

Year 1 Autumn Newsletter



Welcome to year 1! We hope you had a great summer and are looking forward to engaging in your child's learning this term.

Curriculum

Project: Paws, Claws and Whiskers. The children will learn all about the different categories of animal, as well as diet and habitat. They will have a chance to meet and handle some animals and learn about their daily lives.

RE: What responsibility has God given people about taking care of creation?

PSHE: Identity, Society and Democracy: Me and others

PE: Storytime Dance and Skip to the Beat

Numeracy: Number and place value, addition and subtraction, problem solving, multiplication and division, properties of shapes and statistics.

Literacy: Exploring two texts in help structure our narrative writing and support us to write letters, recounts and instructions.

The Tiger Who Came to Tea – Judith Kerr

Fantastic Mr Fox – Roald Dahl

Our class reader for the term will be The Hundred- Mile-An-Hour Dog by Jeremy Strong

WOW!

We will be having our first WOW day on Thursday 7th September, where the children will be able to meet and pet Mrs Adams' dog, and spend time learning how to care for an animal and draw some observational drawings.

Then, our next WOW activity will be on Thursday 14th September, where we have Animal Magic, the mobile petting zoo, coming to visit. They will be bringing a selection of animals including meerkats, a wallaby, rabbits, an owl and much more. The children will be able to handle these animals and gain a lot of knowledge about their care.

Finally, we will be holding a WOW afternoon on Thursday 12th October in which parents are invited to come and look around the pet shop that the children have created and look at their animals that they have designed themselves.

Home Learning

The children have home learning books which have a page with a list of different activities you can do with your child. We ask that you complete at least 5/6 of these and make notes/take photos of each in the home learning book.

Reading: all children will be bringing home 3 book band books a week. They should read every day with the support of an adult for at least 10 minutes. Please could you write the date, title of the book and your initials to show how much reading your child is doing at home. Children will be changing their books once a week and will be notified which day they will be changing them. We expect the children to be responsible for changing their book and putting the parent comment book in the box provided.

Supporting your child's learning at home:

There are a number of good, child-friendly websites, including www.topmarks.co.uk which is used frequently in school. This website covers all areas of the curriculum.

Phonics – www.phonicsplay.com This website is extremely useful for supporting your child's reading and phonics skills. In June, children in Year 1 nationally take part in a phonics screening check which assesses their phonics skills.

School Rules

Stanwell Fields overarching school rule is: Respect

Uniform	
Boys	Girls
Grey trousers or shorts Royal blue sweatshirt White school shirt or polo shirt Black or grey socks	Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan White school shirt or polo shirt Blue and white school dress in summer Black, grey or white socks or tights
Our school tie is optional Black school shoes that fasten securely with a low heel.	
PE White T-shirt, royal blue shorts, plimsolls or trainers. A tracksuit may be worn in the winter for outside lessons.	

Please ensure all uniform including P.E kit is **named**. Misplaced items can then quickly be returned. No jewellery, including earrings, should be worn to school except for religious reasons. Please write to the headteacher if you wish to request this.

All children with long hair should wear their hair tied back with plain blue, black or brown hair accessories. Please leave all pretty hair accessories for home wear – thank you.

PE

You scheduled PE lessons are: Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning.

Please ensure that your child's PE Kit is in school from Monday to Friday each week, as there may be some changes to timetables.



Water Bottles

Tests have shown that regular access to water is essential for good learning. Water bottles can be purchased from the school office or you can bring one of your own in. Children should NOT bring juice or squash in. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS IN A WATER BOTTLE EVERY DAY.**

Attendance

If your child is to achieve and fulfill their potential, they must be in school on time everyday. Your child's target for attendance is 96%.

Contact

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to talk to one of us. We are always available before and after school, in the playground or at the classroom door. If you feel that you need to have a meeting with us please book in a time. You can also contact us by email:

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