



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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17-21 February
24 February
25 February

Half Term
School reopens
Year 2 Big Bubble Theatre visit

Diary Dates

The Whole School
Attendance for week
commencing 10
February was 95%



THANK YOU!



A huge thank you to the PTA who kindly agreed to use the proceeds from the Xmas fair to fund 5 new staff laptops. The antiques we were using can now be retired! Thanks to all the families for their support of the PTA.

PTA QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 21 MARCH

Click [here](#) for full details. Come and join us for a fun filled evening with a fish & chip supper included for only £10.00 per person!



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 11th February it was Safer Internet Day, this is celebrated globally to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. The theme for this year was 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.' The children all participated in an assembly led by Miss Cartwright, our Computing Leader. We discussed our favourite things to do online but also what we must do if things go wrong. As part of the sessions the children discussed and recapped the SMART rules that we follow in school and conversations also took place. There was emphasis on not sharing passwords with others, always asking an adult before going online, to always remain kind to others when online and most importantly to always talk to a trusted adult if you need help or feel unsafe. The children were busy participating in activities in their classrooms including making posters and playing games throughout the day. From hearing the children talk about how they use the internet at home please can we remind you that apps and games such as TikTok, Roblox and Fortnite are not appropriate for our age range of children at Streetsbrook. Please use the link below for further advice about safety online.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>



Workshop Reminders

More information will follow after half term but don't forget to save the date

Phonics and Early Reading Workshop (session 2)

Reception only Tuesday 4 March 9am

Writing

Nursery - Monday 10 March at

Reception - Tuesday 11 March at 9 am

Year 1 Wednesday 12 March at 9am

Year 2 Thursday 13 March at 9am



Policy Update

Following last night's Governors' Meeting, the updated Complaints Policy has been approved as well as a Persistent or Vexatious Complaints & Harassment Policy. Both policies can be found in the policy section of the website.

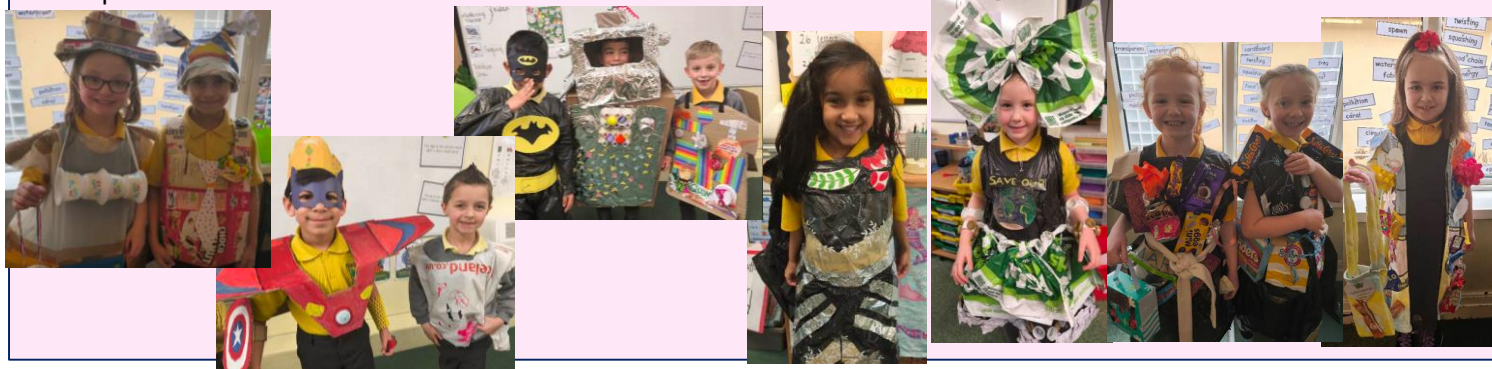
Curriculum Overviews for Parents

Spring Term2 Curriculum

Overviews are available to view on our website [here](#)



Trashion Show Our Year 2 children enjoyed taking part in a Trashion show on Friday. They used items ready for the recycling bin to create imaginative designs to walk the catwalk! Thank you if you were able to join us in this celebration, we hope the children all had fun!



Nursery Yet again, Nursery have had a very exciting week filled with fun activities. We started this week by sharing the story of Supertato and we ended the week by being superheroes ourselves, following clues and completing a range of challenges to rescue Supertato. Supertato been trapped by Evil Pea in the freezer in the school kitchen when Richard wasn't looking! We took Supertato back to Nursery and using warm water and a range of tools, we helped him out of the ice. Thank you to all parents for the wonderful costumes the children came to school in – they all looked absolutely fantastic! On Tuesday, we took part in Safer Internet Day. We shared a story of Smartie the Penguin who saw something scary on his tablet and talked about what he should do. Lots of the children agreed that he should tell his Mummy and Daddy straight away and we were pleased to find out that that was what he did.



