

Year 5 Spring Term Newsletter 2

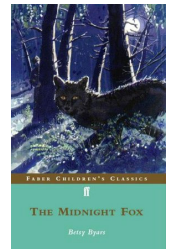
What your child will be learning this term:

Topic:

- This half term our topic is geography based and we are learning about "Is Our Country Changing?".

Literacy

- Grammar and punctuation work will have a focus on the correct use of apostrophes, building cohesion within and between paragraphs and on the use of relative clauses.
- We will continue to work through the Read, Write Inc. Spelling scheme and spellings will be sent home as we begin each new unit.
- Guided Reading takes place 4 times a week and your child will read a range of fiction and non-fiction books with the class teacher, read independently to build reading stamina, work on comprehension and complete written tasks in response to what they have read.
- In our literacy lessons we will be studying the novel *The Midnight Fox* by Betsy Byars. Over the 4 weeks we study this book we will be writing letters, poems and our own adventure stories! Following this unit of work we will be looking at persuasive writing.



Maths

- We are following the national curriculum and continuing with our weekly Basic Skills and Rapid Recall tests. Do look out for the certificates your child might receive to show they have scored 10 out of 10, met their maths target 3 times in a row or have beaten their best ever score!
- Learning in maths lessons will cover all 4 operations, work on fractions and geometry.
- Please continue to support at home by working with your child on times tables knowledge, including division facts. For example, once they know $7 \times 8 = 56$, they should quickly recall that $56 \div 7 = 8$ and $56 \div 8 = 7$

RE – What is 'Church'? and 'The Importance of Easter'.

Science – Properties and Change

PSHE – Good to be Me

PE – Gymnastics

Music – Exploring Beat

Computing – Espresso Coding (speed, direction and co-ordinates)

Art – Drawing based on our local community (Stanwell)

Spanish- Clothes



Homework and Home Learning

- All children should have a book bag in which to carry their reading book and home learning books.
- Every child should be reading daily, at home, for 10 - 20 minutes.** Children can record their own reading but we would like an adult signature in contact books alongside this.
- Spellings are given out as we begin each new spelling unit. Children will complete a speed spell where 6 of these words will be chosen and tested before we begin a new unit. You child will be able to tell you how many they got right that day!
- We are also sending home the year 5/6 spelling list again. These are words your child should be able to spell correctly by the end of year 6. Learning a couple each week at home will really support them in achieving this expectation.
- Maths homework will be on set online each week through the Active Learn Primary Site. The school code is sfcp and you child has their own login details. Occasionally we may send home paper activities for maths homework.

- A new sheet of ideas linked to our topic will be sent home and we expect children to complete one piece of home learning each week. There should be 5 pieces completed by Wednesday 29th March.
- Homework club is available for any child wishing to attend between 12-12.30 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Maths and home learning project work can be done during this time.

Home/School Contact

- We are really having a push on the use of home contact books to record reading and homework and we hope you will support us by ensuring your child has their contact books at school each day. If your child has lost their contact book, please speak to the office where you will be able to purchase another.
- We ask that you stay in contact through our home/school contact books. We are available at the beginning of the day for emergencies and after school to discuss any issues.



Behaviour

- Our school rule at Stanwell Fields is respect.
- Each class has also developed a class set of rules based on this, which sets out expectations for behaviour and learning in class.

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 Plain black school shoes that fasten securely with a low heel. We ask that parents use their judgement when choosing school shoes as many shoes in the 'school uniform' departments of shops and superstores are often more like trainers and these are not appropriate for school.	
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 is named. Mislaid items can then quickly be returned.
- No jewellery should be worn to school except for religious reasons. Please write to the head teacher if you wish to request this.
- **PE kits should be in school Monday to Friday.**

Parent Support in School

If any parents would like to offer some of their time and volunteer in school then please speak to Mrs Barlow and ask for a CRB form.

If you would like to join the Friends of Stanwell Fields, then please also contact us – all are welcome!

Attendance

If your child is to achieve and fulfill their potential, they must be in school on time every day.

Your child's target for attendance is 95%. Children are awarded attendance badges for 100% attendance for each term.

Thank you so much for your continued support in your child's education!

Best Wishes,
The Year 5 Team

