Stamford Green
Primary School and Nursery

17 March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 17.3.25

Reminder

Please check your uniform name labels as lots have completely worn off or aren't readable anymore.

Show and Tell

We will continue with **Triangles** groups on **Friday.** More information detailed below.

Numbots

Great news - Numbots is up and running. Please see below for more information. Login details can be found in the front of your child's Learning Journal.

What a fantastic Zoo Lab experience the children had last week! We were so impressed with the courage shown by all of the them. We were also impressed at the super questions and curious attitude that everyone showed – it was so interesting to learn all about the creatures that we met.

Last week it was our 'Superhero Day!'. During lunch time a terrible thing happened – the Evil Pea came to the Reception classrooms and stole all of the values buttons! Luckily, we had 90 superheroes on hand to help. Hopefully, your own superhero will have been able to tell you about how they cracked the special code and defeated the Evil Pea.

NumBots

Good news! Our Reception children are now able to access NumBots, which is a maths practice game for children to use as part of their homework in maths.

NumBots is an online game which can also be played through a freely downloadable app. The activities are fully in-keeping with the approach that we use at Stamford Green. It uses a vast range of different mathematical representations to support the player to develop deep understanding. Playing little and often will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts.

Your child is able to able to access NumBots via Wonde. Using Wonde allows your child to access all their online learning via a single log-in, which is a series of emojis. To use Wonde, simply navigate to the Wonde website then enter our school name and log in by selecting the correct emojis that are in the front of your child's Learning Journal.

They might need some help navigating to the website and entering the details but once they're in, they just need some quiet space to get on with the games for a few minutes. Please don't allow siblings, friends or family to answer for them but do support your child if they're stuck. Your child's teacher will log in to see how they're getting along.

In order to get the best out of NumBots children should regularly play for short bursts of 5 -10minutes. This is a fantastic activity to continue at weekends and through the holidays too, in the same way they keep up their reading practice.

Game Types

1. Story Mode – the emphasis is on learning the ideas and concepts behind addition and subtraction so it features more diagrams, shapes and question styles.
2. Challenge Mode – the emphasis is more on speed of recall of key facts, like number bonds to 10, doubling small numbers or adding and taking away in your head. This will unlock once the player has passed through some of the Story Mode.

If you have any questions, please email parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk

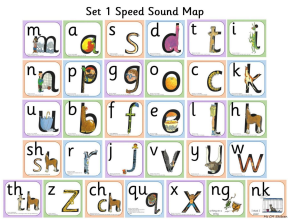
Learning Question of the week: What are real-life heroes?

This week, we will be asking the question, what makes someone a real-life hero? How can we identify them? What equipment and resources might they need in order to do their job effectively? We will be looking at different jobs people do and how they can help people in different ways. The children will also start to think about people in their lives who they see as heroes. What qualities do they have that make them heroic and special? Perhaps you can tell them about a person who you call a hero and why

The key learning and skills we will focus on this week are:

- Listening to music and talking about how it makes us feel.
- Exploring and investigating natural processes relating to temperature.
- Automatically recalling number bonds to 5 (addition and subtraction facts)
- Saying what we want to write before starting
- Anticipating events in stories
- Using correct letter formation for all letters
- Knowing how to throw an object to make it go as far as possible
- Knowing that different people can have different feelings about the same thing
- Using 'because' to give reasons for events/actions

Phonics



Does your child know all of these sounds speedily? If they don't, it will be harder for them to read at the level expected at this stage of Reception. You can help them by checking through which ones they know on sight then practising any that they are less confident with at home.

Why not put some post-its around the house with any tricky sounds on? When your child passes the post-it, they should read it. Good places might be near the front door, next to the toilet, on the fridge, on the stairs etc – anywhere that they pass regularly.

Work on two or three sounds at a time and give lots of praise for practising! There's a bigger version of the sound mat at the end of this.

Practise reading words with Fred Talk here:
https://tinyurl.com/3fwasyeu
https://tinyurl.com/ycyrjme5
Practise writing words with Fred Fingers here:
https://tinyurl.com/325pm578
https://tinyurl.com/f27hm3hw

Reading

This week's red word is:

we

Red words we covered so far have:

I, my, the, you, said, your, are, be, of, no, what, all, was

Please help your child to practice reading and writing these words at home. These are words they will see often in books and knowing them by sight will enable them to become more confident.

