

# Stanwick Primary

## Newsletter



**February 2021**

We have had a busy start to 2021 and we would like to say a big thank you to all parents and carers for supporting their children and the school over the last month, as we all get used to a very different way of learning.

We have received some wonderful messages of support from parents feeding back thanks for the work we are doing either through the on line learning, or through the in-school provision and these have been greatly appreciated by all the staff.

### Staffing

Mrs Corp makes a welcome return to school after her Maternity Leave. We also welcome Mrs Hasdell who will be working in the School Office and Julie Howard who has joined our cleaning staff.

### Awards

Our 'Lockdown Star of Week' awards have recommenced with packets of biscuits and certificates being delivered to the children each Thursday, with a Zoom call at the end of the week, this has proved to be great fun for all.

## Key Dates

**12th February**  
**Half Term**

**22nd February**  
**School Reopens**

**4th March**  
**World Book Day**

**12th March**  
**World Maths Day**

**26th March**  
**School Closes for**  
**Easter**

**12th April**  
**School Reopens**



## Foundation – Ladybird Class

This term started off with a super 'Wow' day in school launching our topic- 'Off We Go'- the children followed a giant train track, heard the story of the 'Train Ride' and then helped create a story map to help them become story tellers and tell the story. The fun and learning has continued despite the 'lockdown'.

A lot of work has been done on this terms value; perseverance. The children listened to stories and identified where characters had to persevere. They even had the opportunity to persevere by taking on the 'frozen coin challenge'- how can we get the coin out without cracking the ice?

The children in and out of school have been continuing to learn the new set of digraphs in phonic sessions and have been learning to read and write them. The weekly book swaps have been well attended and we are super impressed with everyone's dedication to keeping the children's reading skills moving forward.

In maths we have been learning about 2d and 3d shapes, days of the week and capacity and the children have very quickly picked up the new vocabulary. The days of the week song is now a firm favorite and we feel many families are now singing it in their sleep!! The work on securing number knowledge of 1-20 has continued with children making their own number lines, having number hunts, counting and recognizing.

The Ladybird class have continued to be a creative bunch – designing and making boats, drawing calendars, volcanoes, painting snow pictures, experiments with ice and floating and sinking, and then there's the baking!

A strong highlight for us has been the weekly zoom sessions. We get to catch up with all our ladybirds. We have seen and heard about Christmas presents, new pets, and carried out some maths and phonic games. We have had a weekly story with children at home AND in school.

We want to say a HUGE thank you to all parents and families at home that are juggling many things and continue to work so hard with your children, supporting them on Zoom, and sending us work. It is very much appreciated. We are very proud of our Ladybird Families.





## Year 1 - Squirrel Class

This term has been different to say the least, but the resilience of the Super Squirrels continues to amaze me every single day! The term started off with a dinosaur 'Wow' day. The children walked in to discover a letter had been delivered from Dino Mama saying she had lost her egg and asking if we could find it. We all went on a treasure hunt and found the egg which we put in water and it has since hatched! We spent the afternoon in our Dino Fossil Den excavating the dinosaur eggs.

Since moving to remote learning and key-worker provision, the children have shown incredible perseverance. From learning about 3D shapes, to making dinosaur fossils, to measuring using their hands and feet and writing dinosaur riddles, Year one have excelled!

We have all really enjoyed learning about the 7 continents of the world.

Despite not being able to physically all be together, we felt a wonderful sense of community when we all learnt the same song at home.

On teams, 'Show and Tell' has been a weekly highlight for us all. The children get to see the wonderful things that their friends are doing and making at home and ask them questions. They always wave goodbye and give air hugs to their friends. How lucky we are at Stanwick to have such an incredible group of children in Year one!



## Year 2 – Fox Class

Year 2 have been working really hard during their time at home on their Space topic. I have been so impressed with how they have created and presented their work, as well as the extra bits they have done too!

We have had rockets made from Lego and boxes; we have had constellation tea light jars and physical maths through weighing and cake making!



The children have also made whole non-fiction books about all the planets, with an index page and glossary!

