

Staindrop CE Primary School

PSQM Evidence File

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"Through God's love, we are the rich soil where roots grow and seeds flourish." Luke 8: 4-15





Starting Point Science has always been taught well, but the whole school vision and principles needed a revamp, to suit the needs of our children.

Action 1. Pupil Voice - What does Science mean to you?

Children's current views of science were gathered - both positive and negative. Similar ideas were grouped.

Action 2. Staff Voice What do we want our Science at Staindrop to be like? Menti-Meter and Staff Meeting to discuss and share our ideas. Childrens views were shared and discussed. Staff then thought about what we should prioritise and include more of in our science teaching.

Science is good when....

we work creatively

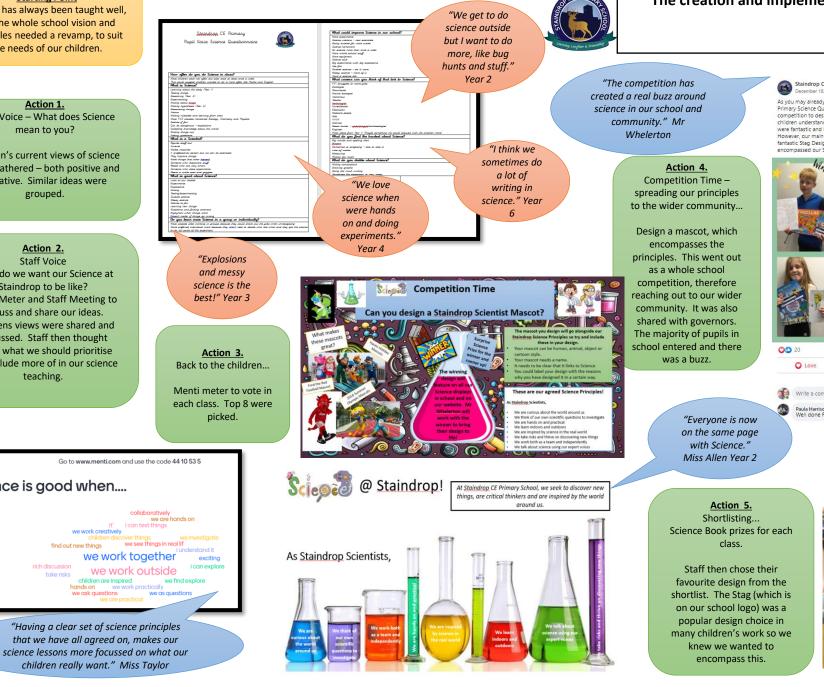
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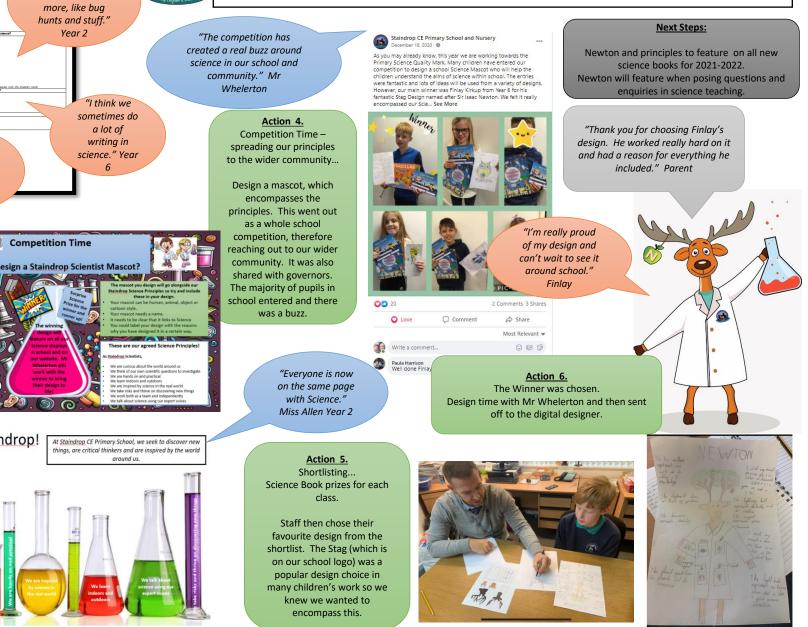
find out new things

hands on

take risks



The creation and implementation of a clear vision for science @ Staindrop CE **Primary School** SUBJECT LEADERSHIP A



The love of Science needed to be present in the classroom and around the school.

