



**Staplehurst School Newsletter - No.18
- Spring Term**

News from the Senior Team



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, as you will be aware, we welcomed OFSTED to the school to carry out an inspection. The children and staff did us proud, really showing off the quality of education and high expectations we have here at Staplehurst. The report will now be processed and published in due course. We would like to thank all those in the community who completed surveys or offered feedback to the inspectorate. Next week is wellbeing week and we are looking forward to exploring different themes with the children through a series of high-quality lessons. Wellbeing is very important for children and adults alike, and we will explore ways in which to share thoughts and feelings with each other in a safe and respectful way. Our learning will center on 'growth and change' to help children process and understand feelings.

I would like to wish you all a rested weekend.

Best Wishes

Miss Davenport & the Senior Leadership Team

Pride Certificates

Name	Class	Reason
Molly Nichols	EYG	Molly has demonstrated some fantastic independent learning this week, using the phonic Lego to build, read and write words. She has also challenged herself to try different activities during child initiated learning. Well done Molly!
Valdis Ennis	EYKB	Valdis has had a super week at school. She has been watching and listening really carefully in Phonics leading to great results. During child initiated she has shown great independence and perseverance when choosing and completing her activities. Well Done Valdis!
Kelly-Reann Fuller	1C	This week, Kelly-Reann has been demonstrating our PRIDE value of independence. She changed the way she comes in to school each day, now coming in with a smile on her face. She is becoming increasingly more confident to tackle challenges on her own. Her efforts in phonics do not go unnoticed and as a result has made great improvements in her reading. Well Done Kelly-Reann!
Jack Howson	1S	This week, Jack has been working hard in all areas of the curriculum. He has shown great independence and determination in his English work and has applied his new knowledge of the conjunction 'because' to his writing. Well done, Jack.
Seb Clarke	2SS	Seb always shows great enthusiasm during Science. This term, he has worked with a good level of independence for our topic on animals and has enjoyed sharing his knowledge with the class. Well done Seb!
Robert Vallance	2S	Robert has shown a real enthusiasm to learning this week. Robert has contributed brilliantly in class, sharing his ideas and knowledge of the world in Geography. Well done Robert!
Reggie Edwards	3S	This week Reggie has shown great focus across all aspects of his learning, but particularly in maths. He has used manipulatives to support his learning, shown great positivity towards his tasks and taken pride in his work. Fantastic work this week Reggie, keep it up!
Darcy JermyBrampton	3G	This week Darcy has been working extremely hard across all of his learning. Darcy has grasped a great understanding of our new maths topic, money. He has been approaching his tasks with positivity and determination and I am extremely impressed. Well done Darcy, keep it up!
Ivy Burroughs	4W	This week Ivy has shown great enthusiasm when learning about the Ancient Egyptians. She has shared knowledge with the rest of the class, researched at home and listened carefully during the lesson. It is great so see such a positive attitude from Ivy. Well done!
Elijah Fordham	4C	This week Elijah has worked very hard across the curriculum, especially in history. He clearly enjoyed learning about the Ancient Egyptians and their journey to the afterlife. A very good week, well done!
Lauren Watkins	5K	This week Lauren has made me very proud, by showing what a good friend she is. When other children have been feeling down, Lauren has made them feel included and shown them kindness. Well done Lauren!
Jazzmine Duke	5R	Jazzmine has been a superstar this week. She has worked incredibly hard in all her lessons and demonstrated an excellent attitude in her group work with Mrs Jordan. Keep this up Jazz!
Bethany Smith	6S	I am immensely proud of Bethany for demonstrating such positive learning behaviours this week. Bethany has worked really hard during all lessons, has approached all activities with a mature attitude and has set a fantastic example to others whilst buddying. Well done, Bethany!
Caden Cosgrove	6T	Caden has worked hard this week to demonstrate positive learning attitudes and to challenge and push himself. He's stepped out of his comfort zone on several occasions, showing confidence and positivity as a learner and socially, which has been great to see. I've been hugely proud of Caden this year and I hope his excellent efforts continue.

