

News from Stower Provost Primary School May 2018

After many months of winter, it's lovely to see the children outside re-discovering their shadows! Everything is suddenly growing; leaves on the trees, grass on the playing field, and particularly, it seems, the children!

As usual, there is plenty going on in school. Our plans to re-develop the front of the school are coming together, with the construction of a stage complete with story-telling chair, planters, bunting and outdoor games, all of which will ensure the children can make the most of their wonderful school environment.

Also this term, we are re-starting our 'Forest Schools' provision. This is an excellent resource which encourages the children to learn new outdoor skills down in our woodland area, such as stick-whittling, hide-building, pond-dipping and 'cooking' in the mud-kitchen! They will be going out whatever the weather, so I imagine rather a lot of mud soup will be produced... Keeping the outdoor theme going, preparations for swimming in the school pool have also started, and I know the children are really looking forward to the chance to improve their confidence and skills in the water. The children will also be developing a range of skills in athletics and other summer sports including cricket and rounders.

We will also be taking the children on a range of trips out of the school environment this term. Our oldest children will be experiencing a complete change of scene when they stay away in the Youth Hostel in the middle of Bristol, learning what life is like in a busy, bustling multi-cultural city, while visiting attractions such as the excellent new Brunel Museum linked to the SS Great Britain, and Kayaking around the floating harbour. There will be the chance for them to compare places of worship by visiting the Cathedral and the Hindu Temple, and understand how Bristol's trade links made it an important target in the Second World War. Other children will be staying closer to home, visiting the range of attractions on offer at Kingston Maurward, and learning more about food provenance with a visit to The Udder Farmshop.

Moving indoors, once the annual tests are over, we will be starting practices for the summer play, a musical version of *The Wind in the Willows*. This production is great fun and is a super way for the children to grow in confidence as they sing, dance and act in front of an audience.

The term ahead is looking to be as busy as the last!

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