Action 1

Every classroom has a science display that clearly shows the agreed set of principles. These are referenced to during lessons so the children are familiar with the principles in action

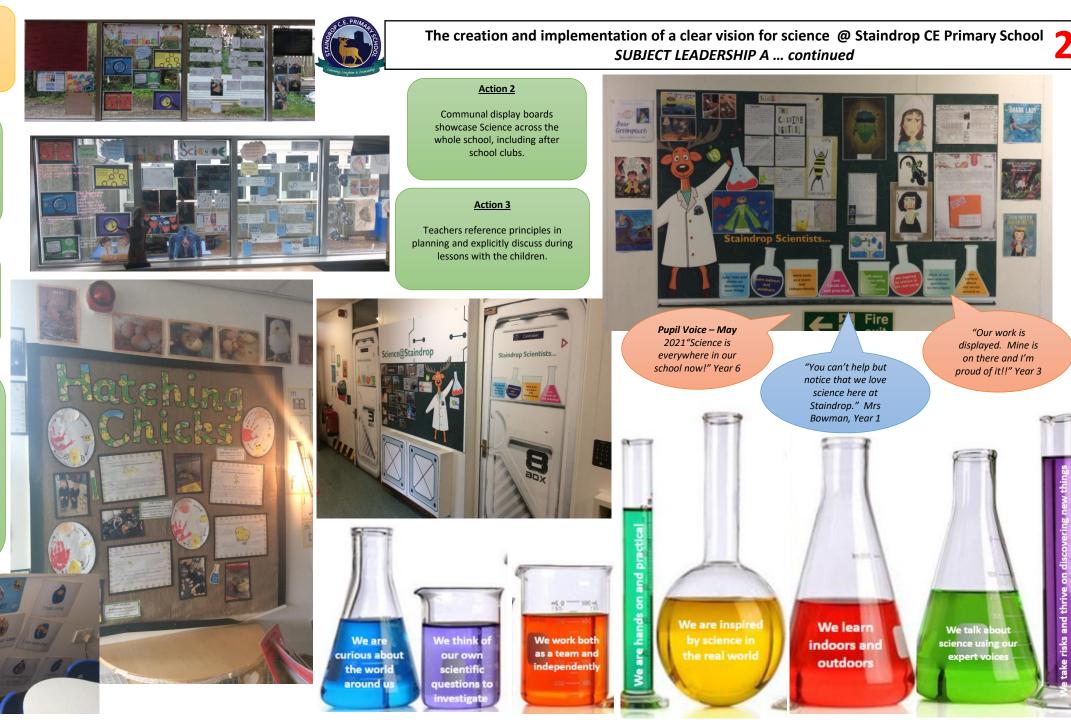
EYFS

Principles were added to displays in classrooms and to provision outdoors.

EYFS

Principles were developed with EYFS in mind to incorporate and link the characteristics of learning. "Have our own ideas like Peter Rabbit." "Be an explorer like Octonauts." "Choose ways of doing like Mister Maker." This has made our principles accessible, fun and meaningful for the younger children.

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Effective monitoring and improvement to develop science @ Staindrop CE Primary School 🤈

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SUBJECT LEADERSHIP C

After listening to staff voice and looking at books, it was clear that teachers planned in their own way and there was no shared understanding or consistency of medium and short term planning.

Action 1

SL created detailed unit overviews using the PLAN matrixes then teachers created their own bespoke learning journeys with the support of the SL. Teachers have done this with confidence and have thought carefully about meeting the objectives but also weaving in meaningful enquiries and WS skills.

Learning journeys have become an integral part of all our subjects @ Staindrop. Now science matches this. Clear questions outline 1/2 lessons in the unit. Enquiries are embedded. These are shared with the children at the start of every new science unit.

Action 2

Monitoring showed that teachers were not aware of which WS skills have been covered throughout the year, so a simple tick sheet was created for teachers and a visual on classroom displays.





Effective monitoring and improvement to develop science @ Staindrop CE Primary School SUBJECT LEADERSHIP C LEARNING A