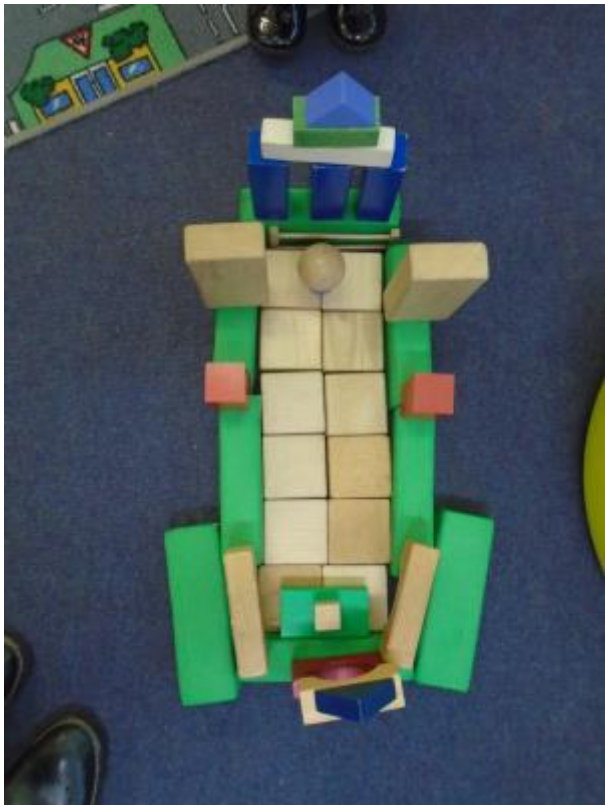
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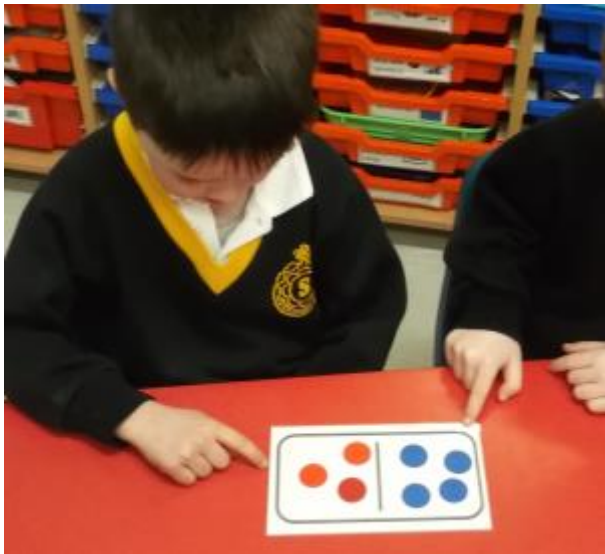


YEAR 1

EYFS have demonstrated some fabulous learning this week, particularly in maths. As part of our White Rose maths learning we have been learning about numbers 6,7, and 8, identifying numerals and finding different ways of making each number. During child initiated learning the children continued to explore this using the dominoes, Numicon and double sided counters.

We have continued to use the story of the Owl Babies this week to develop our learning. We imagined what Mummy Owl would see if she flew over our school, looking at our school on Google maps to identify the main features. This led to some of the children making simple maps to represent her journey as well as making models to represent our school as a 'bird's eye view'. We also looked on the map to identify where we thought Mummy Owl might have made her nest. The children found many suitable spots with plenty of trees around Staplehurst.







Year 1



To enhance our History learning we had a visitor today who told us all about what she can remember about shopping when she was a child.

We learnt that people had to shop every day as there were no fridges or freezers in homes. We also learnt that the stone marble was used to help keep food cool and fresh. Mrs Henley told us of her memories of shopping in Sainsburys when Sainsburys looked like this.



