



Stonehouse Park  
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## Stonehouse Park Infant School Weekly Newsletter

Monday 20th - Friday 24th January 2020



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### Nursery News

#### Acorns

We have continued to look at cold this week.

We have read an interactive book about snow.

We also had to be very careful outside because it was slippery. The children were able to link what the word meant to the action.

Adults supported the children to make sure they were safe on the slippery surface.

Please can you make sure that all bags and coats are named. I think that some of the children may have had new bags for Christmas and these have not yet been named.

We move on to the story "Dear Zoo" next week. If you have a copy of this book at home please read it to your child. If you do not have this story at home we are very happy for you to borrow a copy from the nursery.

#### Conkers

This week we have been celebrating Chinese New Year

The children have participated in a number of activities to support their learning:-

Making Chinese Lanterns—supporting their cutting skills.

Dressing up in Chinese clothes—learning about different cultures and ways of life.

Noodles at snack time using chop sticks.

Forest School was very successful, children enjoyed exploring the outdoor area.

### Apple Class

This week we talked about what we would take to Antarctica in our suitcase. We were mathematicians and counted snowballs matching the numeral. We were scientists and explored ice and what happened to it when we held it, helping the creatures trapped inside it to escape.

At Forest school we listened to the story of 'Leafman' by Lois Elhert looking at the leaf collage pictures and had a go at making our own. In PE we did our own dragon dance to celebrate the Eve of Chinese New Year.

Next week we are travelling to China to find out how they celebrate Chinese New Year. We will make our own food to taste in our Restaurant Area and have a go at making fans and lanterns to improve our cutting skills.

Please can you practise zipping up your child's coat with them as they are still finding it very tricky!

Please note as from Monday 27th January can you drop your child at Apple Class Entrance to encourage their independence and organisational skills.

Thank you to the parents that stayed to our Time to Share Yoga session. The children had great fun continuing it in the classroom.

### Oak & Willow Class

This week we have been writing our own facts about polar bears in Literacy. In Maths we have been learning about addition and in art we have been making watercolour and salt paintings.

Next week we will be starting our new story of The Little Polar Bear in Literacy. In Maths we will be carrying on with our work on addition. We are all looking forward to The Greatest Show next week.

Please remember to send book bags in every day and read with your child at home.

Oak Class will be walking around the local area on Tuesday afternoon. If you have any concerns please see the class teacher.

### Birch & Lime Class

This week we have been learning about division and have been sharing out different resources to find the answers.

We have created amazing story maps to help us write the story 'The Tin Forest'. In Art we continued to create our scene from the story. This week in Geography we named and located the 7 continents of the world and have learned a song to help us.

Next week we will be writing the story 'The Tin Forest' and changing something to make the story our own.

We will be continuing to develop our understanding of the relationship between multiplication and division.

In Art we will be finishing our pictures using tin foil and paint



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Winter Closure

Extreme Weather

In the event of extreme weather conditions please be assured that we will only close the school when it is deemed unsafe for our staff and children.

A text message will be sent to all parents in the event of a school closure.

Please ensure the office have an up to date contact mobile phone number.

Parents can also obtain all information by listening to the local radio station or logging on to <https://closures.gloucestershire.gov.uk>

World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March 2020**. We would like our children to come to school dressed up as a story book character from their favourite story book.. Your child will also receive a £1 Book token which they will exchange for a book in school.

Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous so we hope, like us, you will use World Book Day to celebrate it with your child.

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The Greatest Music Show

We are very excited to be holding a Music day on **Wednesday 29th January**.

A few acts will be chosen to perform in front of the whole school in our Greatest Show at the end of the day.

Non -School Uniform to raise money for instruments

Children can make a voluntary donation of £1 to come to school in non-school uniform. They can dress in whatever they like ready for the show.

Make an instrument

We are also asking children to make an instrument to bring to school. This can be as simple as a metal lid and wooden spoon for a drum, make shaker filling plastic cartons with rice or other things.

We want this to be a real celebration of all things musical

Congratulations to Willow Class again this week for their 96% attendance!! Well Done to all our 'Star Learners' this week!