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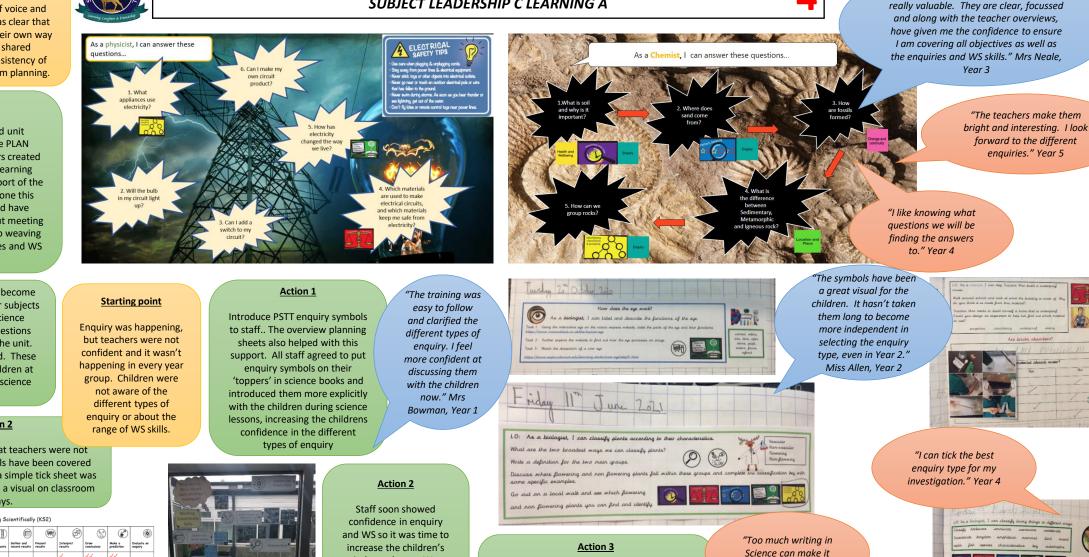
that children had to

identify which of the

enquiry types they

thought we would be

studying in that lesson.



Pupil voice highlighted that children thought

there was too much writing in science. With this in mind, we introduced the PSTT WS

symbols to the children and teachers to

ensure that most lessons had a focus on just

the one skill, therefore reducing the amount

that children wrote down.

boring." Year 6

"By focussing on one skill, the

pace of my lesosns have

improved and there is a clear

focus.." Miss Taylor, Year 4

"As a new teacher at Staindrop. I have

found having these learning journeys

Previously, Science Week has been focussed on by individual teachers, it wasn't enquiry focussed and there wasn't a whole school approach.

Action 2

In 2021, we wanted to build on the previous years success, however lockdown 'bubbles' caused some barriers when launching the week to the whole school.

Action 3

The barriers didn't stop us! The SL created a virtual launch assembly using Loom, which was shared over our learning platform in school. Children and staff were engaged with the Space theme and it kick started the week with a bang!

> **British Science Week 2021** What are inventions?



Action1 Science Week 2020

In 2020, we ran a whole school Science Week, where we focussed on 'Biscuit Dunking'. A launch assembly provided classes with individual challenges and the SL mapped out the enquiry focus. This was a huge success! Science Enquiry symbols were introduced, but not embedded.

Pupil Voice – March 2020 "I loved doing the whole school biscuit challenge and it was great to see what everyone else did

too! "Year 2

"I love science week!" Year 1 "Space is a really cool theme and I've watched the Mars Rover on TV too!" Year 4





"Our balloon powered rover was awesome. I love learning about space." Year 5

Staff Voice – March 2020 "Being given an enquiry to focus on was really helpful. More CPD on types of enquiry would help me become more confident in my teaching. Exploring this in science week was perfect."

"Thank you for an inspiring science week! Bella has come home each night full of what you have been doing...lots of tester parachutes have been made too!" Parent



Staff Voice – March 2021 "I could confidently choose the WS skill I wanted to focus on. I chose a skill that I wanted to assess. that I had taught in a previous unit. What a fun way to do it!."

Action 4

Bella went home

and conducted her

own parachute

enquiry, which

followed on from

what we were doing

in class. She even

got her younger

sister and Dad

involved!

Due to staff confidence and previous training, they were able to independently choose the Space challenge that suited their children's interests and needs, decide on an appropriate scientific enquiry that would challenge and engage their children and then plan and deliver the sessions with their class. This would not have been possible without the carful mapping of skills and staff CPD



"We used accurate measuring to make the axels and then the distance it travelled." Year 5

Action 5 All classes shared what

they had learnt that week on their Class Dojo pages. The responses from parents were very positive and children were excited to talk about what they had done. EYFS and Year 6 teachers discussed how their focus on parachutes was adapted for the 2 year groups. Year 6 focussed on the children being independent when planning and carrying out their enquiry.

In addition to this, staff chose a WS focus. Staff did this with confidence, due to previous staff meeting discussions and CPD.



"Another engaging done all!" Parent

> British Science Week - 202 This year's theme is innovating for the Future - Inventions DI ACT OF

nsport people to the moon/another planet? How ound? Where will they stay? How will they return have been amazed by the children's inventions and their scientif Mars Rovers, parachutes, hotels and much more rocky terrain and even through meteor shower done Staindrop CEI. You have once again prove

forget to design your lab





Next Steps

We intend to build on Science Week in

2022. We aim for the children to be part of

planning the week along with staff and

leading some sessions as Science

Ambassadors!

Action 6 Whole school competition launch! Design a lab coat – Bayer Competition

This brought together all of the children's learning that week and the entries on Class Dojo were fantastic with over 80% of children entering.

