

Sunbeams Newsletter 9



FORTNIGHT COMMENCING 26TH JANUARY 26

Latest News

Around the World in 5 Days: Throughout the first week of the fortnight, we'll be exploring five different continents and learning about countries that hold special meaning for some of our families. It's a lovely opportunity for the children to celebrate diversity, discover new cultures, and enjoy hands-on experiences. Over five days, we will "visit" the five continents (one each day) and explore a country from each one: Europe - Ireland, Asia - The Philippines, Africa - Ghana, South America - Argentina, Australia - Australia. To bring each country to life, the children will have the opportunity to experience: Art inspired by traditional patterns, colours, and crafts. Music and dance from each culture. Food tasting sessions offering safe, child-friendly samples of traditional dishes or produce from that country. These activities will help the children build curiosity, confidence, and appreciation for the world around them. If you have any questions or would like to contribute to our theme, please feel free to speak to a member of the team. After this week we will continue with our dinosaur theme.



Messages

School Applications: School applications for children starting Reception class in September 2026 have now closed. Parents will find out which school they have been allocated on 16th April 2026

Important Dates

23rd to 25th Jan Big Bird Watch
26th to 28th Geography Theme week
Fri 13th Feb - INSET Day - School closed
Half Term - Mon 16th to Fri 20th February
Saturday 14th Feb - St Valentines day
Tuesday 17th Feb - Lunar New Year
Sunday 15th March - Mother's day
Easter holidays - Mon 30th March to Fri 10th April

Fortnightly Phonics

C & K

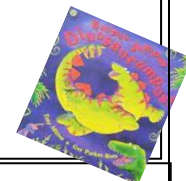
What phoneme (sound) do these make? Can you hear these phonemes in someone's name you know?

MATHS OF THE FORTNIGHT

Counting move and label numbers 123
Counting back, sorting and classifying .

Books and Rhymes

Bumpus Jumpus Dinosaurumpus!
Ten green Dinosaurs (bottles)
Stories & rhymes
from around the world.



How You Can Join In

Family Connections

We're especially delighted to highlight countries that are meaningful to some of our children and their families this fortnight. If you would like to share photos on Tapestry, stories, or items from home that relate to your culture, we would love to include them in our learning over the course of the two weeks. This will help to boost confidence, pride and self-esteem as well as expanding children's knowledge of the world around them.

Where to find information.

Please use our website to find out key dates, including term times and INSET days

<https://www.stepgateschool.co.uk>

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