

Newsletter - 2 February 2018



The Lovely Ladybirds had their first trip out of the year to Dinosaur World on Tuesday of this week. They had a fantastic time and have been telling me all about it ever since. Mrs Yeo said that their behaviour was exemplary and that they were a credit to the school. I would like to thank Mrs Yeo and all the other adults who went with her for making the trip so successful. I was lucky enough to accompany Spiders to the last festival of this half-term at Paignton Academy. They really threw themselves into the activities and were fantastic at splitting off into different teams for different activities. Thank you Spiders!

Next Tuesday, we will be having a presentation from Usborne Books in the lead up to World Book Day. The children will be given some reading challenges over half-term and there will be a Book Fair for all the children in the hall at 3.15 on Friday the 23rd of February. Any books ordered at the fair will be delivered to school the following week. We have been given this opportunity after another school in the Academy had to pull out. The Friday Book Fair is the same day that Year 4 return from their Winter One Nighter but we couldn't change the date. We will be sending out further details next week about this exciting opportunity. As we always tell the children, children who read succeed.

Next week we will be sending out our annual online parent questionnaire. I would really encourage you to respond as I value all of your feedback. There are topic maps on the school website under the class sections so that you can see what your children are learning and we also sent out the objectives for reading, writing and maths at the start of the year.

You may have read some reports recently about the safety of Roblox. The digital landscape is forever changing and it can be very hard to keep up with all the latest developments. If your child uses Roblox, it would be worth visiting the following website for advice about how to keep your child safe.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/roblox/>

We had a school committee meeting on Tuesday evening and the subject of parking outside of school was raised again. Please don't take offense if parents approach you and ask you to move your car if you are parked on the yellow zig zag lines and the keep clear sign. They are only trying to protect the safety of all the children. You will find the details of the class reps on the newsletter.

I hope you and your families have a restful weekend.

Safeguarding Roles and Responsibilities in our School

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For more information, please visit our website
<http://stokegabriel.thelink.academy/safeguarding/>

Weekly Attendance 29/01/2018 - 02/02/2018		Days Missed	Lates
Whole School	94.8%	27.5	13
Ladybirds	98%	1.5	1
Dragonflies	90%	15	1
Butterflies	95.7%	6.5	5
Spiders	97%	4.5	6
Well done to Ladybirds for great attendance!			

Class Representatives		
Ladybirds	Lexi Dyer : Wilfred's Mum	alexisdsdyer@gmail.com
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Diary Dates	
6 February	FOSS meeting at 6.30pm at The Castle—all parents & carers welcome
12 - 16 Feb inclusive	Half Term Holiday
21 February	Butterflies - Swimming at Totnes Pavilion (5 weeks)
22 & 23 February	Year 4 Residential
23 February	Usborne Book Fair—after school
22 March	School Photographs
23 March	Community Café
30 March - 16th April	Easter Holidays
23 - 25 May	Year 5 and 6 Residential
28 May - 1 June	May Half Term
22 June	Sports Day

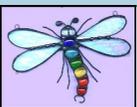


Ladybirds

What a fantastic week we've had! Our trip to Dinosaur World was great and all the children were so well behaved and a credit to our school. It was a lovely way to finish off our Dinosaur topic and the children have all been so interested and enthusiastic about their learning this half term. Next week, we kick off our mini topic about Chinese New Year, with the focus book being 'Tell Me a Dragon'. We have a special visitor coming in on Tuesday to share lots of information on China and we have plenty of activities planned.

On Friday, the children will have the opportunity to taste some Chinese foods, please come and see me if you have any concerns with this activity, or your child has specific dietary requirements I'm not already aware of.

Mrs Yeo



Dragonflies

Ask your child...

To retell their clock tower story. How was it linked to our topic?

To explain how we made our human graph during Mucky Maths.

What is "The Dip"?



Butterflies

It's been another busy week in Butterflies. We have been expanding our understanding of place value - ask us about negative numbers, and tenths. In English, we have been creating our final descriptions - ask your child to tell you all about their dragon - and, please ask us why Viking

longships had a carved dragon, or other creature, on the prow.

Finally, can they tell you all about the girl in the clock tower?

Homework is now set on a Wednesday to be back in school on the following Monday or Tuesday.



Spiders

Ask your child About the girl in the clock tower. Who is she? What happened to her? Also, please can they describe what has happened to Jim in Streetchild using emotive language? As well as this, please ask them about the pictures they are creating in art.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ladybirds
Benjamin Young

Dragonflies
Year 1—Jaigo Reynolds
Year 2— Charlie Robinson

Butterflies
William Goode
Isla Toon

Spiders
Imogen Goode
Mia Bennett