Entries were chosen from KS1 and KS2 and sent off to Bayer. Winning entries were given science themed prizes.

Effective monitoring and improvement to develop science @ Staindrop CE Primary School 🧲 SUBJECT LEADERSHIP C continued... BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2020

science week! Well

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because that's mv favourite part of science." Year 4

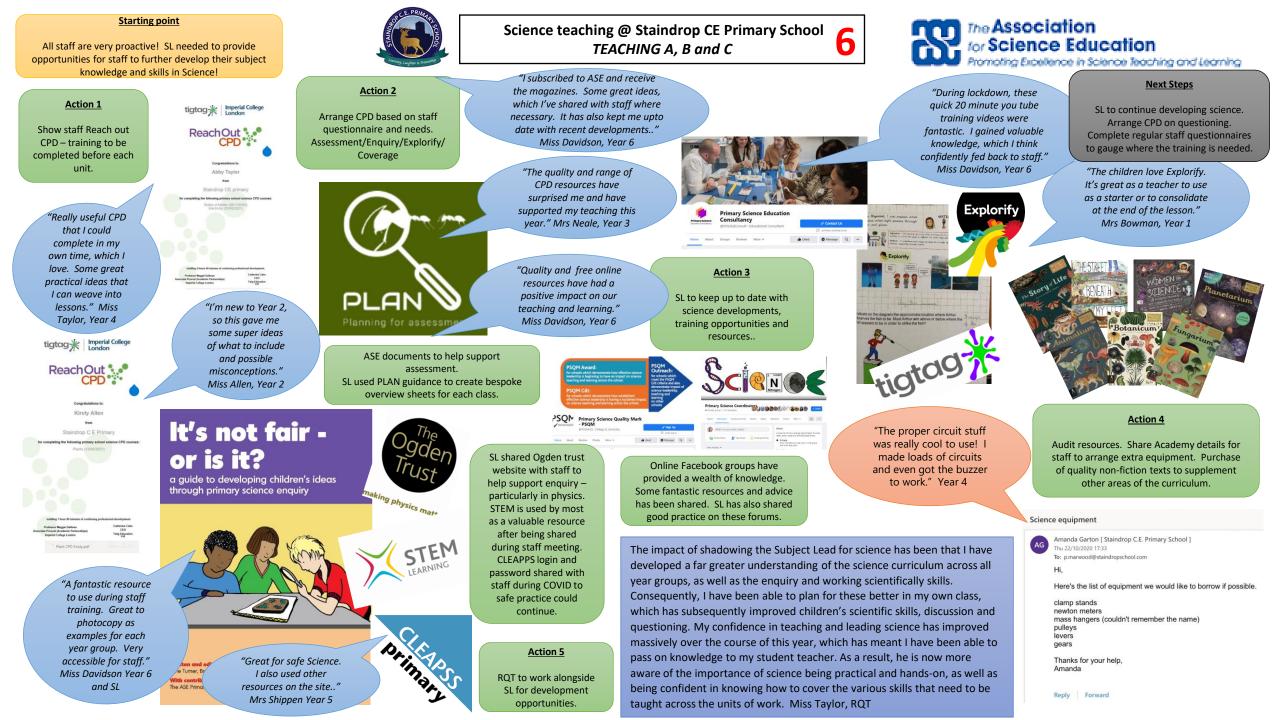
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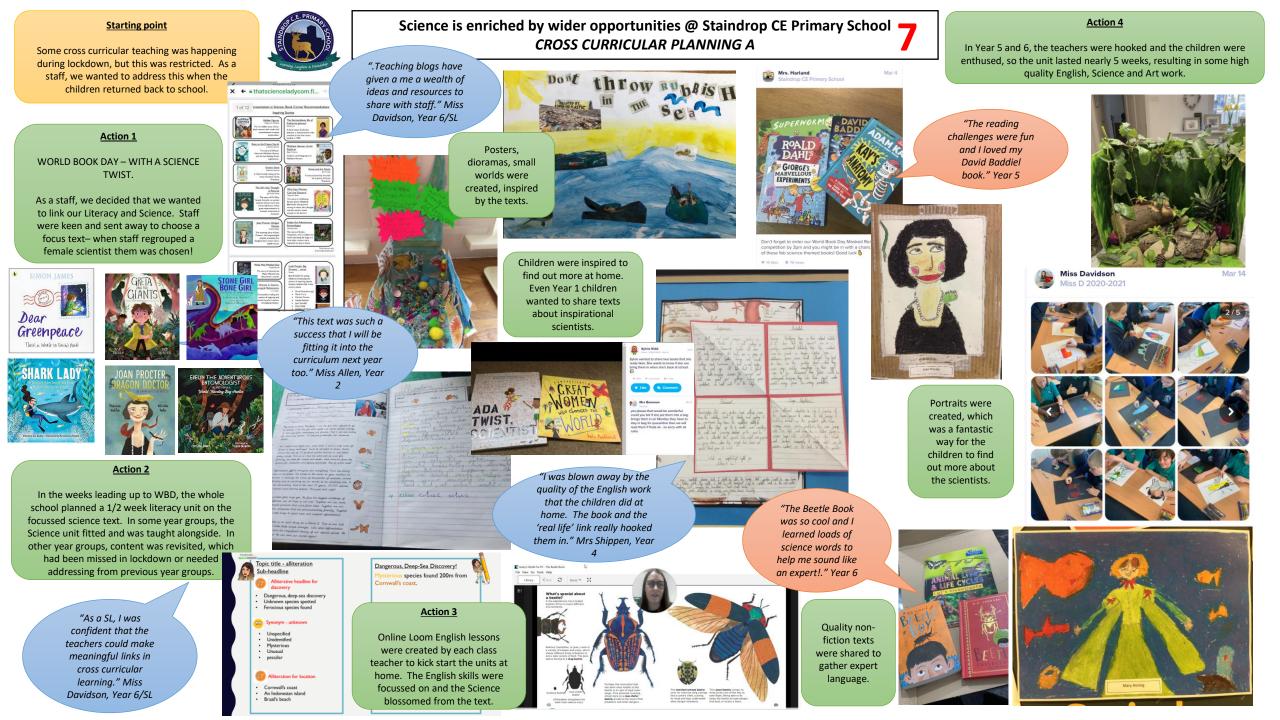
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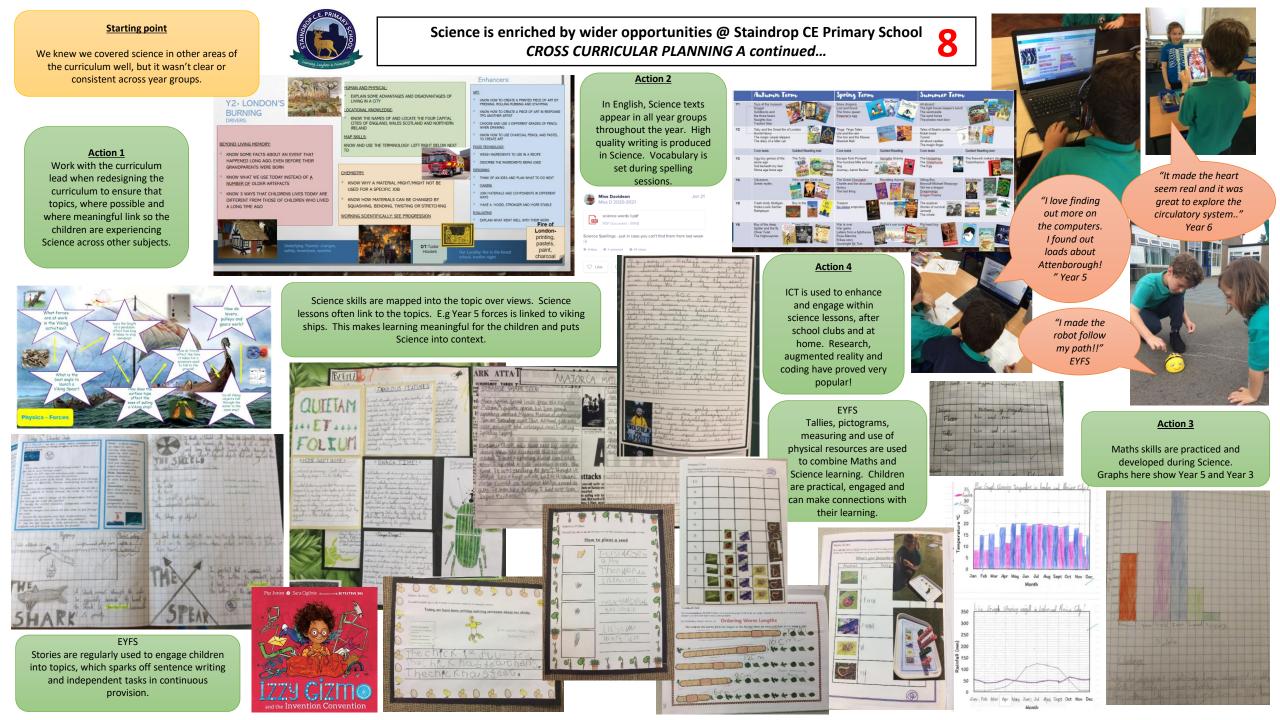
and biology

NHS rainbow because loads of scientists have worked really hard to make a vaccine.." Year 5

"I included the









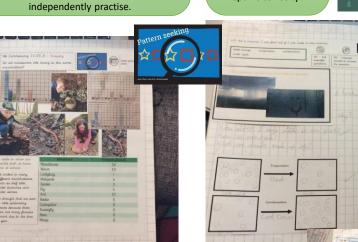
Bowman, Year 1

journey book.

