



STANWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

JULY NEWSLETTER 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now at the end of the academic year 2019/2020 and it is not the end that we envisaged when we welcomed the children into school in September.

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to all of the children and parents for supporting the learning over recent months. The children have worked so hard this year whilst at school (and since March) at home. The teachers have been really impressed with the work that they are producing and it's been a joy to see them develop. The children have adapted quickly to the new way of learning and teachers have enjoyed seeing their activities that they have been completing at home.

Since the school has reopened after the half term in June, we have welcomed back children from Year 1 and Year 6. It has been lovely to have the children at school, and they have adapted so quickly to the new "norm". At the end of June we also welcomed back our youngest children in school, the Thompson Class. They have been enjoying playing and learning on the playing field each morning with their friends.

If your child has attended a Friday transition session, we hope that they have enjoyed seeing their friends and teachers and are excited about returning to school in September. We cannot wait! We also wish the Year 6 children all the best in their future and please let us know how you are doing!

The next academic year will bring some new members of the teaching team as well as saying farewell to others. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Corp had a little girl at the beginning of June and so is now on maternity leave. We are very sad to say farewell to Mrs Sanderson who has been teaching in Year 5 this year. She has brought many experiences with her that she has shared with the children and we wish her all the best as she moves on. At the end of last term, we also said farewell to Mrs Crawley who has been working with the lunchtime staff over the last year. We wish you well in the future.

In September we will have a new teacher, Miss Holmes starting in Year 1. Miss Holmes worked in Year 1 last year as part of her teacher training so we are really excited that she has now joined Stanwick Primary School and hope you all make her feel welcome. Miss Cartwright has also returned to school and will be teaching our Year 3 class in September.

Provision Update

In March, although the school closed to many children, key worker children have continued to attend. At first the children attended school at Windmill with others from across the Nene Education Trust. Each day they were provided with fun activities and looked after by teachers and teaching assistants. Since June, the provision has been moved back to Stanwick Primary School and numbers have grown since more parents have returned to work and restrictions have been eased.

In EYFS/KS1 provision we have focused on a new topic each week.

Firstly, the children identified trees and learnt about the importance of looking after the world around us using the story of the Lorax. The children produced a lot of beautiful artwork based on the Truffula trees from the story too.

The following week, our topic was focused on minibeasts. The children learned about symmetry in maths, created ladybird habitat pictures and found out about life-cycles.



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The following week the children looked at Bridges around the world. The focus story was the Three Billy Goats Gruff. They really enjoyed acting out the story with puppets and face masks. I was so impressed with their acting skills! The children created their own bridges later in the week out of junk modelling. They all created fantastic bridges!



The next week we learned about elves and fairies, and we really enjoyed looking at the story of the Elves and the Shoemaker. They children designed and created their own pair of shoes, which they wove together.

In the penultimate week, the children looked at celebrations. The children created invitations and menus for their own party. We also celebrated a birthday with a little party of our own. We learnt all about celebrations from other cultures such as Chinese New Year and Diwali.

For the final week of term, we were 'Under the Sea'. We enjoyed the story of the Rainbow Fish and had great fun finger-painting scales! We also had a go at collecting data about our favourite sea creatures and made block graphs. The children did a great job following instructions to make paper boats, which we tested to see how many counters they would hold before sinking.

The children in the KS2 provision bubble have settled back into school extremely well and have quickly adapted to a new daily routine.

In the morning, the children have focused on their maths and English learning, and in the afternoon, have undertaken a range of different activities. For example, the children have completed obstacle courses on the field. During the hot weather, they made Chinese fans in the style of a watermelon. They have also made glitter jars, made origami sharks, learnt a range sewing stitches and have blended paints to create an ombre effect for silhouette pictures.

We have also spent time each week promoting the children's wellbeing by giving them the opportunity to complete activities they enjoy and where they can relax.

School Update



We are very excited about our new playground equipment that we now have on the field.

Thank you to FoSS for fundraising to purchase this fantastic equipment. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 restrictions, not all children have had the chance to play on it, but we are hoping that they will once they return in September. Things like this would not be able to be bought, had it not been for the hard work that has taken place with the FoSS Committee, thank you so much!





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Class Updates

Foundation (Thompson Class)

The Thompson class team could not be prouder of how hard the children (and parents) have worked. Children have continued to read regularly, practise their phonics, use their maths knowledge and apply themselves to the weekly learning tasks. We have been amazed at their creativity as they made animal masks, fairy and elf gardens, puppets, posters to name but a few. Children have mastered and learnt new skills, riding bikes has been a popular hobby with huge levels of success. We have thoroughly enjoyed all the emails, photos, ILD observations, phone calls and FaceTime.



