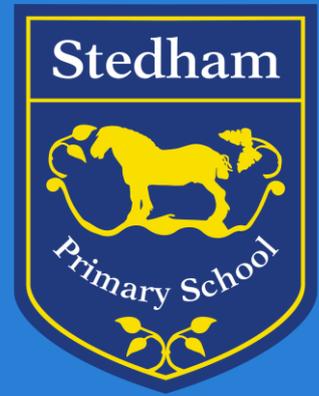


Stedham Weekly news.



24th September
2021

Week 3 at Stedham!

This week saw the start of new things at Stedham and the children have taken them all in their stride! The children are fully settled into their new classes and are rising to the expectations being set by their class teachers.

The children in Early Years have started their baseline assessments this week and it has been wonderful to have the time to sit and find out all about them. It is also wonderful to see how independent they are already, getting their own things at the end of the day and rising to the challenges of being in school for a full day.

Children from year 1 and 2, have been working with Mrs Morley from West Sussex Music, looking at developing rhythm. Eventually they will be using the Djembe drums to use the skills they have been practising this week. It was fantastic to see them all engaged in the music session.

Hedgehogs had their first Forest School session this week. The children really enjoyed exploring the forest and learning some new skills. The level of engagement in the forest was fantastic to see and we look forward to seeing what they can achieve over the next few weeks.

Children in year 6 enjoyed their visit to MRC, to get a glimpse of what life may be like at secondary school. They were able to take part in a range of activities, take a tour of the school and ask their own questions.

We have all had another busy week, but are looking forward to purchasing some cakes at the cake sale for Macmillan this afternoon.

All the best,

Laura Webb and Sarah Palmer



Oops! I made a mistake on last week's newsletter. The date of the Christmas Fair is the 27th November!

Dates for your diary

02/10/2021 9.00-12.00	Task force working party.
8/10/2021	Hello Yellow day! Wear something yellow or bright.
15/10/2021 17:30-19.00	FOSS Halloween Party
19/10/2021 14:00	Harvest Festival at Stedham Church
20/10/2021 8:45-9.15	Welcome Wednesday
20/10/2021	Curry and Quiz Night (TBC)
12/11/2021	FOSS Film Night
27/11/2021	Christmas Fair
10/12/2021	Christmas Jumper day.
14/12/2021	Nativity service at Stedham

Child voice!

'You did really well in that'

"That's because I'm really clever and I can do anything!"

Who are you?

Mrs Soal has joined us to cover year 5/6 on a Thursday afternoon and all day Friday. She is a very experienced teacher, who has a wealth of knowledge of the KS2 curriculum. She is also an excellent grammar and MFL teacher, who is passionate about children reaching their full potential.

What is going on this week?

Rabbits

Rabbits adventured out of the school gates and onto the common to take part in a sound walk. They stood very quietly and listened to the sounds around them. When they came back to the classroom the children were challenged to draw what they had heard and some of them wrote descriptive sentences.

What could you hear if you stood really quietly in your local area?

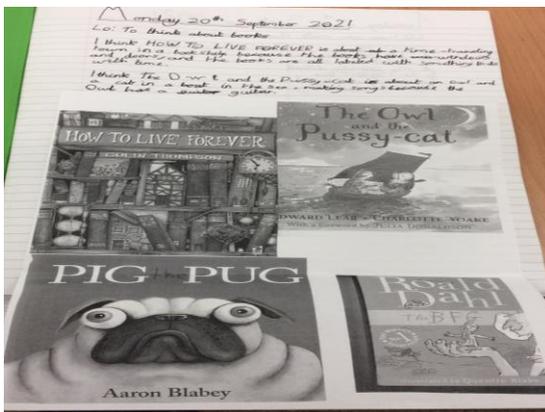


Hedgehogs

This week Hedgehogs have been introduced to their new class texts! They have been predicting what they think will happen in each story based on the cover of the book.

Over the next few weeks these texts will support the children across the curriculum.

What do you think will happen in each one?



Foxes

Foxes have been doing a lot of reasoning about place value this week and the value of each digit. They were very confident explaining, what they value was and proving they were correct.



Update on The Federation Board of Governors

The Board of Governors for the new federation is continuing to work together for the benefit of all the staff and pupils at both schools.

After tirelessly working for Stedham School, both in terms of keeping the school open and thriving and the move towards federation, Celia Billington has now decided to step aside from her governor role to focus on her family and business ...so much time has been given in recent years, time is now needing to be re-focused! Celia has been an outstanding Chair of Governors – her leadership, dedication and drive have ensured Stedham School is in a good place for the future. A HUGE thank you goes to Celia from us all and we wish her our sincere good luck for the future. Thank you Celia!

Other Stedham governors now continue to represent the school on the federation board to ensure the success of the exciting opportunities which lay ahead for our children through the federation.