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## Newsletter – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**This half-term's value is Perseverance**

### **Headteacher's Message**

This week started with a very exciting meeting about a new scheme we will be launching very soon. It is called My Happy Mind, and is a Mental Health programme that fits in very well with the brilliant enrichment day we've had today, all about our amazing brains. Children will be learning the basics of neuroscience to understand why they react certain ways in different situations. Children can therefore use this knowledge to help them to manage their feelings, thoughts and emotions. Not only does this programme support the children's mental health in school, it also has a staff programme and a parents' app to support you and your children at home. The parent app and the rest of the programme will be launched soon and information will be coming home to let you know all about it, watch this space.

A big thank you to everyone for ordering meals yesterday for Census day, this should have an impact on future funding.

This afternoon we have recorded the SUAT song. I can't wait for it to be compiled with the other SUAT schools contributions and to watch it proudly at the conference next month.

Finally, we have had lots of visitors in school this week either measuring for new flooring throughout school or completing work to our brand new toilets.

Exciting times!

Have a super weekend,

Mrs Scott



### **Prayer for the Week**

Hold my hand God, lead the way,  
Help me be good every day.  
Let me know what's wrong and right,  
Keep me safe day and night.  
Let me know what you have planned,  
Lead the way God,  
Hold my hand.

## **TOPICS**



### **Sparrows**

This half term in English we are reading *The Bog Baby*, this is such a lovely book based around nature and the importance of keeping animals in their natural habitats.

Year 1 are focusing on compound sentences using 'and' and will be creating a postcard as their end of term outcome. Year 2 are focusing on compound sentences using 'or' and 'but', their end of term outcome will be a letter to the Bog Baby.

In Maths Year 1 is focusing on place value to 20, we are going to be using concrete resources, books and songs to help engage the pupils in their understanding of numbers. In Year 2 we are focusing on our understanding of money and using our existing knowledge on addition and subtraction when working with money.

In geography this half term, we are revisiting Mexico- only this time we will be learning the human features of the country by getting know what schools, jobs and homes are like and comparing the life of a Mexican child to our own lives.

In RE we are learning about the Gospels and the 'Good News' Jesus brought to Christian's. We have looked at the parts of the Bible and the 4 Gospel books in the New Testament- Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Today we were thinking about what good news means to us.

In PE we will be going to the community centre for our unit of Gymnastics. Children will need indoor PE kits, children can come to school wearing trainers as they will be bare foot in lessons.

In Science we will be learning about Living things and their habitats where we will be looking at and naming plants and animals in their environment and how they are suited to it.

In Computing we will be learning about online safety through the program Purple Mash.

Finally, this half term we will be completing a Design Technology unit designing and making a healthy ice lolly

### **Doves**



In English, we will be reading 'The Incredible Book Eating Boy' by Oliver Jeffers. We will revisit what makes a simple and compound sentence before moving onto complex sentences - building up to writing an explanation text based on the digestive system.

In Maths, both year groups will continue working on their multiplication and division skills. Year 3 will be working on their 3, 4 and 8 multiplication and division facts and Year 4 will be working on all multiplication and division facts up to x12. Please continue to use Numbots and Timestable Rockstars regularly at home to sharpen their multiplication skills.

In Geography, children will be going on a Kenyan adventure! They will be learning about the physical geography of Kenya, exploring the climate, weather and landscape, before identifying the similarities and differences between Kenya and the UK.

In Science, the children will be investigating animals including humans, which includes the different types of teeth and their functions, tooth decay, the digestive system, food chains and animal teeth.

During our Art lessons, we will be producing Kenyan-style cooking pots and we will also be having a Kenyan feast as the end of half term.

In Music lessons, the children will be learning to play simple melodies on the Glockenspiel following simple notation.

In RSE, we will be learning about belonging to a community - what makes a community and how we can help others within our community.

In RE lessons, we will be focusing on the Gospels and answering the big question: What kind of World does Jesus want?

In Computing, the children will be learning how to write for different audiences and learning about the typical layout/features of each genre.

For PE, we will be developing our understanding of the attacking and defending principles of netball - thinking about how we use skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition. We will be outside for PE every Tuesday afternoon - remember to come to school in your outdoor PE kits!

In French, the children will be raising their awareness of simple adjective agreement and French sounds/spellings in the context of a fairy tale. They will learn multiples of 10, up to 100, and extend their use of instructions.



## **Eagles**

Our Spring 1 topic is "The Americas."

English & Guided Reading

Our new text is "Holes" by Louis Sachar and I have a feeling this will be our favourite class text yet! Our fictional writing focus will be opening and setting descriptions and our non-fiction writing will be linked to our Geography "Americas" topic. Our Grammar lessons will provide children with the development of skills to implement within their writing such as: understanding formal vs informal language, creating imagery, and writing to describe and entertain.

Maths

Year 5: Fractions, Multiplication and Division (Part 2)

Year 6: Fractions, Converting units and ratio.

Geography

In Geography we will be focusing on "The Americas" including locating the world's countries, focusing on North/South Americas. concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities.

Science

Our focus this half term is "Properties & Changes of Materials" including comparing and grouping on the basis of their properties.

## Art

Linking to "The Americas" we will be designing and making our own dream catchers.

## Computing

In our computing lessons, we will be looking at variables in games and looking closely into how computer games are designed, programmed, and made. This will include attempting to create our own!

