



TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thank you for all your support with testing as we return to school. There have been a few cold frosty mornings but the children have been all smiles as they have returned.



As I have visited each class this week, it has been a joy to see the children so excited about their new topics and learning. Darling Class have a hospital set up ready to look after anyone who is unwell, Amazon Class were bursting to tell me how they had to crack the ice to reveal the letters to their new topic and Rhine Class have been designing experiments to prove that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases – they were even sneaking in some maths to support their ideas! Thank you to the teachers who have been busy planning exciting learning opportunities that ignite the interests of all. Look out for class letters next week to find out more about what your child is learning and how we can work together to support your child/

I am looking forward to more exciting adventures this year!

Sarah Matthews - Head of School

Value of the Term



House Points for Term 2 - Well done to Birch House

Points for Term 2

Birch – 472

Survivor – 363

Ash – 408



Ash



Birch



Survivor



Happy New Year to everyone from FOSS!

We had such a great time at the Winter Fayre in December and hope you did too. We raised £485 on the day which is incredible in just one hour. This was made possible by all the generous donations to the tombola and cake stalls, and the wonderful people who volunteered to make games, serve hot drinks and complete all the set-up and tidying away. Thank you for such a great Team Stanton effort to raise £485 for our library!

But, it gets better! We have managed to turn that £485 into something closer to £1000 due to a couple of volunteer parents being able to claim matched funding from their employer. Matched funding is a scheme that some companies run whereby employees who do charitable volunteering can get their fund-raising matched by their employer. This is free money coming to our school, in some cases doubling what we have raised ourselves.

We haven't formulated our fund-raising plans for the next 2 terms just yet, but in the meantime, we ask that all parents please check whether their employer runs a matched funding scheme as we may be able to make use of that to increase our fund-raising potential. It's usually very straightforward as you just complete a short form or hand in a letter from FOSS saying how you contributed and how much you raised. Please contact FOSS (foss@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk) or the school to let us know if you can take part in a matched funding scheme. Matched funding makes a significant difference at our small school.

Many thanks, from everyone on FOSS.

Darling Class Update

Darling Class had a wonderful second term exploring Space. Among our highlights have been designing and then making our own space rockets, launching rockets into space, having a space party with our buddies and learning about the night sky from the space dome visit.



We have also continued our learning in the woods and as you can see we have had great fun doing so!



This term we are looking forward to finding out about people who help us in our community and looking at the changes that Winter brings.

Amazon Class Update



During Term 2, Amazon Class have been whisked off on a virtual journey to our vibrant capital city of London; exploring many famous landmarks, icons of the big city and the countries that make up the United Kingdom. The children have enjoyed learning about the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, Buckingham Palace and the royal guards, and were immersed in our London Day experience. Paddington Bear has been our trusty tour guide during Term 2 and the children have certainly made a special bond with the loving bear, through exploring Michael Bond's wonderful stories of Paddington's adventures and meeting the bear himself at the end of term. Paddington was eager to read our stories that we had written about him and even asked if he could take our 'Guides to London' home to help him find his way around London!

Please visit our blog to find out more about the exciting things we have been learning during Term 2:
[Amazon Class Blog.](#)

Rhine Class Update



It has been another exciting and engaging term's learning in Rhine Class. Our topic, 'Great & Ghastly Events' launched with a bang! Children learnt about Guy Fawkes Night and the Gunpowder Plot through a rotation of activities: analysing sources of evidence to find out more about the plot and plotters, learning by heart the traditional Bonfire Rhyme, creating fireworks in a jar (don't worry very safe!) firework art, and code breaking. Within the topic we also looked at Remembrance Day and the First Landing on the Moon, which inspired the children to write some stunning poetry using metaphors of the moon.

The topic progressed with a study on crime and punishment through the ages from the Romans to the Victorian times which was then complemented by a fully immersive trip to Shepton Mallet Prison. The children commented on how they could feel the history and then created some super reviews for Trip Advisor. We were also fortunate to have a visit from a barrister who explained how the British Legal systems works – this includes some fun dressing up!

To find out more about our learning visit [Rhine Class Blog](#).

Dates for the term – look out for Friday reminders!

Date	Class	Activity/Event	Notes
Friday 7 th January 3-4 pm	Rhine	Hockey Club	Last one Friday 14 th January
Monday 10 th January 3-4pm	Rhine	Lacrosse Club	No need to sign up again, new joiners welcome
Tuesday 11 th January - lunchtime weekly through T3	Rhine	Recorder Club	Please make sure you have your recorder and book in school
Friday - am weekly through T3 unless advised	Amazon	Woods	Please come to school in woods clothing and bring school uniform to change into.
Friday 18th February	All	End of Term 3	

