

Stanwick Primary

Newsletter



March 2021

It has been wonderful to see all of the children return to school for the remainder of this term. We have been extremely proud and impressed with how well they have settled back into their school routines. You will see from the class pages all the exciting activities your children have been taking part in since returning to school.

Comic Relief Day

Thanks to your generosity, we have raised an amazing £212.81 for Comic Relief.

We all enjoyed a little laughter with our 'Funniest Joke' competition! The winner of each class went through to the final which was judged by Mrs Neild and the members of the school council. Well done to Year 2 who were our overall winners with the joke below!

Why didn't the bear have any dessert?

Because he was stuffed!

We hope you have an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to welcoming all of the children back to school at the start of the new term.

Key Dates

26th March
School Closes for
Easter

12th April
School Reopens

Monday 3rd May
School Closed
Bank Holiday

Friday 7th May
Space Day

Friday 21st May
Family Fun
Afternoon

Friday 28th May
School Closes

Parent Evenings –
TBC in Summer Term



Foundation – Ladybird Class

Ladybirds kicked off their new topic 'People who help us' by becoming police investigators. A crime had been committed at Mrs Smith's house. The crime of the missing doughnut cake! The Ladybird detectives had to use the clues to solve the crime. There were footprints, witness statements/interviews and shadows that all had to be taken into account! The Ladybirds did not disappoint and decided that it could have been Mrs Smith herself! We all know how much she loves cake! To all of our surprise, we found out the culprit was Lucky the Ladybird, she had missed us so much that she flew all the way to Mrs Smith's house and was so hungry when she arrived that she saw the cake and ate it without asking! Once we had listened to Lucky's explanation, we decided to accept Lucky's apology and let her live back in the Ladybird class with us as long as she promises not to do it again!

It was BRILLIANT to welcome all of Ladybird class back into the classroom and the barn. There was so much excitement, laughter, giggles and fun when we saw each other. Ladybirds have quickly got back into the routine of the school day and have wowed us with their maths and phonics knowledge. Keep up the brilliant work Ladybirds!

Ladybirds have been reading a non-fiction text all about the lifecycle of a frog. We have been looking at the different stages from frogspawn to tadpole to froglets and then finally a frog! We mapped out the text to help us to remember some key facts. Did you know that frogs grow their back legs first and then their front legs? Who knew! We have also learnt some amazing new vocabulary! During our welly walks we visited the local pond, where we got to see real frogspawn! We then used the 'non-fiction map' to help us write our text about what we know about the frog life cycle. Ladybirds had to think of their own sentences, use their phonics, remember finger spaces and full stops. It's a lot to remember. We are really developing our stamina for writing and looking to be able to write a paragraph.





Year 1 - Squirrel Class

I am sure that I speak on behalf of everyone when I say how happy we all are to be back together. I always knew how resilient Squirrels are, but wow have they amazed me since we have returned to school! They have remembered our routines and have shown such wonderful maturity. It has been lovely to see those children that were in the key-worker provision really looking after their friends on the first day back. Some children were worried that their friends may have forgotten how to sit like a strong gorilla and wanted to make sure they were feeling okay being back in the classroom. What a kind and thoughtful group of children we have in year 1!

From deciphering addition and subtraction word problems in maths, to innovating the story of 'Rapunzel' in English and learning all about everyday materials, Squirrels have shone like the stars they are. They really enjoyed creating artwork in the style of Giuseppe Arcimboldo – we definitely have some budding artists on our hands at Stanwick!

The children have been focusing on tricky words a lot this term and loved making their own tricky words rainbow. They are also extremely knowledgeable about the variety of reasons for using a capital letter and have loved using exclamation marks in their writing. If you ever see one of our Super Squirrels around school, please do ask them about their learning and they will be more than happy to tell you all about it.





Year 2 – Fox Class

Year 2 have slipped seamlessly back into school life and I couldn't be prouder or happier!

Since returning to school we have continued our discovery of the rain forests all around the world. We have looked at maps to find where the different rainforests are, as well as looked at certain animals. We learnt some information about the Tonki Bird from Peru and loved the fact that its dances and shows off its bright colors when trying to impress its friends!

In maths, we have been learning about the properties of shapes, including the proper name for corners, what a polygon is and using mirrors to find the lines of symmetry. In English, we have been writing our own play scripts about an adventure in the rainforest which we have acted out!



