



STEPHEN FREEMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Everybody; Every Moment; Every Idea Counts"

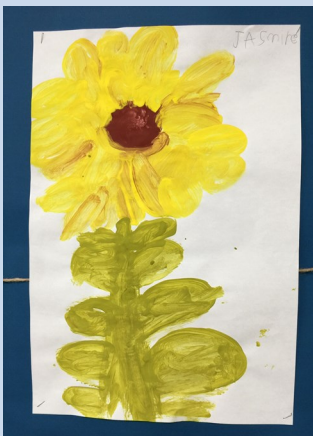
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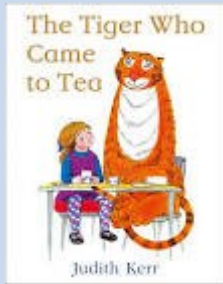
In **Explorers** our topic has been 'Change'. We have based our learning around the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and the class have been fortunate enough to see the life cycle of a butterfly. In our forest school sessions we have observed the life cycle of a frog. During our 'Jenni Jigsaw' we had fun looking at pictures of the children when they were babies and we talked about going into our new classes in September. We hosted a virtual open day with a local residential care home and the children sang songs for the residents. Rainbow Explorers have thrived this academic year and we are proud of the progress they have made. Have a wonderful summer holiday.



UK and Poland classes have delved into the past this term and learned about the Ice Age. We researched the animals that lived in the Ice Age and we made an Ice Age animal class book and even rescued some animals which were stuck in ice. We were all glad that the Sabre toothed tiger is now extinct but the children were fascinated by the woolly mammoth and would have liked to have met one. The children

were really good at remembering and using special topic words like extinct, herbivore and carnivore. We have build classroom caves which the children decorated with cave man pictures. In maths we have learned about sharing and the children loved making cookies and sharing the chocolate chips equally.





Year One
Knock knock, who's there?
The tiger, the tiger who?
The tiger who came to tea!



The children loved the book 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and we created our own information book on how to look after a Tiger if one came to stay with us. The children enjoyed making their own animal enclosures for their chosen zoo animal, it was a messy job but the enclosures looked incredible.

This term, **Year Two** have become plastic experts. We have been learning about the impact of plastic pollution on the environment, and in particular our oceans. The children spent time researching the facts and created information posters to display around school. The children developed their own ideas as to how they could spread the news about plastic and decided that they wanted to have a protest. They made posters and wrote their own chants to shout, we are so proud of their passion and enthusiasm. Thank you to all the parents who came to cheer on the children during their protest, we really appreciated your support.



Year 3 have been learning about changing states of matter. We have been looking at what happens to water when it freezes and what happens when you put salt on ice. We made our own boats and added marbles to them to see how long they could remain floating before they sank. It was great to meet our new teacher, Miss De Bruyn.



Wow, what a term it has been and what a year it has been in **Year 4**. The children have worked so hard throughout the year and they have developed socially, emotionally and academically. The Year 4 staff team are proud of all their efforts. Some of the highlights have included writing information leaflets about the 6 highest mountains in the UK, sending a rocket into space (well the sky), creating vibrating musical instruments to investigate sound and building marshmallow and spaghetti structures to promote team work. As a year group we all enjoyed making bird feeders to enhance the wildlife in our gardens and all these activities demonstrate what a diverse and enjoyable curriculum year it has been. The children enjoyed their sports day and Story Telling Week where they made gingerbread houses inspired by the story of Hansel and Gretel.



This term in **Year 5** the children have enjoyed learning (and sometimes teaching the adults) about space. We have learnt about different moons, the planets and how day and night are created. The children really loved making their moon buggies using recycled materials. They have been really enjoyed our 'Jigsaw' topic where we learnt about changes that happen and have asked many thoughtful questions. In maths we have revised some of the topics that we covered during lockdown. In English, we have learnt how to write a balanced argument all about whether crop circles are created by man or by other worldly beings. Despite all the disruption we have had a very successful year in Year 5 and we want to thank all the children for their adaptability and resilience.



Moon Buggies

Year 6

Year 6 enjoyed a fun festival to finish their time at Stephen Freeman School. The children enjoyed pizza, a disco bouncy castle and an obstacle course, a chill-out zone and party parlour. We would like to say a big thank you to Stephen Freeman PTA and CJ Security Solutions, for making generous donations to enable the event to take place. Thank you to our amazing Year 6 staff team for putting in so much time and effort to make the evening such a success. Finally thank you to our Year 6 children, they have been an incredible group of children throughout their time at Stephen Freeman. They have been excellent role- models and they should feel very proud of all they have achieved in terms of development, attitude and teamwork.

We wish you all the very best at your new schools



Sadly and at a great loss to the school, Lyn Belton will be leaving us at the end of this term, after over 30 years as a Teaching Assistant, to enjoy a well-deserved retirement. Lyn will be missed not only for her vast wealth of knowledge and skill as a Teaching Assistant but also as a calm, supportive and caring friend to us all. The impact of Lyn's interventions on children over the years has been significant and has undoubtedly improved their learning progress and well-being. She has always risen to the challenges that have been presented to her and supported staff with ease and capability. We would like to thank Lyn for all she has contributed to the children and staff at Stephen Freeman school and we look forward to welcoming her back to school as a volunteer helper. I am sure we will be drawing on her experience in an advisory capacity to share some of her precious expertise.

Lyn, you will be missed very much by us all x

Jill Hazeldine

SENCO

Goodbye to Mrs Manthorpe our Year 5 teacher who is leaving us to spend more time with her family and also to Mrs Perry and Mrs Greselle. Thank you for all you have contributed to Stephen Freeman Primary School.

We hope you all have a lovely summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 6th September 2021

'Go Green Day'

The extreme wet weather on our planned 'Go Green Day' didn't stop the staff and children getting involved in some sprucing up of our outside areas. Thankfully the weather improved the following week and the classes were able to get outside and tidy up the outside areas. We litter picked, trimmed and cut back some of the over-grown areas. We hope that you have noticed that many of the planters and pots have been replenished with fresh soil and attractive perennials and grasses.



A soggy Mr Leader



Making seed balls



Planting Seeds



Our beautiful planters

Stephen Freeman Sports Day

This year, Sports Day at Stephen Freeman was a little bit different but just as much fun. Each year group took part in a number of different running races and throwing events to win points for the school team. Years 1, 2 and 3 especially enjoyed taking part in the obstacle races and sack race. Year 4, 5 and 6 displayed some fantastic throwing and jumping skills. The points stand as follows:

First place North 5728 points
Second place South 5298 points
Third place West 5293 points
Fourth place East 5019 points



**Well done to everyone
who took part**