The story zooms came to be popular for the class and seeing all the children's faces light up as they see each other was priceless. Thank you to parents and children who attended the transition meetings and came and met Miss Holmes.



Thompson class are now embracing the outdoor learning sessions. Where they are loving being back in the school environment, exploring the new play equipment, running on the field and being with classmates. In the sessions, the children have collected and made their own nature crowns/flags, joined in with a texture hunt and have planting seeds to look forward to.

It's not the summer term that we had planned, however we are immensely proud of every member of our Thompson family, who have kept smiling, showing resilience and determination.



Year 1 (Attenborough Class)



"Year one has been having lots of fun with our new topic of the 'Seaside', we have created our own beaches, talked about the different seasons, the sounds we can hear at the beach and ice cream! We can't wait until we can visit new places again!"



Since we returned from half term, Year 1 have been in school having an amazing time creative writing about various topics, with the monster topic being a huge success. The children have also made their own castles and continued to learn about the seaside.

Year 2 (Brunel Class)

The Brunel Class have been amazing over the past few months, and have produced amazing work! I am so proud of everyone in the class and hope that you've enjoyed the variety of topics covered. The class have been absolutely exceptional in how they have managed, worked and coped with all the weird and wonderful time we have had apart. I am so very proud of each and every one of them.

Throughout lock down, the class has completed work relating to habitats, conducted their own science projects, created art work and written post cards to loved ones. I hope the children enjoyed the creative way in which



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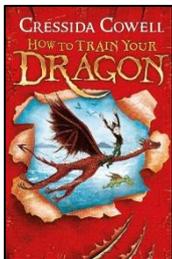
work was set each week, they have all done amazing and used their imagination to produce some amazing pieces of work.

Year 3 (Mandela Class)

Year 3 have worked really hard on all the tasks linked to the Bronze Age and the Iron Age this term. They have learnt about how life was for people living during this time period, including houses, clothing, transport and forts.

The children have enjoyed making dwellings and presenting their learning in different and creative ways. Well done Year 3!

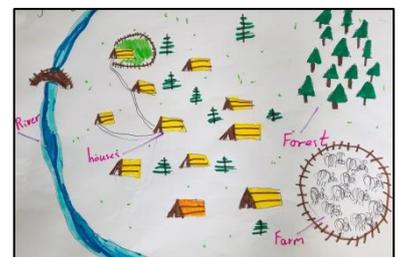
Year 4 (Nightingale Class)



We are so proud of how the Year 4 children have adapted to learning at home this term. The Vikings has been our main topic and they have produced a lot of fantastic work. They have read the story 'How to Train Your Dragon' which followed the adventures of Hiccup the Viking and his dragon Toothless. They also had a go at writing limericks based on the story, as well as writing their own stories about defeating a dragon. The children did a great job – we definitely have some excellent writers amongst us! They have also researched where the Vikings came from before they invaded Britain and thought about why they might have invaded. They then used this information to write a discussion as to whether they should have invaded or not. They also learnt about European capital cities and then chose one to

research in more detail, creating information leaflets and PowerPoint presentations to share what they had found out.

The children have not disappointed us with the art work they have produced at home. They have designed and created their own dragons and islands, as well as making Viking bangles, longboats and settlements. We wish we could have been sharing the learning with the children in school, but we have both been really impressed with the effort that has been put into the work that has been shared with us. Well done everyone!



Year 5 (Shackleton Class)

Shackleton Class have been fabulous home learners over the past few months, and are still continuing to work incredibly hard even though we are approaching the end of year 5.

Our topic this term is the Victorian period and, to complement our learning and understanding of this important historical era, we have been studying the text, *Oliver Twist*, written by the famous Victorian author, Charles Dickens.

To appreciate what life was like for poor and orphaned children like Oliver, we have looked at the purpose of the workhouse and the difficult living conditions that inmates had to endure during their stay. To understand why Oliver asked for more gruel, the children were tasked with making and trying it. A very brave parent tried it and declared it to be somewhat unpleasant! However, the activity revealed that Oliver and the workhouse children must have been extremely hungry to want more of such a tasteless meal.

We have also looked at what life was like for Victorians living in our local area and the children have studied the events leading up to, and the significance of the Raunds Bootmakers March to London, which took place in 1905.



