with all of our families and children to support excellent attendance at Staplehurst.

For all attendance matters please continue to contact the school office at attendance@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk

Thank you for your ongoing support

Miss Davenport & the Senior Leadership Team

Pride Certificates

Willow Mallett	EYG	Willow has made fantastic progress in her phonics and it is particularly pleasing to see this not only in her reading, but also in her writing. She has an excellent attitude to learning, and her confidence has grown. Well done Willow!
Charley Hickmott	EYKR	Charley has worked incredibly hard with his writing this week. He has thought carefully about his letter formation and using the sounds he is learning in phonics to make his writing excellent. Well done Charley!
Poppy French	1C	Poppy has made a brilliant start to the term! She has been showing excellent phonic knowledge during phonics sessions. Poppy is also working at being more independent in maths, tackling some challenging work on her own! Well done Poppy!
Tommy Mclean	1S	Tommy has started this term with a fantastic attitude to learning. He has been working more independently and has been eager to complete all of the tasks in class to a good standard. Keep up the brilliant work! Well done, Tommy!
Josie Gallagher	2SS	Josie has returned to school with an excellent attitude towards her learning. In English lessons this week, she has worked hard on using suffixes to change the meaning of words. She worked with a great level of independence. Keep up the great work, Josie!
Mason Bridger	2S	Mason has started this term with an excellent attitude towards his learning this term. Mason showed a real desire to share his knowledge during Science and Geography. A great start, keep it up!
James Ambrose	3S	This week it has been wonderful to see James showing such kindness to those around him. He has made his peers feel welcome, encouraged them to do well and shown excitement in their successes, included them in games on the playground and demonstrated politeness when speaking to his classmates and adults. Fantastic James, well done!
Poppy Smith	3G	Poppy has began this term with a positive attitude towards her learning. She has been contributing ideas in class and putting in lots of effort with her independent tasks. A brilliant start to this term, keep it up Poppy!
Emily Dumbrill	4W	Emily has returned to school with a great attitude to learning. She has made good choices and shown independence in both Science and English this week. Well done!
Paige Pilbro	4C	Paige maintains her positive attitude to school life. She has returned to school with a friendly smile and determination to continue to sustain her good work. Paige remains conscientious with her learning and ensuring she always does her best. Well done!
Matthew White	5K	Matthew has made a great start to this term, especially in English by showing a clear understanding of our grammar focus (colons and semi-colons) and writing his own sentences accurately with this new punctuation. Keep up the hard work Matthew, well done!
Chloe Beaumont-Collins	5R	Chloe has started the term with a positive and determined attitude towards her work. She has shown confidence when adding and subtracting decimals in maths, and independently used colons and semi-colons in lists in English. Keep this up Chloe!
Arthur Manners	6S	Arthur has demonstrated positivity and determination this week. I am particularly proud of Arthur for the fantastic work he has been doing during reading sessions and for the progress he has made with his reading comprehension. Well done, Arthur! Keep up the good work!
Daisy Carter	6T	Daisy always models the very best learning behaviours in class and around the school, she is an outstanding role model. She listens attentively and shows high levels of engagement and effort in everything she does. Well done Daisy!

EYFS



YEAR 1

To begin the new term, EYFS had to work out what they thought this term's learning would be. They quickly guessed using the clues that our focus was Goldilocks and the Three Bears. This will be the first of our Traditional Tales texts. This week we have enjoyed sharing different versions of the story and we are beginning to identify similarities and differences. The children are all enjoying joining in with the repeated phrases in the story and it has been wonderful to see some of the children using the story language to retell the story using masks and props during our continuous provision.

In maths this week we have begun to explore numbers beyond 10. We have been counting and developing our understanding of numbers to 20, making different amounts using Numicon, tens frames and cube towers, as well as recognising the numerals. We continued this during continuous provision, even going beyond 20 using the Numicon!