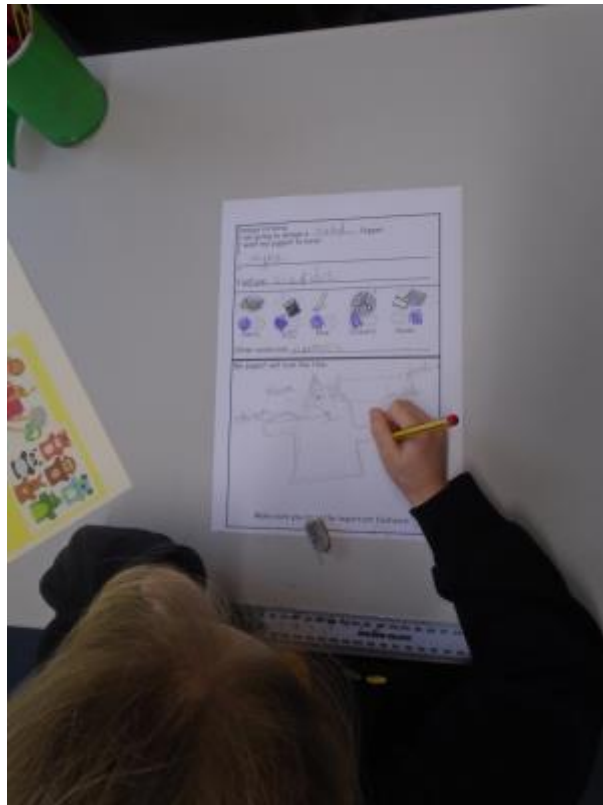
Year 2



Year 2 have started an exciting topic in Design Technology based on puppets. First they explored the different types of puppets there are. Then they have carefully thought about their own designs. The design brief was to design an animal puppet to entertain younger children. From this, they had to consider what type of puppet they will make, the materials they will use and how they will join the different materials together. We think their designs are great!







Design Criteria:
I am going to design a hand puppet.
I want my puppet to have:

1. hands

2. will use eyes



Other materials: stick

My puppet will look like this:



Make sure you label the important features!

Year 3



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In D.T we are in the process of creating our own magnetic board games, designed to help younger children with their counting skills. We have been exploring different techniques we could use to strengthen our board games so it is durable and long lasting.