Enquiries were mainly led and facilitated by the teacher. We have worked hard to pass this over to the children and make them more independent.

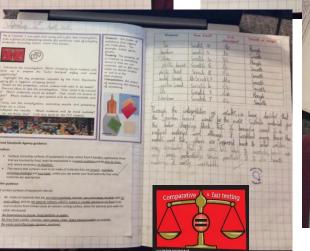
Action 1

A range of enquiries are mapped out into the curriculum (using Cornerstaones, Ogden Trust, STEM and ASE.) Teachers encourage questioning and the identification of enquiry and explicitly teach the WS, allowing then for children to



EYFS

accessed





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Research

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s range of spherical objects

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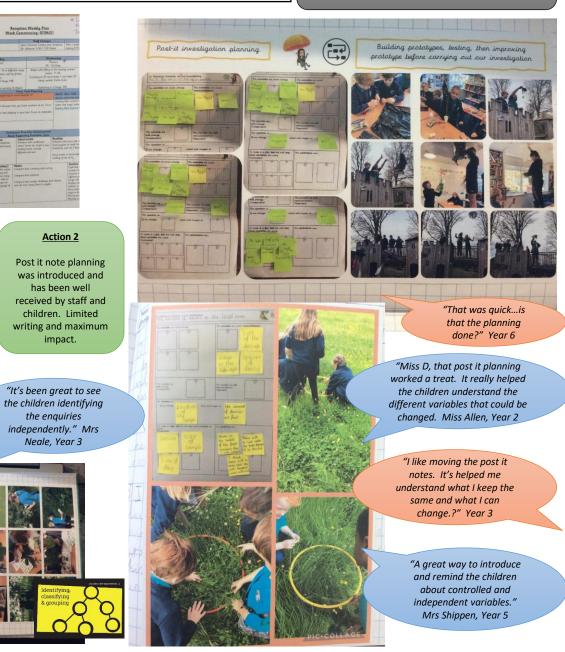
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Science learning @ Staindrop CE Primary School LEARNING A (Enquiry focus)



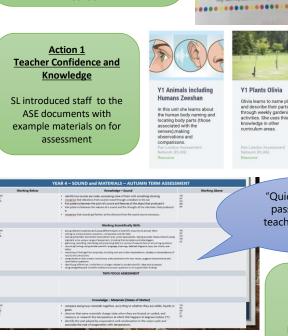
Next Steps To further increase children's independence when carrying out enquiries by having an equipment trolley that children can use to select from



Teachers were not confident in assessing science. As a staff, we knew this was an area that we really wanted to focus on. COVID made this a little difficult and a bit fragmented, but we soon developed a mixed approach with great results