## PE

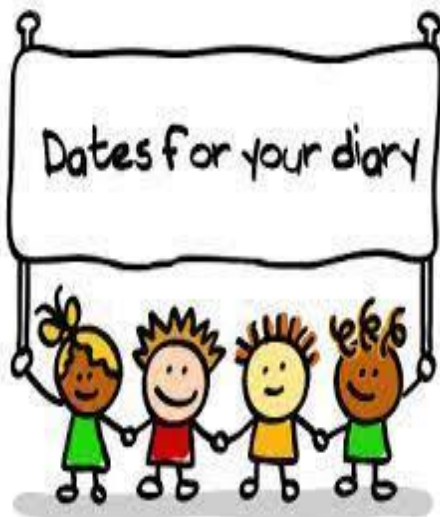
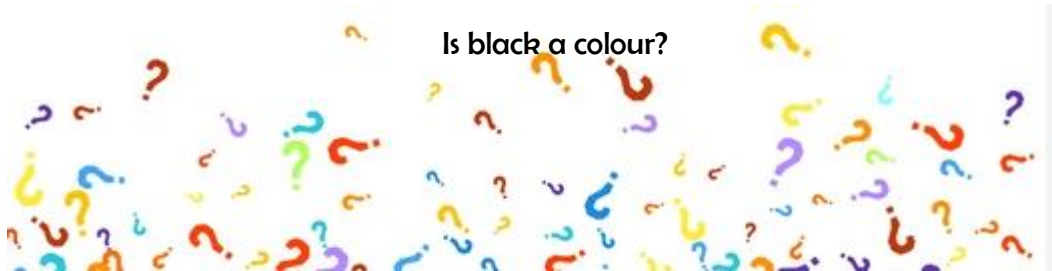
Tuesdays: Netball

Thursdays: Functional Fitness



### This Week's Think is .....

Is black a colour?



23<sup>rd</sup> January – Year 6 Height & Weight Check  
09<sup>th</sup> February - Inset day  
07<sup>th</sup> March – Alice in Wonderland (Enrichment Day)  
02<sup>nd</sup> May – School shut for Local Elections  
17<sup>th</sup> May – Positive Playground Games (Enrichment Day)  
03<sup>rd</sup> June – Inset day  
11<sup>th</sup> July – Inclusive Olympic Games (Enrichment Day)  
22<sup>nd</sup> July - Inset day



To help your messages get to the correct person, please refer to the list below:

School dinners, After School Club, Appointments & Absences - Mrs Stones (Office)

Learning or Behavioural Concerns - Class Teachers

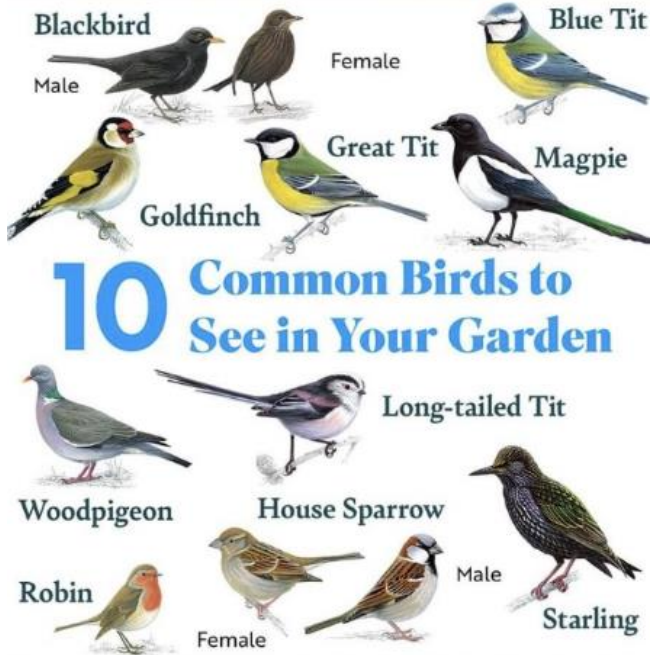
Special Educational Needs – Mrs Mayhew

Breakfast Club - Mrs Stones

Please feel free to contact us by telephone, email or Dojo



## Big Garden Birdwatch 2024



## 10 Common Birds to See in Your Garden

[www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch)

Count the birds in your garden, park or churchyard with the Big Garden Birdwatch 26-28th January 2024.

After you have counted, submit your numbers to the RSPB so they can create an up to date picture of how our birds are faring.

You can get all the details of what to do and how to attract birds into your garden at [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk).

Have fun and connect to nature with the Big Garden Birdwatch.

To book call Sam on 07958087506

## BABY SENSORY Our Magical Moments

Thursdays 10-11am

Starting 01.02.24

Brocton Village Hall,  
Stafford, ST17 0TW  
From Birth to 13 Months

£8.50 Per Session



## **Spring Term 2024**

**Term Starts:** Monday 08<sup>th</sup> January

**Inset Day:** 09<sup>th</sup> February

**Half Term:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**Term Ends:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**Holiday:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 05<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

## **Summer Term 2024**

**Term starts:** Monday 08<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day:** Monday 06<sup>th</sup> May

**Half term:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Inset Day:** Monday 03<sup>rd</sup> June

**Term ends:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

**Inset Day:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**Holiday:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August