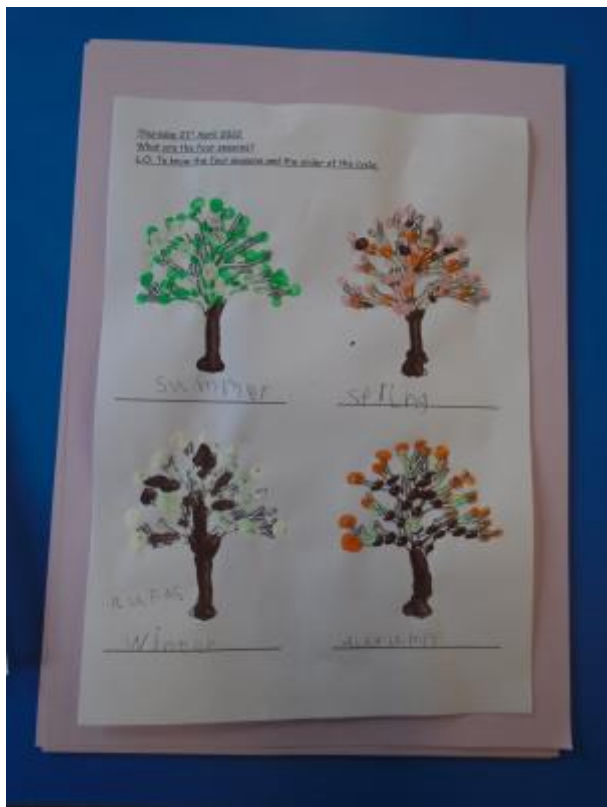


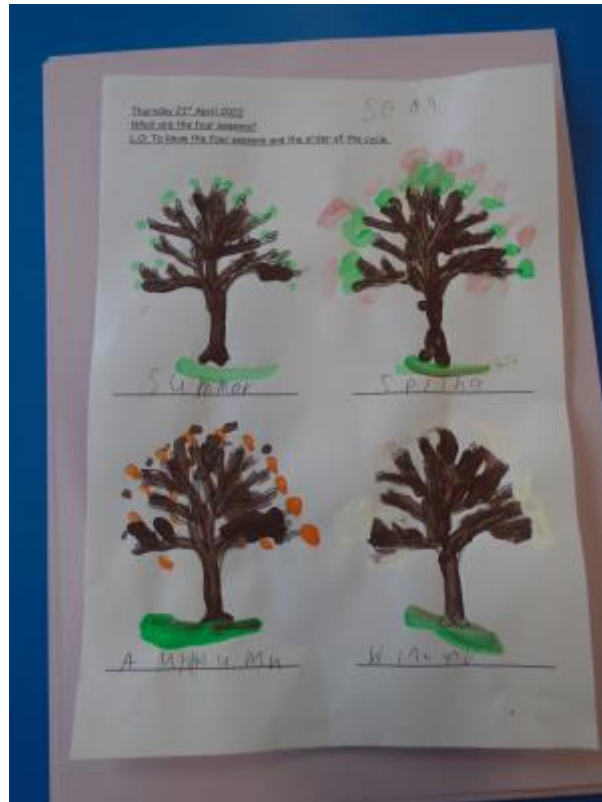
Year 1



Year 1 have started their new science unit on 'Seasons'. The children which seasons were warm, and which were cold. They painted trees to show each of the different seasons.







Year 2



This week Year 2 have begun an exciting new topic in Science: Food chains and Life cycles. We learnt that the most important source of energy in our world is the Sun, and discovered how that energy is transferred from one living thing to another through a food chain. We discussed how plants can make their own food using the energy from the sun, and so we all them producers, but that most

animals need to eat food to gain energy and so we call them consumers. We briefly recapped what it means to be a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore and used this to work out the order of the living things in our food chains.





Year 3



YEAR 3

This week in P.E. Year 3 started their athletics unit in preparation for Sports Day. We began to think about the techniques we need in order to help us when running short distances. We completed

some relay races in teams, passing the baton and practising the skills and techniques we had discussed.



Year 4



YEAR 4

This term Year 4 are continuing their learning on decimals in Maths. They used counters to investigate place value which then enabled them to write decimals with confidence.





Year 5



YEAR 5

This term Year 5 have a lot of exciting science experiments to look forward to, regarding solids, liquids and gases. This week we were investigating at what point water becomes saturated when salt (a soluble material) is dissolved in it, forming a solution. We conducted our experiment by measuring out one teaspoon of salt at a time, stirring it in to our beakers of water until it was fully dissolved, then repeating this process until the salt would not dissolve any more. This showed us that the solution had reached saturation.





Year 6



YEAR 6

This week Year 6 ventured to Weald Sports Centre to take part in their first swimming lesson of the term.

The children will be taking part in 10 sessions designed to support them in developing water confidence and water safety skills in addition to mastering basic stroke technique.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and cannot wait to go back next week!







P.T.A.

Jubilee Artwork Project

Don't forget there's still time to order your keepsake featuring your child's artwork as part of our Jubilee project. It's a great opportunity to commemorate this special occasion and raise funds for our school.

Place your order by **Wednesday 27th April** when the shop closes at sforders.co.uk

You will need your personalised pin code. If you have lost this please email StaplehurstSchoolPTA@gmail.com with your child's name and class before **25th April**. Emails received after this date might not be responded to in time.

Staplehurst Eco Day



All Saints Church, in partnership with Greener Staplehurst Group

Saturday 14th May 2022

10am – 4pm

All Saints Church, Staplehurst

Come and join us for a day of activities, art and information, inspired by the natural world, featuring

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8am – Early Bird Walk (**ticketed - 891258**)

10am – Eco Day at All Saints is Open

11am - Historic Churchyard Tour & Talk by Anita Thompson

12pm – Wildflowers with Terry Standen

1-2pm – Lunchtime Children’s Concert

2pm – ‘Rewilding for the Future’ by Michael Wachter, from Great Dixter.

- Greener Staplehurst Group
- Children’s Art, Crafts & Music
- Encouraging Hedgehogs
- Fill a Bug Hotel for the Churchyard
- Nature Inspired Art by Louise Pettifer
- Refreshments
- Free Entry – donations to the church welcome

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