

Another packed half term in school has finished, and while the Summer Holiday feels a very long time ago, this time has flown by.

Learning in the classroom, with topics including Superheroes, The Shang Dynasty and the geography of the United Kingdom, has provided a real buzz around the school, with visitors remarking on how engaged the children are with their learning.

Outside the classroom, Forest School continues, with Stower Provost now being classed as a Flagship School a training centre for Forest School Teachers from across the country – a real accolade. We were also lucky to be offered an Oak tree sapling grown from an acorn collected in Windsor Great Park. This tree, very small at present, was presented to the children by the Dorset Garden Trust as a commemoration of the Queen's 90th Birthday; we will enjoy watching it grow!

On a sporting front, our children have taken part in a local Tag Rugby Derby against one of the local schools and played brilliantly as a team. Our Year 5 and 6 class has also been away for an exciting residential trip; this term's visit was to Beam House near Torrington, with the children experiencing the adventure of staying away from home, challenging themselves with High Ropes and climbing activities, and developing their skills in team working. I am sure they will put this new-found confidence into practice for the remainder of the school year.

We reach the half term holiday on a very positive note, with rising numbers leading to us recruiting a new teacher. This additional member of staff will enable us to retain small classes, with an average of 19 children in the mornings, and to make sure all our children have the best possible start to their education.

Our termly Curriculum Showcase will be on Friday, 2nd November at 2:30pm in the school. This is a chance for the children to share a project they have worked on at home which relates to their topic of the term. If you would like to see what the children have been learning, do come and join us for a tour of the classrooms, a chat with the children, and enjoy a piece of cake and a cup of tea with the PTFA.

This is an exciting time at Stower Provost School as we grow and improve still further. If you would like to be involved in any way, either through coming in to hear children read, supporting our work out doors, or through joining our dedicated Governing Board, please don't hesitate to contact the school office for more information about our work.

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