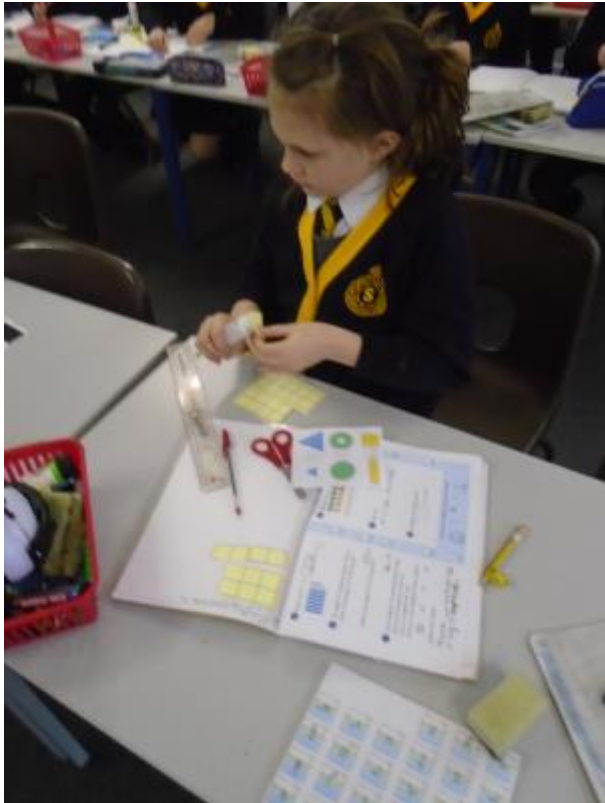


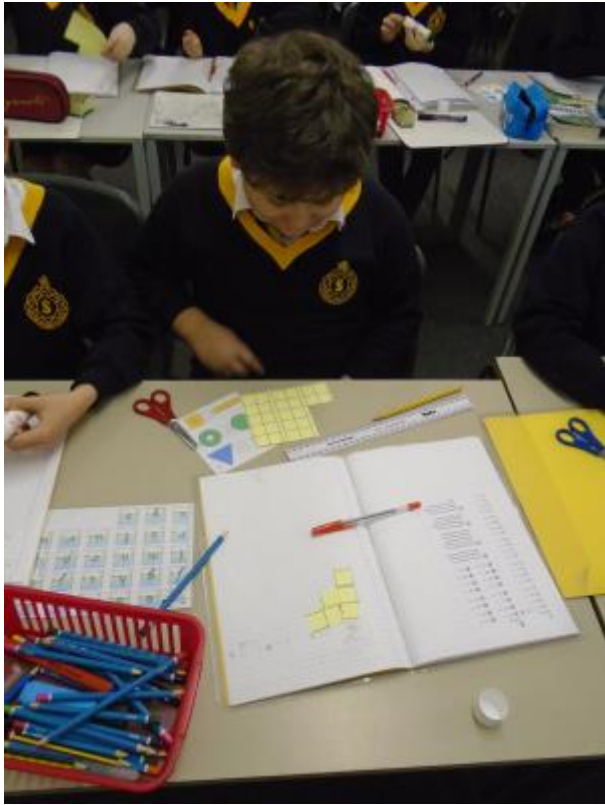
Year 4

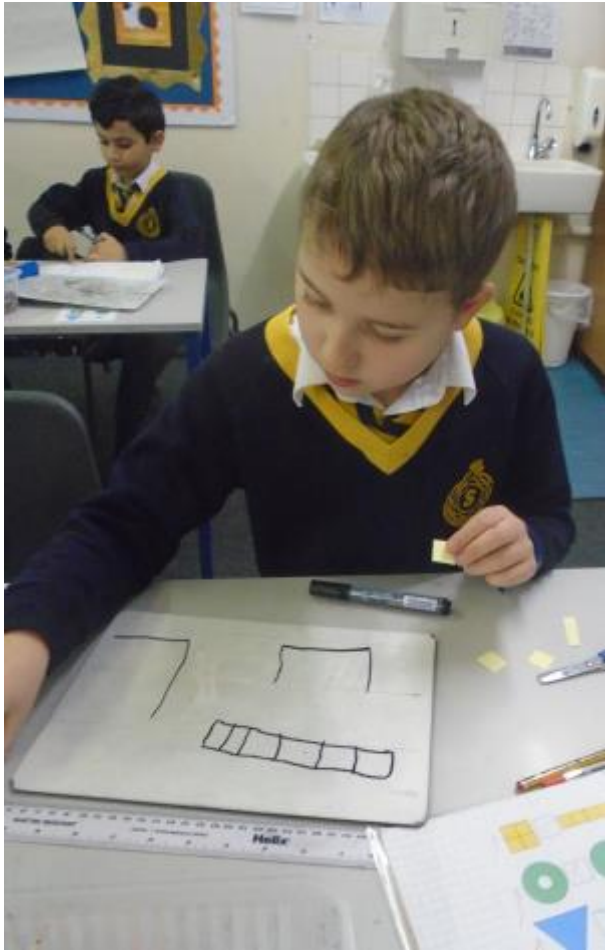


YEAR 4

In Maths, Year 4 have begun a new unit on area. To help our understanding we made different shapes using the same number of squares to show the area remained the same. We calculated the area of a shape using different methods such as counting the squares inside the shape or multiplication.









Year 5



YEAR 5

Year 5 carried out an exciting Science experiment this week for our topic of Materials and Their Properties. We investigated how some materials and thermal conductors, whilst others are thermal insulators, and what these could be used for. To test which materials were the best thermal insulators, we covered plastic cups in a variety of materials, added hot water and then recorded the temperature of the water every two minutes. This led to some very interesting results!



1 - Our experiment



2 - Studying the thermometers- what was the new temperature?



3 - Recording our results



4 - Team Paper Towel



5 - Team Cardboard

Year 6



YEAR 6

This term in Science, Year 6 have been learning about evolution. They planned and carried out an investigation into different types of bird beaks to find out which kind of birds are best adapted to a diet of seed, using a range of equipment to model the different beaks.







Parent Workshops

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

Staplehurst Primary School

At 1.30 pm on Friday 4th February 2022

Is your child's behaviour starting to interfere with their day to day life? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your children ?

You are invited to a workshop which focusses on understanding your child's behaviour and offers some techniques to help manage behaviours which you may find challenging.

We look forward to meeting you.

Please register your interest with Bonny Sullivan

Staplehurst FLO by Friday 28th Jan 2022

