

Reception staff



Dragonfly Class—Mrs Perry (Class teacher and EYFS Lead) and Mrs Tyler (LSA)

PPA and management time cover — Mr Thompson and Mr Petrie (Wednesday)



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

PPA cover — Mrs Smith

Our topic this half term is 'Around the world'

We are starting our topic this week by exploring the oceans and pirates. We will then lead on to learning all about 'Peter Pan' where he 'lived' and then look at woodlands and forests using fairies / elves and trolls as a stimulus.



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 will soon be making our end of year assessments for all children as they will be finishing their time in the Early Years Foundation Stage. Please support your child at home as much as you can with their number work (using numbers to 20 and beyond), their reading and writing (they should be reading and writing simple sentences).

We will be sending home a questionnaire to support our judgments on technology soon as we do not have as many gadgets as we're sure the children have at home!

Thank you in advance for your support with these!

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 'Pirate theme to begin with this half term.

Pirate WOW day— Friday 9th June

Children can come into school for a day of pirate themed learning activities. Don't forget to come as a pirate or something that lives in the sea!

Graduation and Social Day celebrations— Friday 14th July

An afternoon to share all the learning and successes the children have completed and achieved over the year. Also a time to spend some time with your child and their friend's families. We will also be raising money to purchase learning resources for the children.

Transition sessions to Year 1 will take place towards the end of June. This all happens in school and it just helps the children to feel more prepared for the change of year groups.

AARRRRGH!



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 and beyond. We will be learning to name and describe properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We will also be solving simple problems involving halving, doubling, sharing and addition and subtraction. The children will be encouraged to make up their own problems to solve as well.



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 let us know if a book has been damaged.

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



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!

