

Reception staff



Dragonfly Class—Mrs Perry (Class teacher and EYFS Lead) and Mrs Tyler (LSA—starting Monday 24th April)

PPA and management time cover — Mr Thompson and Mrs Lytaria (Wednesday)



Ladybird Class—Miss Fox (Class teacher) and Mrs Dawson and Mrs Entwistle (LSAs)
PPA cover — Mrs Smith

Our topic this half term is 'Growing'

We are going to be using a lots of stories this half term to base the children's learning on such as 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' among others.

We will be exploring the topic growing in relation to plants as well as ourselves.



We continue to assess your child's learning and monitor their progress in each area of learning using the descriptors given by the curriculum guidance. The seven areas of learning are:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development,
- Physical Development,
- Communication and Language,
- Literacy,
- Mathematics,
- Understanding the World,
- Expressive Arts and Design.

We actively encourage parental involvement in your child's learning both at school and at home. We will use the information you give us to support your child in school and understand their development as a whole. Your contribution will also be put into your child's personal learning journey which is kept throughout

Phonics

In Reception we use 'Letters and Sounds' along with 'Jolly Phonics' and 'Bug Club Phonics' on the Active Learn Primary website to teach your child to read and write.

This term most of the children will be recapping working on Phase 4 where we read and write using longer words and learn some more tricky words.

Please use your child's blue phonics book that was sent home last term to practise the sounds with them and spot them whilst reading their school reading books.

Experiences

Our role play area will have a 'Garden centre and 'Jack and the Beanstalk' theme which will be added to, developed and adapted according to the children's interests, play and preferences.

Growing WOW day— Friday 21st April

Parents and Carers please come in to school at 2pm with a packet of seeds / compost to help your child to do a spot of gardening!

School trip - Friday 19th May to The Lookout Centre Bracknell.

Look at me learn— week beginning 8th May

Parents and Carers are invited to come into school to watch their children learn and join in.



Home/School contact book

We ask that you stay in contact through your child's contact book. In these you can write messages to us and when you read with your child any comments about how they read. If you have written in these books and want a reply the same day please ensure your child comes into school with their book in their hand or remind them to give it to us. We do check the books but cannot go through everyone's trays to find them all every day.





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Behaviour

We have an Assertive Discipline Behaviour Policy at Stanwell Fields called 'Stay on the sun' which states the expectations of a child's behaviour and the rewards that will be given throughout the school day. Our school rule is respect and we expect all children, parents and staff to show this to each other and property.



Attendance

If your child is to achieve and fulfill their potential, they must be in school on time everyday (by 8.55am).

Your child's target for attendance is 95%.

Attendance is monitored daily. If your child is ill please phone the school office to let us know.



Water bottles

Please send your child to school with a named **clear plastic water** bottle. The children can drink from these throughout the day. Please ensure you only put plain water in them. Thank you!

Maths

In Reception we will learn to count, recognise and order numbers to 20. We will be learning to describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, talking about pattern and measures including weight, capacity and time. We will also be solving simple problems involving halving, doubling and sharing.



Reading

Your child brings home 3 books a week from the reading band they are working within. They change these books in class once a week on a Friday. We ask that you read them across the week for between 5 and 10 minutes a day. It is important to re-read the books your child brings home so they gain a better understanding of what is happening and can talk about what they have read with you. If your child is not in on a Friday please remind them to ask to change their books a different day.

We would also appreciate it if you could teach your child to look after books and treat them with respect. We will ask parents/carers to pay a donation for any books that come back to school damaged or written on.

Please return your child's reading books every Friday so they can change them and remember to bring in a book bag everyday.

The high frequency 'rainbow' words that are sent home in the children's home school contact books are for them to be able to read and write. When they are able to we will check they can do this and then give them a new set of words to learn. Please support your child by practising these with them at home.



School uniform

The children must wear school uniform everyday (unless there is a special event or Mufti Day). This consists of a white polo shirt and royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo, grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress, black low heeled school shoes made of leather, or leather like materials which ideally have Velcro fastening in Reception. Boys socks should be grey or black and girls socks should be white. Girls may also wear grey or black tights.

Please do not send your child into school in lace up shoes as at this age very few children can tie up laces on their own!

PE kits— royal blue or black shorts, white t-shirt or white t-shirt with logo.

PE will be on a Friday and we encourage the children to be as independent as possible when changing into their PE kits for PE (although we will support them when needed!).

Please ensure all items of clothes are labeled with your child's name!

