

Year 6 Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

What your child will be learning this term:

Curriculum

Topic – Ancient China

During the term we will be researching the Ancient Chinese dynasties and taking an in-depth look at the Shang dynasty. We will find out about the way they lived their lives and how their inventions have impacted on our own lives today.

RE/PSHE

During RE this term we will be learning about the meaning of the Holy Trinity and how God is present in our lives today. PSHE will involve us learning about new beginnings.

Maths

We follow the numeracy framework for maths and will be covering elements of calculations, measures, data handling, problem solving and shape and space.

Literacy

In literacy we are looking at a fiction text *Funny, Fantastic Frightening!* Which is series of short stories. Our non-fiction text is *Saving Pompeii* and we will be working towards writing a newspaper article.

Science



In our first half-term our science topic will be entitled 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. In this topic we will be looking at how humans, animals and plants are classified and researching some of the famous scientists involved in inventing this way of grouping living things that is still used today.

Trips / Visitors / Experiences for the term

- Parents meeting 12th September 9.00am.
- Junior Citizen trip 16th September pm
- MN Academy Workshop 1.30pm
- 7th October 10.15am Harvest celebration
- 17th October Coding Workshop



Many dates are still to be confirmed. Please see the dates attached to school newsletter and click the school website for updates.

Home Learning



All children should have a bag in which to carry their reading book and homework.

It is important that your child reads each day at home and that an adult hears them read as often as possible. Children should read for at least 15 minutes. In year 6 we are happy for children to make a note themselves of what they read, but a signature and comment when an adult hears them is always useful so we can see how they are getting on. Children have been issued with a homework diary/contact book which they will be expected to maintain themselves as this is good practice for secondary school.

Children will be carrying out a home learning project based on Ancient China. Alongside this they can expect to receive maths (which will be on-line) and maths facts. Homework reinforces the work we are doing at school and promotes independent learning. We also believe it prepares them for secondary school (although they will receive significantly more there!). It is the responsibility of the child to ensure homework is completed neatly and the best of their ability and that it comes back to school **on time!** You can help your child by making sure they have a quiet space to complete their homework at home and basic equipment available e.g. a black pen (not biro), pencil, coloured pencils, paper, dictionary, ruler. Other equipment such as a basic maths set, calculator and thesaurus are also useful.

Parents often ask us about study guides/revision books that children can use at home. The CGP study guides, Collins and Letts books available in book shops and online and the workbooks that accompany these are very good. There are many others available too and anything that encourages and enables your child to revise at home is useful! Look for books marked KS2, Year 6, 10-11 years or SATs. There are also many useful websites children can learn from such as the Woodlands Junior School site, mathszone.co.uk and our own school website has links to useful maths games for year 6 revision!



Home/School Contact

We ask that if you wish to contact us you do this through our home/school contact books or make an appointment through the school office.

School Rules Stanwell Fields has now adopted a new school rule: 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 is named. Mislaid items can then quickly be returned. No jewellery should be worn to school except for religious reasons. Please write to the headteacher if you wish to request this. **We ask that children have their PE kits in school Monday through 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 Pyke and ask for a CRB form.

Attendance

If your child is to achieve and fulfill their potential, they must be in school on time everyday. This is always important, but in year 6 even more so as we are preparing for SATS which this year starts on the 11th May. Your child's target for attendance is 95%.