

Year 1 Autumn 2 Newsletter



Welcome to Autumn 2! We hope you enjoyed the first half term and had a restful break. This is what you can look forward to this term...

Curriculum

Project: Dinosaur Planet. The children will learn all about the different categories of dinosaur, including their habitat, diet and features. They will also learn about the life of a paleontologist and how fossils are created.

RE: Noah's Ark and the Nativity story

PSHE: Keeping safe and managing risk: Feeling safe

PE: Brilliant Ball Skills and Cool Core (Strength)

Love to Investigate: Whose poo?

Numeracy: Number and place value (NPV), Mental addition and subtraction (MAS); Problem solving, reasoning and algebra (PRA), Geometry: position and direction (GPD); Measurement (MEA), Mental multiplication and division (MMD).

Literacy: Oh say can you say di-no-saur – Dr Suess: Poetry

Dinosaur Encyclopedia: Non-fiction, reports

Captain Flynn and the Pirate Dinosaurs – Andreae and Ayto: Narrative, description

Our class reader for the term will be Christmasaurus by Tom Fletcher



WOW!

We will be having our WOW day on Friday 3rd November. This will include a visit from a Dinosaur Museum who specialises in teaching children about paleontology and fossils. They will have a chance to collect and examine fossils, experience life as a paleontologist and look at the foods a dinosaur would have eaten.

We will also have a parental involvement afternoon on Tuesday 28th November. You are invited to in and visit the museum the children will have set up.

Other dates:

- Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November – Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November – Individual school photos
- Wednesday 8th December – Open Afternoon
- Monday 11th December 2017 – Christmas Carol Concert – Time to be confirmed
- Friday 15th December - Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper day, School Christmas Fair
- Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Party
- Thursday 21st December – Break up at 1.15pm

Home Learning

As last term, 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.	

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.

Please ensure all uniform including P.E kit is **named**. Mislaid 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.

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, whether through the member of staff on the door or when you collect your child from the classroom. 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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