Year 3 – Hedgehog Class

Hedgehogs came back to school with a bang as we continued with our 'Chocolate' topic. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and the children have designed their own machines for the chocolate factory and also their own chocolate bars. We have tried and evaluated different types of chocolate – some we enjoyed and others not so much!

The Year 3 team has loved having all the Hedgehogs back together again and the children have thoroughly impressed us with their work ethic and the way they have adapted back into school life.

It has been lovely to hear children read face to face and crown some times-tables kings and queens.





Year 4 – Badger Class

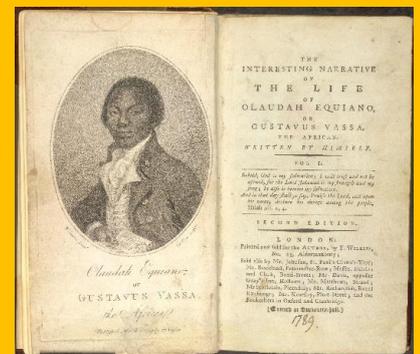
We were so impressed by all of the effort and hard work our Badgers put into their work whilst learning at home, but we are so happy to have them back in school with us!

We have really enjoyed learning about the continent of Africa this term. We have used maps and atlases to identify different the countries which make up this amazing continent, as well as looking at its climate and biomes. We have looked at the country of Kenya and thought about the physical features of the landscape, comparing it to the UK. We have also enjoyed finding out about daily life in Kenya, as well as tasting some of their foods.

Our Brilliant Badgers did a super job at writing biographies and autobiographies whilst at home. When we returned, we found out about Olaudah Equiano – a freed African slave, who became the first black man to have his autobiography published in Europe. This sparked lots of really interesting discussion and questions.

They have enjoyed our work on narrative poems in English, learning and performing 'Giraffes can't Dance' by Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees.

We are so proud of how well they have settled back into the routine of school and are looking forward to more super learning next term. Keep up the great work Badgers!





Year 5 – Owl Class

Owl class have been really engaged in learning about the Tudors this term. We have looked at significant kings and queens during this time, as well as popular crimes and punishments. The children even met 'Queen Elizabeth I' (Thank you Mrs Awbery!).

The children will soon be making a miniature version of the stocks, linking to the crime and punishment used by the Tudors.

Owl class have also been carrying out investigations linked to properties and materials, as well as discussing their knowledge of the materials used during the Tudor period and comparing them to what we commonly use today.

There have been a few new groups that have started up in year 5. These include the Lego League, where some children will be trained in all areas of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) linking to Lego robotics and enter a completion with other schools in the region next year (fingers crossed). The whole class will be working together to support the group to train for the league which we can enter next year.

Owl class are also excited about starting a gardening club and supporting the other year groups in the school in growing vegetables in our vegetable patch in our local community garden.

Some children have also been chosen to be PE leaders for the school and support the PE subject lead in planning and running activities with other year groups. They will be organizing some activities for their class after some training with Mrs Gridley this week.

So many exciting events happening in Year 5. The children definitely deserve all these new opportunities after all their hard work over the previous term!





Year 6 – Eagle Class

In year 6 we have been studying the movers and shakers from British history, this has led us to revisit the fabulous work completed by **female** engineers as well as some of the more significant figures that have shaped the world that we live in.

Our studies of Isambard Kingdom Brunel have allowed us to investigate the science behind his bridge building and to experiment with different designs of bridge. We had great fun planning and building our bridges to test if each design would be an appropriate model.

We have been working hard to develop our understanding of a variety of writing genres through studying the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. This has been very exciting and has allowed us to enjoy a story with an exciting sub-plot that has drawn lots of ideas together before an exciting climax for the story.



Sunshine Club

On Thursday, Sunshine Club held an Easter egg competition! The children were very excited and could choose if they wanted to enter. The children were given an Easter egg and selection of craft materials to work with, they also produced some lovely pictures.

Mrs Neild and Mrs Holmes then came to judge the children's eggs - this was a very hard decision for them to make. Everyone was given a prize and the winner won an Easter egg.

The winner for key stage one was Winnie.

The winner for key stage two was Isla.

Well done to everyone that took part and a big well done to our winners.





School Calendar

2020/2021 Diary Dates

Friday 26th March	School Closes for Easter
Monday 12th April	Re-open School
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 th July	Training Day

