



# STEPHEN FREEMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Everybody; Every Moment; Every Idea Counts"*

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## 'Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the gingerbread man'

The children in **Nursery** have loved learning the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. We baked our own gingerbread men and the children voted for their favourite topping, Smarties was the most popular. We explored Chinese New year and performed our own dragon dance, the Rainbows Chinese restaurant was very popular



To hibernate or to migrate that was the question that the children in **Reception** had to ponder at the beginning of term. The majority of children chose migration during the winter months. Some children were very savvy and said that they would go to a hot country and eat and sleep. We have used the library to research the seasons, countries, birds and animals and used Google

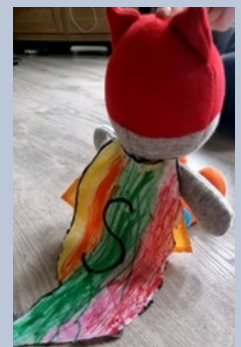
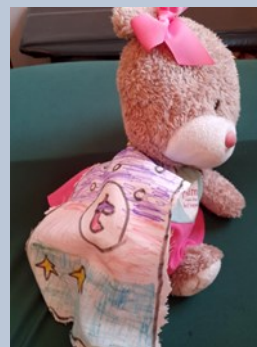
Earth to help us to visualise the world. We Googled Stephen Freeman school and mapped a local walk to the Londis shop. We celebrated Chinese New Year by performing a dragon dance in the school hall, the children really enjoyed playing instruments and being a dragon. The biggest challenge facing the Reception children was to look after an 'Emperor Egg' for

the day. The children worked in pairs and there were no rules only that the egg was returned at the end of the day and sent back to the Emperor penguins. During the final week of term we have collected words as inspired by the wonderful book, 'The Word Collector' by Peter H Reynolds. We loved the powerful words such as 'I understand', 'I'm sorry', 'thank you' and 'you matter'.



## Super Year 1's to the rescue

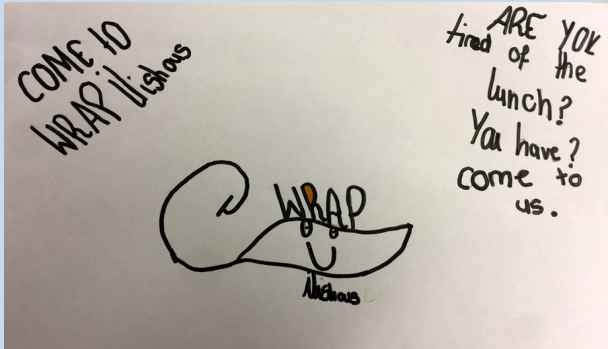
This half term the children in **Year 1** have been learning all about Superheroes and we have read 'Supertato' and 'Superhero Hotel'. We have used verbs to write sentences and we created our own Superhero called 'Elementor'. In Art and Design Technology we designed and made a cape for our favourite teddy. Here are two of our Super teddies. This term we were very lucky to be offered some sessions in Forest School which we have really enjoyed, although the amount of mud the children brought back to school when it was wet wasn't enjoyed so much by the adults. We are already looking forward to our learning next term.







From basketball to swimming and almost every letter in between, **Year 5** have been very busy this term. It has been fantastic to be swimming again every week and the children's progress has been incredible. In Science we have been investigating the properties of materials and learning how to conduct fair tests which has given us a starting point for our enterprise week. In English we have been learning to write balanced arguments around our study of the plague and other current issues. During the last week of term we have been using our writing skills to persuade potential customers to buy our products and we have created television advertisements to promote them. Another part of our challenge has been to design a logo for our company and turn it into a piece of digital media that will be used on our product branding and packaging. Hopefully some of us will be Lord Sugar's next apprentice and no-one will be fired. We will share more photographs of our finished products on Class Dojo.



This has been an exciting term for **Year 6**, from our first trip to Didcot Library, cooking classes, swimming in our pyjamas to our visit from two World War 2 historians. The children have been really engaged in our most recent topic, 'The Heart and Circulatory System'. The children chose an organ to specialise in and then created a report using the Chromebooks. The results have been excellent and we have learnt a lot of interesting facts about how the human body functions. During the final week of term we had a visit from two World War 2 historians who gave us an insight into what life was like for children during the war. The children were fascinated by the artefacts and loved hearing the sound of an air raid siren. They huddled together under a table just like children during the Blitz had to. They were able to see original 1940s artefacts including a typewriter and a gramophone. The children couldn't imagine a life without their mobile phones, tablets and video games. Nor could they imagine spending free time listening to music with their families.





Children in KS1 and KS2 are very welcome to bring a snack in for their break-time, but we would like to remind you that these snacks should be healthy and nutritious. Crisps and chocolate bars should not be provided as a snack. We appreciate that these can be easy options but we need to work together to encourage the children in our care to lead a healthy lifestyle. Snacks such as fruit, crackers, a bagel, rice-cakes and malt-loaf are all healthier alternatives. Cereal bars are also acceptable but check the hidden sugar content of them.

Please have a look at the following website for some really good 'food swap' ideas for all meals and snacks <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-food-swaps/#snacks>

Children should also be bringing water in their water bottles and not squash. Can you please remember that nuts are not permitted in school.

Next term, our Jigsaw theme is 'Healthy Me' so all children in school will be learning about the benefits of healthy eating and leading a healthy lifestyle.

On Wednesday 16th February we welcomed 'The Roving Bookshop' into school. The children loved browsing through all the wonderful titles and it was lovely to see them returning to their classes excited by the books they had chosen.



The Roving Bookshop ran a competition to win a book of choice. Well done Poppy, enjoy reading your book.

### **School Uniform Reminder**

Children must **come into school wearing the correct school uniform with a change of outdoor shoes. On PE days, children should wear the correct PE uniform of white t-shirt, navy blue shorts or jogging/ training bottoms and suitable footwear**