On Wednesday, a lady called Nicky from Solihull Council came into Nursery to talk to us about road safety. We took part in role play, dressing up as patrol crossing officers and practised how we need to cross the road safely. The children shared some great ideas and told us that they need to hold their adult's hand and stop, look and listen carefully. We also talked about the importance of wearing a helmet when we are travelling on our bikes and scooters – even if only for a short distance!



What a really busy, but super fun week! Next week is half term; we hope you all have a relaxing week with your families and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 24th February.

Year 2 Year 2 have had a very tricky week learning how to bridge ten when answering addition questions in Maths. We have used jottings and started to learn the column method and focused on recognising whether we need to exchange or not. This is something we will revisit in more detail later this year. In English, we have been looking at the different parts of a sentence and used Colourful Semantics to create grammatically correct sentences. We enjoyed being good citizens and caring for our environment and local community by taking part in a Litter Pick on Wednesday morning and learned about how to stay safe online during our Internet Safety session. Today, we have had a Fantastic Finale to our topic 'Making a Difference' by enjoying a wonderful Trashion Show! It was amazing to see the different creations that the children had made (with some help!). Thank you for coming to join us in this celebration. We hope you all have a wonderful half term and will be raring to go for our new topic 'What was it like?' on Monday 24th February.

Please note that all children in Year 2 will be having PE on Monday 24th February due to the Theatre Workshop on Tuesday 25th February. Therefore, all children will be required to wear PE kit on the Monday. Thank you.

Reception What a wonderful last week we have had heading into Space! We have used our fine motor skills to cut out space shapes to create our own space pictures, and we have been



continuing with our fine motor practice by using small thin brushes to paint the planets too. Tuesday was Safer Internet Day where we discussed with the children about using devices safely and also thinking about our screen time; we talked about other activities we like to do when we are not using or watching our devices such as playing outdoors, reading stories, and even playing hide and seek! We have been revisiting our number sentences too using 5 little speckled frogs; some of the children have found it tricky to use the numbers in a sentence so please continue to practice this at home over half term. We had a wonderful day and evening of parent consultations, it was lovely to hear some of the positive feedback about how well your children are doing in Reception, we are really proud peacocks! There were a few parents who commented on the use of the whatsapp group being used to share information about children, and this has been causing some anxiety and confusion, please can we ask that this is not done; please can we also ask that any information shared is only that which come directly from school/teaching staff.

We hope you have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing all the children back ready for our new topic....TOY STORY!

Year 1 We have had another busy week in Year 1 to finish this half term. In DT this week we used our peeling, juicing, chopping, slicing, pouring and blending skills to create our out fruit smoothies! The children created recipes to go alongside their smoothies and completed an evaluation of what they would do differently next time. There was lots of mixed reviews!



I wonder if you could make a different flavour of smoothie over half term, could you sneak in any vegetables this time? In our English lessons we finished off retelling the story of 'Alan's big scary teeth', it has been to see how engaged the children have been with this story and how this has impacted their writing. In Maths this week we focused on telling the time to 'half past' the hour, we would really appreciate your ongoing support over half time whenever you have a few minutes to look at the clock and discuss the time. In our Safer Internet Day session this week we discussed how we keep ourselves safe online. The children discussed what technology they use at home, when they use it and where they use it. Please ensure you are monitoring what your child's accessing at home.

As we enter our magical topic of 'It's a Mystery' we would like the children to bring in a range of coloured collage materials when they return after the half term break. This could be fabrics, plastic bags, coloured paper, crinkly/sparkly items, be as creative as you wish! We would like these to be around 5cm x 5cm in size if possible. The children will be creating their own collage art pieces but like our topic name this lesson remains a 'mystery' for now! Please could we ask that the children are prepared to share the materials with their peers and that these are in school by Wednesday 26th February.



Streetsbrook Childcare This week in Childcare we have been singing Old Macdonald had a Farm. We've played phonics games where we had to identify animal and farm sounds as well as initial sounds in our bowl of silly farm soup. We've used paint pens to draw our own interpretations of animals and really enjoyed using pegs and lollipop sticks to build our own fences which we then added to the farmyard tuff tray, we created enclosures for the animals with the fences which then led onto us using lots of maths skills to count, sort, match and divide the animals into their own pens. We also celebrated Valentine's Day with various activities such as biscuit decorating, making cards, exploring heart shapes and themed collages. Have a lovely half term break we look forward to seeing you soon to catch up on your adventures.