



Mice Class Newsletter

Friday 13th February 2026



What have the Mice been up to this week?

Literacy

This week in English our traditional tale was Jack and the Beanstalk. We have enjoyed different versions of this story again, as with all our other traditional tales! We are looking forward to growing our own beanstalks next term! All children have taken part in a language link assessment this week too. I will send home the results for any children who require intervention in school next term.

Maths

In maths this week we have continued our work on numbers 6,7, and 8, and we have also practised our subitising, recognising numerals to 10 and counting using one-for-one correspondence. We have also completed some simple maths assessments through play.

Phonics

In phonics this week (you guessed it!) we have been completing our end of term phonics assessments! The children have made great progress this term in phonics. I am very proud of Mice Class! I will create a phonics resource pack over the half term, for any children who require a phonics intervention in school. A little bit of additional practice at school and at home will be really beneficial and I really do appreciate your support with this. Thank you so much! Please do encourage your children to read over half term too. Many thanks!

Our Core Concept this term is... Perception and Empathy

Other learning this week... In busy time this week, we have enjoyed the bikes and trikes again and jumping in puddles! We have made some beautiful cards to celebrate Valentines day and show our love and appreciation for someone at home. We have enjoyed cutting and sticking using old Christmas and birthday cards (a great way of recycling cards and developing scissor skills!). The children really enjoyed this and asked to do cutting and sticking collages three times this week! We really enjoyed Welly Wednesday this week, as we toasted marshmallows on the fire that we helped to build! We have learnt the 'respect position' which is a safe way to sit around a fire, and we learnt how to move safely around a fire too. This week was mental health week, so Mice class took part in a lovely circle time activity every day discussing subjects like 'What makes us feel happy/ calm/ excited/ scared/ angry'. We also learnt what 'belonging' means and considered what helps us to feel a sense of belonging at Stelling Minnis. We had some really lovely responses which I will share with Mrs Buss. 😊

Celebrations



For our '**Work on the Wall**' this week, we are celebrating **Rafferty** for his beautiful work during funky fingers this week. He completed his handwriting patterns with great care. Rafferty also created a lovely birthday card for his home learning this week. Thank you Rafferty!

Our **Headteacher's Award** goes to **Jasper** for making me so excited and proud during his reading session this week. He worked incredibly hard to blend his sounds together to say the words. Keep it up Jasper! Good boy!

Important Messages and Dates for the Diary

Last day of term- Friday 13th February

Monday 23rd Feb- Back to school- term 4.

Monday 2nd March- A visit from an author for book week!

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day- dress up as a word! (e.g. a football kit for the word sporty. A sequin dress for the word sparkle. Or pyjamas for the word exhausted or tired! Create a label or lanyard to wear to display your chosen word!