

Year 6 Autumn 1 Term Newsletter

What your child will be learning this term:

Curriculum

Project: Our project for this half term is titled 'Hola Mexico'. We will be learning about the history of Mexico, the Mayan civilization and its temples. We will also be learning about the geography of this country, in particular, the environmental regions and the key physical and human characteristics. This half term's project lends itself to a more musical base and therefore, we will be learning Mexican songs and how music is an important aspect of Mexican culture.



In Numeracy, we will be working on calculations, solving real life problems, shape and space, measures and data handling. We are really starting to focus on key skills and getting ready for SATs and any help or work you can do at home with your child, especially revision of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), and times tables and division facts will be a great help to your child.

In our Literacy units this half term we will be reading some short stories from the 'Funny, Fantastic, Frightening' book and we will be writing some short stories of our own based on this text. We will then spend the next five weeks, engaging with Louis Sachar's book 'Holes'. We will be continuing with extended writing each week, focusing on planning, drafting, editing and finally producing a piece of work to a presentation standard. We will also have a major focus on understanding texts and comprehension, preparing children for the SATs Reading paper.



Our Science this half term will also be linking to our project topic. We will be learning about shadows and understanding the idea that light travels in straight lines. This learning will then give children a greater understanding of the use of shadows on Mayan architecture.

During RE this term, we will be focusing on the importance of the symbols, beliefs and teachings in Hinduism. The children will be learning about Hindu Gods and their significance to the religion, what you would find in a Hindu Mandir and Hindu festivals.

If you are not sure about the help you can give your child to revise, we can recommend the series of CGP SATs revision, which can be purchased at www.cgp.co.uk.

Trips / Visitors / Experiences for the term

- Monday 11th September – Heathrow Computer Coding workshop
- Friday 15th September – Junior Citizenship – visiting Walton Fire Station
- Tuesday 10th October – Mayan Temple building with STIXX
- Thursday 19th October – Hola Mexico WOW morning – parents and carers welcome

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. They should read for at least 15 minutes and a signature and comment should be made in their contact book about how they got on.

Please also ensure that your child practices their times table, as these are key to all the Maths concepts that they need for SATs! Our spelling focus for the term will be sent home shortly and these spelling rules will be practiced throughout the week. It is important that children learn the spelling rules to help them with their Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling SATs.

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.

Behaviour

We have an Assertive Discipline Behaviour Policy at Stanwell Fields which lays down very clearly for each child the behaviour which is expected and the rewards which will be given.

School Rule

Our school rule is: Respect.

All classes have then taken this and adapted to create a set of classroom rules.



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.

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% for the year. This equates to only a handful of days off during the course of the whole year. Please also ensure your child is on time to school each day.