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Shackleton class have also looked at other areas of Victorian life such as the Victorian classroom and the toys and games that were available to the Victorian child, some of which still exist and are played by children today!

In maths, the children have completed their learning on geometry and position and movement, and are currently busy learning all about measurement.

After such a busy term, Mrs Sanderson would like to wish the children, parents and carers of year 5 a very restful and relaxing summer break.

Year 6 (Hawking Class)

It was with great sadness that the school closed in March, meaning that the class ended their time at Stanwick Primary early. However, the class have adapted so well, participating online with work and the returning to the classroom in June.



Over Lockdown we have explored lots of different aspects of our learning as when we first left school, we didn't know about whether we would still be sitting SATs so we continued our revision focus. Year 6 continued to revise with lots of quizzes and test type questioning.

Since the government cancelled our SATs, we have continued to practice our work at a mastery level, with focus on SPAG, Reading and Maths. We have also completed lots of mystery solving type activities and have focused our science and history studies on learning new things.

Year 6 have also completed many exciting home-based learning tasks independently with children writing murder mystery stories, newspaper reports on Covid 19, and many art tutorials, one student even built a music festival from Lego to compensate for the cancellation of all of the real-life music festivals. Thank you for being such an amazing class and we wish you all the best in the future!

Transition Days

We were pleased to be able to hold transition sessions for each year group in school. All the children involved thoroughly enjoyed the interactive sessions where they met with their teacher and teaching assistant and of course got to see their friends. We hope they enjoyed the session as much as we did!

End of Year Goodbye



Thank you to everyone that has been able to come to an "End of Year Goodbye" this week. We have really enjoyed having the opportunity to get the classes together to celebrate the year, have a chance for the children to see their class mates and be able to provide a safe place for them to gather. We hope you enjoyed the ice cream!

School Information

We encourage all parents to have a look at the Stanwick Primary School website. This has lots of information about the school and should be the first point of contact.



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School Term Dates 2020-21

September 2020

Term 1	Training day	Tuesday 1 September 2020
	Training day	Wednesday 2 September 2020
	Re-open to pupils	Thursday 3 September 2020
	Closes to pupils at the end of	Friday 23 October 2020
Term 2	Training day	Monday 2 November 2020
	Re-open to pupils	Tuesday 3 November 2020
	Closes to pupils at the end of	Friday 18 December 2020

January 2021

Term 3	Re-open to pupils	Monday 4 January 2021
	Closes to pupils at the end of	Friday 12 February 2021
Term 4	Re-open to pupils	Monday 22 February 2021
	Closes to pupils at the end of	Friday 26 March 2021
Term 5	Re-open to pupils	Monday 12 April 2021
	School Closed – Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May 2021
	Closes to pupils at the end of	Friday 28 May 2021
Term 6	Re-open to pupils	Monday 7 June 2021
	Closes to pupils at the end of	Friday 16 July 2021
	Training day	Monday 19 July 2021
	Training day	Tuesday 20 July 2021

5 training days

190 teaching days



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School Calendar

2020/2021 Diary Dates				
Day	Date	Event	Where	Times
Tuesday	1 st September	Training Day		
Wednesday	2 nd September	Training Day		
Thursday	3 rd September	Re-open school		
Friday	23 rd October	School Closes		
Monday	2 nd November	Training Day		
Tuesday	3 rd November	School Reopens		
Friday	18 th December	School Closes		
Monday	4 th January	Re-open School		
Friday	12 th February	School Closes		
Monday	22 nd February	Re-open School		
Friday	26 th March	School Closes		
Monday	12 th April	Re-open School		
Monday	3 rd May	School Closed – Bank Holiday		
Friday	28 th May	School Closes		
Monday	7 th June	Re-open School		
Friday	16 th July	School Closes		
Monday	19 th July	Training Day		
Tuesday	20 th July	Training Day		



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School Governors Required



The Nene Education Trust is a 7-school trust based in East Northamptonshire.

We believe great schools thrive because of the great people in them. We are passionate about using the power of education to help our young people develop into individuals who are a credit to our community.

This is an exciting time to be part of the Nene Education Trust and believe you could provide a vital role in this process by becoming a school governor.

If you have the time, skills, energy and commitment for this rewarding and fulfilling role we would love to hear from you.

For more information about the Trust and the role of governors, please visit our website neneeducationtrust.org.uk or telephone 01933 627082.