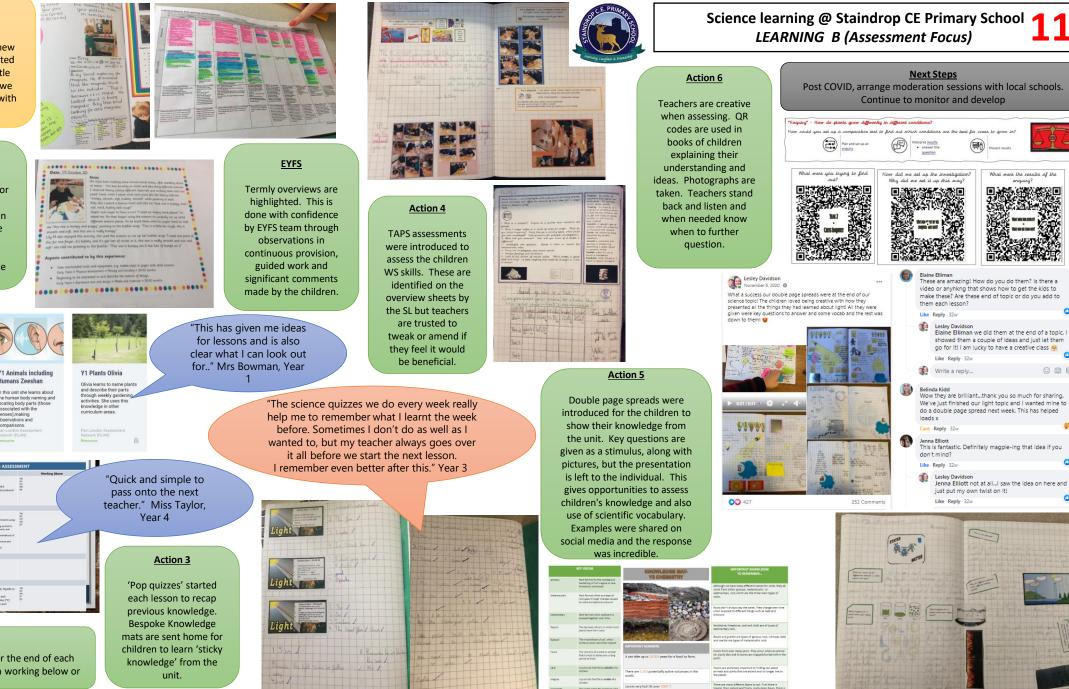
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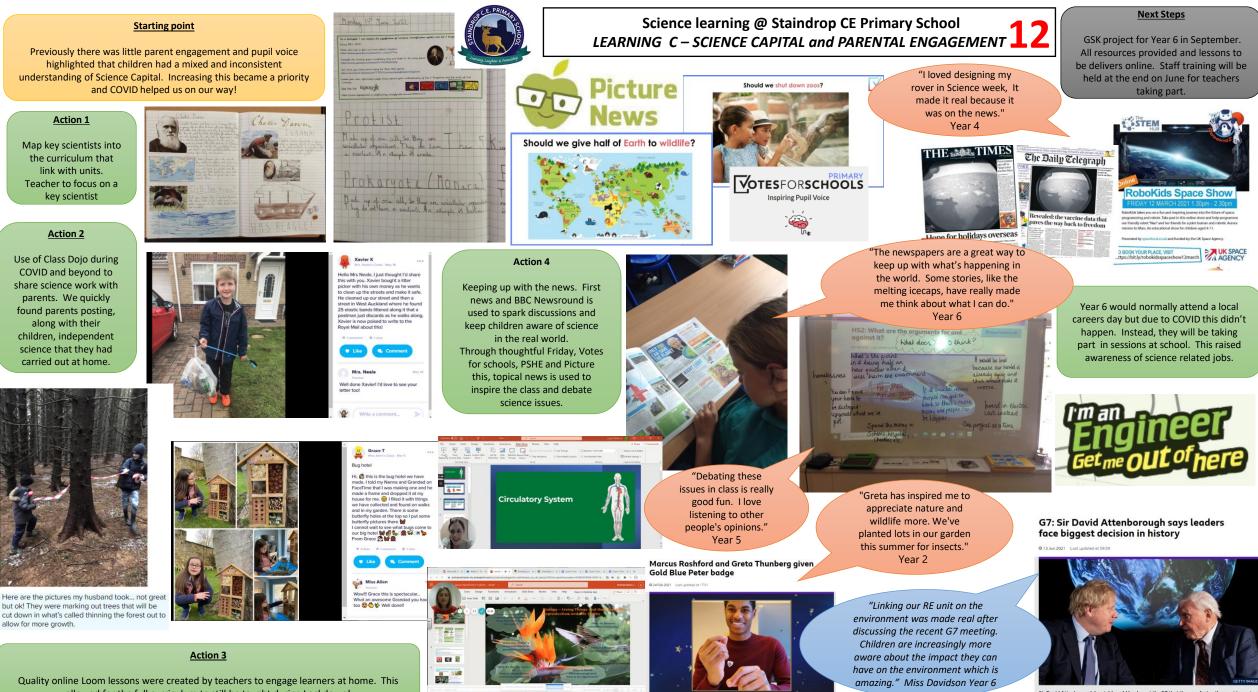
SL felt the EYFS had the right approach to assessment. They provide opportunities in provision for children to talk and think like scientists, they teach explicit skills in focus groups and they listen to the children and make notes. This inspired the SL to run a similar approach throughout the rest of the school.



Action 2

Assessment sheets were created for the end of each unit to mark down initials of children working below or at the ARE.





Sir David Attenborough has told world leaders at the G7 that they are facing the most importan decisions in human history when it comes to climate change.

allowed for the full curriculum to still be taught during Lockdown!

Marcus Rashford and Greta Thunberg have each been given a Gold Blue Peter badge.

Pupil voice highlighted that our children wanted to do more 'fun science' out of science lessons and fondly recalled events when we had the Science Guy in school and the previous years Science Week.

Action 1

COVID meant science club couldn't begin, so challenges that children could complete at home with their family during lockdown were provided. The first was sent out at Christmas and had a response from around 50% of pupils.

