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Dear All

I do hope you had a good break and managed to keep healthy!

Letters informing those of you who wish to attend our upcoming VIP Days were sent home on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. I do hope they arrived home safely! Everyone received their first or second choice, so it has all worked out fairly well from an organisational point of view! Names were pulled out of a hat for second choices, so I hope everyone is reasonably happy. We do look forward to welcoming our **Very Important People** over the next few months.

Last term's Termly Topics were of a very high standard. It is lovely to see our children interpreting 'creativity' as 'thinking out of the box' and not just artistically. The personal responses to 'Fire/Water' will be on display at the Parents' Evenings next week..

**PLEASE REMEMBER: BEFORE THE HOLIDAY, YOU PROBABLY MADE AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE A TEACHER (NOT FOX CLASS) ON...  
THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> March 2020 (3:30PM – 5:30PM) OR  
FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020 (3:30PM – 7:00PM)  
Find that bit of paper!!!!**

**Uniform:** We rely on you, the adults, to ensure that your child wears the school uniform. Children really dislike being different and enjoy feeling part of the 'TEAM STRATFORD'!

**The required school uniform is as follows;**

*School sweatshirt*

*White shirt/polo shirt (This should be plain and not decorated in any way)*

*Grey or black trousers or shorts / grey or black pinafore dress or skirt*

*Blue / white checked / striped dress or skirt*

We encourage the wearing of grey, black or white socks, or dark tights.

Children are encouraged to wear appropriate warm clothing for outdoor PE sessions in cold weather.

*Shoes and clothes must be practical and safe. (Proper shoes not trainers are the uniform. However, if children have specific medical needs alternative footwear may be worn after consultation with the school)*

## WORLD BOOK DAY: THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020

[WWW.WORLDBOOKDAY.COM](http://WWW.WORLDBOOKDAY.COM)

We shall be celebrating World Book Day in school on **Wednesday 4th March**. This is a day early due to Y3, Y4 and Y5 going swimming on a Thursday!!!!

This year as we are working hard to increase the children's' vocabulary we thought it might be fun to dress up as a **word** and then guess what the word is. It could be something as simple as 'red' or 'blue', for example, or even something a bit more abstract like 'cold', 'brave' or 'funny'! It could be something a bit more ambitious like 'collection', 'mechanical' or 'transport'. Let's give it a go and see what we come up with!

If you have already decided that you would like dress up as a character from a book, you may do this too. If this is not your kind of thing, please do not feel pressurised into having to join in! If you don't like dressing up then don't! Wear your uniform.

Once again this year we are also holding an **"Extreme" Reading Competition**. Take a photo of yourself reading somewhere **"extreme or interesting"**. **Obviously not dangerous!** The competition is for both adults and children. Bring your photo to the hall and pin it up on the board on **Wednesday 4th March 2020**. The winner will be announced in Smiley Face assembly on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and prizes presented.

We would like to encourage all children and staff to bring a 'loved' book to school with them that day to share with another pupil in school.

## Sing-Up Day 2020: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 13.45-14:45 in the Hall



As you probably know, we like a good sing at Stratford-sub-castle Primary School! Sing –Up Day provides families with the chance to come and join in! Mrs Aylett will conduct us in an afternoon of music and song!

Please let Mrs Munt in the school office know if you wish to attend.

## LIFE EDUCATION CENTRE, FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020, BUTTERFLY, OWL AND WOODPECKER CLASSES

**The Life Education Centre (a bus which visits us every year)** is part of a national charity called Coram Life Education and is the UK's largest children's health education charity, providing a comprehensive range of high quality and evidence-based services appropriate to the needs of primary school children.

Our school is receiving a visit by the Mobile Classroom of the Life Education Centre on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. Life Education Centre (Wiltshire) Ltd is a local charity affiliated to the national charity. It is supported by the Education, Health and Police authorities and administered by a small team of volunteers from local Rotary Clubs. It provides a unique programme which teaches children about the wonder of their bodies, how to take care of them, and how relationships, food, drugs and other substances can affect them.

The specially equipped mobile classroom provides an unforgettable experience for the children, which assists our school in our health education work. The focused, interactive, programmes are designed and varied to match each age group and are presented by a specialist educator. Butterfly, Owl and Woodpecker class will spend about an hour with the LEC teacher.

The school is charged about £5.00 (per child) for these visits. The school and F.O.S.S. contribute toward the cost, **but a donation of £3 per child would really help the funds to go further.** You may make your donation via ParentPay from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March or please drop donations off at the school office. Many thanks.

**A free session for parents will be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> from 8.45am – 9.10am. Parents/Grandparents and carers are invited to visit the Life Education mobile classroom to find out more about what their children will be learning.**

Please complete and return the attached form if you wish to attend. You may also care to check the website: [www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk](http://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk)

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## Life Education Centre – Adult Session

Name of pupil:  
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Name of adult (relationship to pupil):  
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I would like to attend the session for adults on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March from 8.45am to 9.10am.**

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### Some reminders:

- If you have changed your address or telephone number please make sure you inform the office.
- Remember to let the office know if your child is absent.
- Please name all uniform including coats.
- Please ensure your child brings a coat to school.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Parents' Evenings next week.

Finally, Mrs Cook has her last week at school, next week, before she goes on maternity leave. We wish her well and look forward to seeing her again soon!

Kindest regards,

Kay Bridson



## **Termly Topic: February / March 2020**

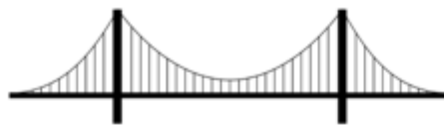
**Termly Topic:** The Termly Topic this term is based on **MATERIALS**.

Things that have been made such as books, clothes and cars come from materials. Paper is a material used to make books, cotton to make shirts and metal to make cars. Some materials are natural. They come from animals and plants or they are found in the ground. Wool comes from the soft coats of sheep, wood from the trunks of trees and marble is a kind of rock.

Some materials are made from other materials. Glass is a mixture of sand and limestone that has been heated. Plastic is made from oil. Paper is made from small chips of wood and water. Materials are chosen for the kind of job they have to do. Soft, warm wool is used to make winter coats and jumpers. Tough metal is used to make strong, long-lasting bridges.

**So what could you do for your topic? Once again, you can be as creative as you like. You may want to ...**

- **find out about solids, liquids and gases**
- **perform some of your own experiments on materials**
- **create art work using different materials**
- **design and make some clothes**
- **find out about melting and moulding**
- **discover more about recycling materials**
- **have a go at making paper**
- **find out about modern materials and compare them to those used in the past. For example, the armour worn by knights long ago compared to a modern soldier or the materials used for cars and motor bikes in the past compared to now a days.**



**You MUST make sure that something is in your book as a record of your topic.** This could be a photo of your work or you could write about what you did! However, you may also like to do the whole topic in your book; it is up to you!

**Please ensure some writing is included as part of your topic in some way!**

The deadline for handing in topics is **FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**.

This is compulsory for Y4, Y5 and Y6 and optional for all other year groups.