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The latest news and information from the staff and children at Stourport Primary Academy.



As we approach the end of term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the school community for all the support offered during this term.

It has been amazing to welcome you into the school, or church, to see your children celebrate Christmas. It really has been wonderful to see and listen to your children singing and dancing and being on stage performing.

Have a fabulous Christmas and a well deserved break.

We look forward to welcoming your children back on 5th Jan 2022!

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Remote Learning

As we begin to think about the Spring term, we are making sure that all children in Year 2 and above come home with their Google Classroom logins. If they need to isolate, we will be able to post work online for them, and link them in to live teaching along with their classmates in school.



For children in Reception and Year 1, should your child need to isolate, we will put activities onto Tapes-try for them to access, and we are

sending children home with a pack of resources that we use in school to help them.

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Remembrance War Memorial

Following the poignant First World War project by Year 6, and the stunning War Memorial that was unveiled on Remembrance Day, we are delighted to be given a signed original print from award-winning illustrator, Martin Impney.



Mrs Maybury entered a competition on Twitter to win the beautiful work of art, which will take pride of place alongside the war memorial. The artist included a hand-written note with the print saying he'd like to visit us once Covid has passed. We very much hope that can be arranged.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised over £400 for this year's Poppy Appeal—thank you and well done everyone!

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Curriculum Corner: Spring-Term Topics

Early Years



Our next topic is going to be all about Space. We will be reading a book written by Oliver Jeffers, called 'How to Catch a Star'. We will also be learning about the first man on the moon, Neil Armstrong.

Year 1—Welcome to the Toy Shop

Year 1 will be delving deep into the wonderful world of toys. We will be learning about how and why toys have changed over the years and begin to develop an understanding of chronology. We will also have the opportunity to explore a wide collection of toys, both past and present.



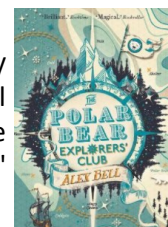
Year 2—Fire! Fire! London



For our next half term's topic we will be looking at London, with a focus on the Great Fire of London. We will journey through the history of London, starting with the diary of Samuel Pepys to then begin looking at significant monuments through the eyes of a small, fluffy bear – Paddington Bear.

Year 3—Polar Regions

Year 3 will be developing their history and geography knowledge through the topic, 'Polar Regions'. They will be learning about Robert Shackleton's expedition in the Antarctic and will be reading 'The Polar Bear Explorers Club' to support their learning.



Year 4—Around the World in 80 Days



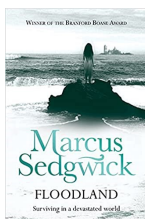
Next half term, Year 4 will be travelling around the World learning about the British Empire and the growth of the British Commonwealth in the 16th Century. Alongside this topic, we will be learning about 'Great Adventurers' that have achieved amazing feats in historical and geographical exploration

Year 5—Amazing African American

Next half term, we will be diving into the history of Amazing African Americans! Starting from 900 AD and moving through to modern day, we will be exploring the music, politics and geography that surround African American culture. By researching influential figures, we will move through history gaining a unique insight into the African American journey.



Year 6—Pollution Solution



Next term's topic is called "Pollution Solution." We will be exploring what pollution is, how it affects our local area and the wider world and what we can do to improve the environment. We will begin by looking at packaging and are asking children to collect examples of excessive packaging from their Christmas chocolates/gifts.

Kindness

Respect

Christmas @ SPA

At the start of December, we had the pleasure of holding our Reception Christmas nativity play. The children loved performing to the school and their parents. They all looked amazing in their costumes and we had some children playing two roles in the play, which really tested their acting skills! It really brought Christmas cheer to SPA. A special thank you goes to the parents who were busy practising the children's lines with them at home.

In Year 1 & 2, the children had a fantastic time performing their Christingle Service. After numerous rehearsals and lots of practice, their hard work truly paid off. They learnt lots of festive songs and sang them with such enthusiasm and were brilliant at learning lines. During this time, they enjoyed learning about the Nativity Story and the meaning of Christingle which celebrates Jesus as the 'Light of the World' during Advent. Most of all they enjoyed being able to share this experience with family and friends. We hope you had a wonderful time watching their performance.



Years 3, 4 and 5 were very lucky to be able to perform their play amazingly across 3 afternoons. We thought they might get tired but they definitely gave their all, across all 3 shows! We met the inhabitants of Nazareth, 3 incredibly funky camels, 2 fabulous judges and 1 not so pleasant! We had the best singers and dancers who sang their hearts out for everyone and the brightest star made a special appearance with her helpers. Mary and Joseph gave us the gift of baby Jesus! The show was mesmerising from start to finish, we are incredibly proud of all the children for such fantastic shows. Well done everyone!



Year 6 then added the icing on top of the Christmas cake with an exceptional finale to our Christmas performance with their service at St Michael's Church on Wednesday. This brought together a number of readings, carols and solos in a truly magical setting.

We have been delighted to welcome parents into school to share these magical performances, and really appreciate how accommodating everyone has been given the restrictions we have had to put in place.

We have also had a number of visits from Father Christmas for Breakfast with Santa which were thoroughly enjoyed by staff and children alike and have been able to enjoy an amazing Christmas

Ancient Egypt Museum

Year 6 have been busy preparing a pop-up museum based on their Autumn Term Topic, The Ancient Egyptians.

Children throughout the school have enjoyed visiting the museum and taking part in the interactive activities provided by Y6 "experts" which included: podcasts, games, presentations and a flash mob dance performance.



Good Byes and Good Luck!

We are incredibly proud that both Miss Bullock and Miss Blackburn have secured teaching posts in January at some of the other SAET schools - we know this is not good bye, and wish them all the very best in their new ventures.

In other news, we would like to wish Miss Russell and Mr Bennett Good Luck for their wedding at the start of the Christmas holiday.

We will be joined by some new team members in January and can't wait to introduce them to you.

Christmas is a Time of Giving

Over the past few weeks we have taken part in a number of Charity events so that we can help those less fortunate than we are.



This has included the Samaritan's Shoe Box Appeal, the Reindeer Run for Kemp hospice which raised over £200 and our appeal for donations for the local food bank. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated. Your generosity will really help to make someone's Christmas better.

2022-23 Term Dates

Autumn Term	
TED	Thursday 1 September 2022
TED	Friday 2 September 2022
TERM STARTS	Monday 5 September 2022
SAET TED	Friday 21 October 2022
HALF TERM	Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October 2022
TERM ENDS	Friday 16 December 2022
Spring Term	
TED	Tuesday 3 January 2023
TERM STARTS	Wednesday 4 January 2023
HALF TERM	Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February 2023
TERM ENDS	Friday 31 March 2023
Summer Term	
TED	Monday 17 April 2023
TERM STARTS	Tuesday 18 April 2023
HALF TERM	Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June 2023
TERM ENDS	Thursday 20 July 2023
TED	Friday 21 July 2023



We are currently in 7th place on the local schools' leader board. Can we climb higher? All KS2 pupils should be logging on and playing regularly at home. Pupils are awarded certificates for either effort or achievement in TTRockstars in our Celebration Assemblies.

Upcoming Events

January

4th - TED Day

5th - School Re-opens for children

SAET One Big Idea Cross School Competition during January

February

8th - Safer Internet Day

15th & 17th - ParentS' Evenings (TBC)

21st –28th - Half Term