Here's a little song to help you practise!
https://tinyurl.com/3w7v5hb2

Concept Word

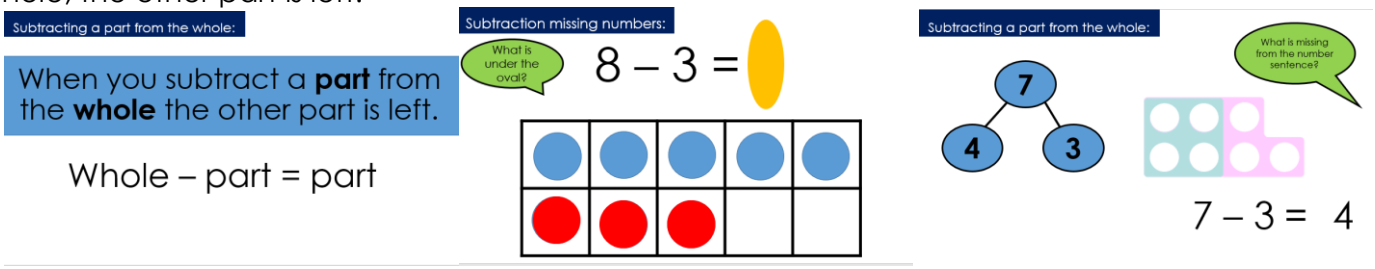
This week's concept word is: forwards

Help your child at home: Walk in different directions and talk about when you are moving forwards. When going down a slide talk about the safest way to go is facing forwards.

Maths

Our focus in maths continues to be on the great importance of the parts and wholes of numbers from 1 - 8. We will recap our understanding of subtraction using a variety of methods and will record our findings using a written number sentence.

When we're thinking about subtraction we can remember 'When we subtract a part from the whole, the other part is left.'



Show and Tell: Something I have made

Our new theme for Show and Tell this half term is **'something I have made'**.

This is a great opportunity for your child to learn about the world around them and to get busy making – try to allow your child to come up with their own idea so that they enjoy the process. For example – your child might like to: make a factual poster about jungle animals/write a story/ build a vehicle using junk modelling/ collage/ paint/ make puppets/prepare some food etc. The list is endless!

If your child's creation is too difficult to bring into school a photo will be a good way of sharing it. You can either print this off or email it to your child's class teacher.

Show and Tell is for the Triangle groups on Friday.

We hope you have a lovely week,

Mrs Ball, Miss Poole and Mrs Price

Set 1 Speed Sound Map

For your calendar:

Friday 21.3.25
PTA Quiz Night.

Remember to get your teams together and sign up on the PTA Events website.

Tuesday 18.3.25
PTA meeting – 8.00pm at The Blenheim

All welcome.

Red Nose Day
Friday 21.3.25

We would like to invite all children and staff to dress in red and have a non-uniform day on Friday 21 March.

A suggested donation of £1 will be greatly received on the West and East Gate.

On Wednesday 2 April the Community Prefects will also be running a Red Nose Bake sale after school at the East and West Gate.

Coming up soon:

March		
w/b Monday 17.3.25	-	Last week of Internal clubs
Tuesday 18.3.25	Morning	2W's visit to ASK restaurant in Epsom
Tuesday 18.3.25	8.00pm	PTA Meeting at The Blenheim – All welcome
Wednesday 19.3.25	Morning	2J's visit to ASK restaurant in Epsom
Wednesday 19.3.25	Morning	3L – Feet First – Safety walking training
Thursday 20.3.25	Morning	2B's visit to ASK restaurant in Epsom
Thursday 20.3.25	Morning	3J – Feet First – Safety walking training
~~Thursday 20.3.25~~	~~-~~	~~Second hand uniform donation day – please drop in any uniform you no longer need~~
~~Thursday 20.3.25~~	~~7.00pm – 8.00pm~~	~~Volunteers needed to sort the donated second hand uniform at school please~~
Friday 21.3.25	Morning	3MD – Feet First – Safety walking training
Friday 21.3.25	Evening	PTA Quiz Night for adults
Monday 24.3.25	All day	Y4 – World War II Evacuee Day – more information to follow
Monday 24.3.25 and Tuesday 25.3.25	After school	Book Fair at the East Gate
Tuesday 25.3.25	-	Y3 Viking Day – more information to follow
Wednesday 26.3.25 and Thursday 27.3.25	After school	Book Fair at the West Gate
Wednesday 26.3.25	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parent/Carer and Teacher Consultations (PCTC) at school
Friday 28.3.25	All day	INSET – Training day for staff – no school for children

Reminders for you:

PTA Meeting
18.3.25

We will be holding a PTA Meeting at 8.00pm at The Blenheim.

Everyone is welcome. Please click on the link to see the agenda

INSET Day
Friday 28.3.25

INSET – Training day for staff – no school or Nursery for children.

PCTCs

Please remember to book a PCTC for either Wednesday 26.3.25 or Monday 31.3.25.

Bookings will close on Tuesday 25.3.25.