

Strathmore

NEWSLETTER

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

This half term has been full of lots of exciting activities such as a whole school trip to the cinema, As One Choir coming into an assembly to sing to us, Christmas events and more. In January we look forward to sharing our nativity performance with you when hopefully all the children are back in school.

Our wonderful FOSSA team have been working tirelessly to provide a quiz night for adults raising over £1000, our Bonfire Night which raised £4000 and most recently, a film night for our children. We are so grateful to all of you who support our school by helping raise money and organise events - thank you. In the New Year we will be launching our new phonics scheme, Little Wandle. This has been funded by FOSSA and through some grants. More details will follow on this in January.

A big thank you to the team at Strathmore for being the most amazing staff we could ask for.

We hope you all have a wonderful break and a Happy New Year!

The Strathmore Team



Nursery News

This half term we have been exploring the world around us. We have been going on walks around the school to identify different places including the library, big playground and allotment. During these walks, we have also looked at how the seasons have changed and created artwork using leaves.

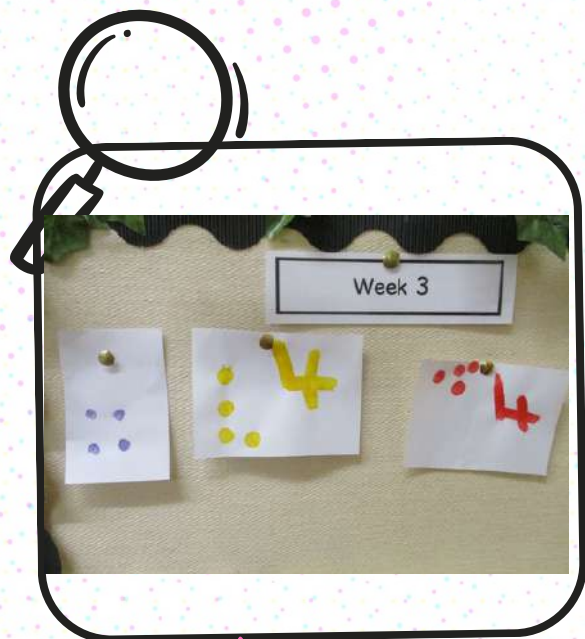
In our fine motor work we have continued mark making in pen disco sessions and practised snipping lots of different materials with scissors. We are getting more confident with holding and using scissors correctly.

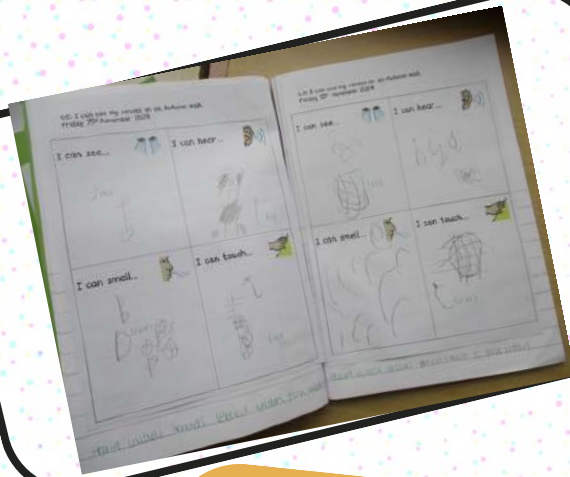
We have also been developing our new friendships and talked about how we can help our friends and how to share with each other.

What's been going on in Reception?

We have learnt 7 new digraphs in phonics and are developing our confidence in using these during our weekly writing tasks. We have further developed our knowledge of numbers 4 and 5, recognising that they can be made up of different ways ($2+2$ or $3+1$), ($4+1$ or $3+2$).

Our topic this term has been 'What is all around me?' Using a range of stories, including Moon, Bloom, A Stroll Through The Seasons and Wow Said The Owl, we have explored our natural environment, the seasonal changes, and space. Here are some art work pictures linked to these stories, including constellations, our autumnal walk, and flower collages.





What have we been exploring in Year 1?

In English we learnt all about Traditional Tales! We focused on the stories of 'Goldilocks, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and The Princess and The Pea,' all versions of which have been adapted from their original. In Science we have been learning about our five senses and have been thinking carefully about how it might feel to not be able to use one of them, for example, our sight.

In Geography we have explored the world around us and have learnt how to read and draw maps, how to describe the location of a physical or human feature and about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom!

In RE we have learnt all about Diwali, also known as The Festival of Light' and in DT we have used our prior learning about materials and their properties to help us explore the concepts of Shade and Shelter.



What has our journey been in Year 2?

In DT we have been looking at different delicious healthy recipes. Science has been exploring camouflage and food chains, and Geography has been focused on the northern and southern hemispheres and using keys in maps. English has been exploring different forms of writing such as postcards, emails and letters, as well as creating our own beautiful book of illustrations. RE has been looking at why people celebrate Christmas.