Year 2 has continued to put so much effort into their writing including their letter formation and sound work as well as really thinking about their vocabulary. Keep up the hard work Year 2, Mrs Chadwick and I are so proud of you!

## Year 3 – Hedgehog Class

Hedgehog Class has enjoyed engaging in our topic of 'Extreme Earth' this term. We have read two stories – Escape from Pompeii and The Firework Maker's Daughter, and the children have worked very hard to produce some fantastic pieces of writing based on what we have read.

This has linked very well with our topic and science work, looking at the layers of the Earth using play dough, and thinking about push and pull forces.

We have studied how volcanoes are made and what happens when they erupt, looking specifically at the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the destruction of Pompeii.

Many of the children have also joined in with Mrs Bradshaw's mindfulness sessions every week and both Miss Cartwright and Mrs Bird have also enjoyed those!

It has been so lovely to see the children in our live sessions and we know they have enjoyed catching up with each other too. We have also met new pets and siblings on our calls, which has been great fun!



## Year 4 – Badger Class

This term our brilliant Badgers have been working exceptionally hard! In English they have been writing their own wishing tales and have even designed their own awesome book covers to go with their stories. Our topic this term has been 'Food Glorious Food' and we have been blown away by the Badgers' topic work! We have received many photographs of mouth-watering creations! If only we could taste them!

In music we have been learning about contemporary composers such as John Williams and we have been listening to a range of music and sharing our reactions and thoughts.

In maths our brilliant Badgers have been learning about multiplication and division and in our maths lessons they have demonstrated perseverance and determination when attempting challenging problems.

We are really proud of our awesome class!

## Year 5 – Owl Class

Year 5 had a fantastic day on the first day of term. They all thoroughly enjoyed our India 'Wow' day. We all tried Bhangra dancing as well as some curry and other traditional Indian foods. We discovered where India was and located it on a world map. Later that day we designed our own traditional clothing and all had Henna on our hands.

Although we only had one day together this term we really enjoyed it. Owl class has adjusted so well to online learning. We are enjoying all of our calls together, including weekly show and tell.

The children have been able to produce some fantastic non-chronological reports and I look forward to their stories with meanings at the end of this term.





In maths they all persevered so well with fractions and now we are focusing on angles. The children also continue to learn about India, learning about a small village and how this compares to our own. Some have begun to create their own website for an Indian restaurant.

They should all be really proud of all they have achieved so far.

Well done Outstanding Owls!

## Year 6 – Eagle Class

Year 6 have been studying the book *Beetle Boy* by M.G Leonard, this is an exciting and mysterious story of a disappearing scientist. We have used VIPERS to make lots of predictions and to use inference to read the text for clues that may not have been so obvious. We have predicted different ways that we might find the missing scientist and also how the characters may create a fiendish plan to rid themselves of some dastardly characters.

To end the term we are creating poetry linked to *Tyger Tyger*, first about the Tiger itself, then poetry based on the fantastic Hercules beetle.

This text has linked to our previous work on Darwin but has also led us to study many other scientists whose work has been life changing, including a fantastic female scientist who has been key to developing a coronavirus vaccine – she even came from Kettering!

In art we have studied the works of contemporary artists who use different wildlife in their work, even Banksy and his rat. Most recently we have looked at the skills in drawing birds before ending the term with a study of drawing beetles.





# School Calendar

## 2020/2021 Diary Dates

Friday 12th February	School Closes
Monday 22nd February	Re-open School
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
Friday 12th March	World Maths Day
Friday 26th March	School Closes
Monday 12th April	Re-open School
Tuesday 13th April	Parent Evening 4.45pm – 7.45pm
Thursday 15th April	Parent Evening 3.45pm – 6.45pm
Monday 3rd May	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Friday 7th May	Space Day
Friday 21st May	Family Fun Afternoon
Friday 28th May	School Closes
Monday 7th June	Re-open School
Thursday 17th June	New Intake Evening at 6.30pm
Wednesday 7th July	Sports Morning on the School Field at 9.30am
Friday 16th July	School Closes
Monday 19th July	Training Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Training Day