Action 2

Class teachers ensured that regular Science homework was being sent out during COVID to improve engagement and this was a huge success with almost 80% of pupils completing tasks sent.





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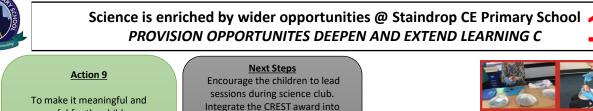
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Action 3

Whole School Great Garden/School

What an amazing response we had from the children in school and the children at home.



"I love Science

club. We get to

do fun science."

Year 5

the curriculum overview so all

children have the opportunity to

gain the award throughout the

year during science lessons.



"After discussions

and support with

Academy staff, I

now feel confident

to lead the heart

dissection." Miss

Davidson, Year 6

CREST

AWARDS



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Y	-	1	100

Specialist equipment has enhanced learning in science. Electricity equipment for Year 4 and 6, levers and gears in Year 5. We value good communication with Staindrop Academy.

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Action 7

Over the past couple

of years, strong links

have been made

with the local

secondary school.

COVID has meant

these sessions went

virtual, but they still

happened and has proven vital for our

Year 5 and 6 pupils.

Miss Davidson



tope you are ready to take part in 4 lessons this morning, delivered by Staindrop Academy. What a great opportunity to find out what secondary school life is like!

9.15 - 9.45 - SCIENCE 10.00 - 10.30 - ART 10.45 - 11.15 - MATHS 11.30 - 12.00 - WELLBEIN

look forward to finding our what your thoughts are in our TEAMS Meeting this afternoon at 1.05pm. Fin and Izzy will also be leading a little quiz so have your pencil and paper ready :-)





"It was a pleasure to speak the Year 6 children about my work. It gave me an opportunity to stress the importance of trees on our planet." Parent. Year 4 and 6



Birdwatch...COVID style!



WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS HOLIDA



Another whole school homework project was launched, linked to the bird watch but with a DT twist. Many children got involved in designing and making bird feeders to tempt new birds into their gardens and into the school. We had a great response from our

parents.

purposeful for the children, we

signed the children up to

complete CREST Award over

the sessions we run. Children

play a part in picking the

themed activities for the

following week and where

possible we have the children

outside, hands on and active!

Action 4

It was launched to the children at home and at school via a LOOM

video. Over 80% of children in our

school took part! We had children

from all age groups taking part in

the live BBC lesson.

Action 6

COVID meant we had to get creative with visits and enrichment. We took this in our stride and booked onto virtual Zoom lessons and arranged bespoke enrichment such as Zoo lab.





"There are lots of teachers at

the Academy, but I feel like I

already know them a little bit after the online lessons.." Year

6

"It's great going to the

Science lab at the

Academy and using the

cool equipment." Year 5

Outdoor learning has thrived this year and children have voiced how much they have enjoyed being active scientists outside. The aims of our curriculum are to encompass outdoor learning.

@ Staindrop, we listen to our children and want to provide even more outside opportunities for them.





@ Staindrop, we are always looking towards a bright future...

NEXT STEPS FOR OUTDOOR LEARNING in 2021-2022...

Through God's Love, we are the rich soil where roots grow and seeds flourish. Luke 8: 4-15 Why? We want children to achieve the aims of our curriculum as happy, healthy global citizens... Knowledge, appreciation and respect for nature and the environment mental wellbeing How? Outdoor education opportunities are embedded throughout our curriculum... Fieldwork/ Curriculum **Forest School sessions** EYFS Outdoor provision Outdoor creative spaces Create a mindfulness space outside the Year 6 classroom.

At drop up and pick up it is a busy space. It needs tidying up. During the school day, it is a haven to wildlife. Children had the idea to create it into a quiet and relaxing space where they can observe wildlife, attract bees, plant seasonal produce and 'chill' to the sound of birdsong, wind chimes and maybe a water feature. This is an exciting new project to start the

Action 3

Forest school is LOVED by children and staff. Children enjoy the area in all seasons and use it throughout the curriculum

Action 1

The Forest School lead wants to develop the 'bog area' which is currently fenced off and create a pond to encourage new wildlife. This will allow us to carry out field work on site such as pond dipping.

Digging and



Action 2

Outdoor Training CPD for staff

Excellent staff training, consequently led to more ideas that we wanted to put into action in our outdoor space!.

Inspiration from the training

- Online resources from Opal to be used in the curriculum for classification.
- Forest school session focus to make a range of bird boxes. Section off a wild flower
- planting area. Plant willow near the fenced
- area.
- Order trees to create a boundary.
- Arrange for some younger trees to be planted and some mature trees to be cut down to allow for more sunlight on the forest floor.
- Position the wild life cameras at the far end of the forest (2 young tawny owls were spotted)





