

Stanwick Primary

Newsletter



May 2022

As always at this time of the year, school has been buzzing with lots of exciting activities taking place over the past few weeks, with particular highlights being the year 6 residential trip to Overstrand, and the Foundation class' trip to Sacrewell Farm, to name but a few.

It is wonderful to see Mrs Neild back at school after her maternity leave and she is keen to hear all about what each class has been doing this past year.

Next term will see us welcoming our new Foundation class children into school for some Stay and Play sessions. The Foundation class team cannot wait to meet the class of 2022! Our Year 6 pupils will be visiting their new Secondary Schools as part of the transition to year 7.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Family Fun Afternoon this coming Friday. If you would like to come along – the fun starts at 1.00 until 3.30pm.



Thank you to all parents that have downloaded the Arbor Parental Portal App. We now have 99% of parents using the App which is fantastic!

As we come to the end of this academic year, can we ask that you review the emergency contact details for your child to ensure that they are up to date. Parents have the ability to update their child's record via the App. The School Office reviews all changes, and if there are any issues we will get in touch.

We will start using Parental Portal in-app messaging from next term, with notifications or reminders. Please ensure that you regularly check the App for information.

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

Key Dates

Friday 27th May

Family Fun Afternoon and School Closes for Half Term

Saturday 4th June

Stanwick Village Carnival for Queens Jubilee and FoSS Village Event

Tuesday 7th June (Afternoon) to

Monday 13th June

Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 10th June

Group Class Photographs

Thursday 16th June

New Intake Evening 6.00pm

Wednesday 22nd June

Stay and Play session for September 2022 Foundation class

Friday 24th June

Year 5 Sharing Assembly

Wednesday 6th July

*Transition day including September 2022 Foundation class - 9.30
11.30*

Tuesday 12th July 9.30am

Sports morning

Wednesday 20th July

School Closes



Foundation – Ladybird Class

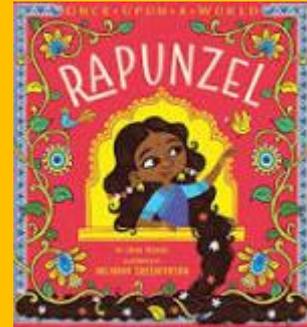
Ladybird Class were filled with excitement for this term's new topic - 'Once Upon a Time'. To launch our new topic, we completed lots of tasks linked to traditional tales. We found flowers on the back field and pressed them for Little Red Riding Hood, looked for the correct length of sticks for the three bears and created our own masks and puppets to help us to retell the story of the 'Three Little Pigs'.

One of our key texts this term has been 'Rapunzel' written by Chloe Perkins. This story was set in India and offered wonderful opportunities to explore India including the geography of the country, colours, patterns, food, spices, and incredible culture. We have learnt so much! The ladybird class were extremely lucky to have a visit from Gurveer and Isher's dad and grandparents. They taught us about Sikhism, shared some amazing home cooked food with us and showed us how to cover our heads when entering a temple. We are such lucky Ladybirds to have so many experiences and make memories that will stay with us for such a long time!

This variety of experiences supported the children to create some AMAZING pieces of story writing. Mrs Taylor-Jacob, Mrs Smith and Mrs Hearn have been blown away with the brilliant sentence writing and storytelling that has taken place this term. We have written the story of the "Three Little Pigs" and then innovated it to change the characters and settings. We loved hearing all of the fantastic character ideas!

A huge THANK YOU to all of our mystery readers that kindly volunteered to come and share a story with the Ladybird Class this term. We have all really enjoyed this and have been lucky to have so many volunteers!

The mixture of sunshine and rain has inspired us to create our own garden centre in Ladybird Class. The children enjoyed taking on the role of the managers, cashiers and sales assistants. They sold plants, flowers and seeds and were able to give out leaflets and advice on how to look after your plants at home. We have started to grow cress, herbs, carrots, radishes and spring onions in the Ladybird classroom. It has been fascinating to see the seeds germinating and growing.





This term's outdoor learning sessions have been another success with more tree climbing, risk taking, tree identifying, snail investigations, mud kitchen creations and an abundance of team work, cooperation and communication being shown by all!

And last but by no means least... A TRIP!!!! The Ladybird class had an amazing trip to Sacrewell Farm. We were all very excited to go on a coach. The children were able to see lots of different animals, ask lots of questions and even got to ride in a tractor! We loved making these memories together!

Year 1 - Squirrel Class

This term in Squirrel class the children have been enjoying their 'Seeds, soil and sunshine' topic. The children started the term by setting up a flower shop role play and took such pride in organising the flowers and sorting out the prices. They planted their runner beans and have thoroughly enjoyed the process of watching them grow over the term.

During our topic lessons, the children have enjoyed learning all about plants. They have been on wild plants hunts, spring walks and it has been lovely to see them taking a real interest in spring and what is happening around them. Squirrels have also been geographers this term and have learnt about aerial views, different types of maps and how to use a key on a map. Our artist this term, Giuseppe Arcimboldo, has been a real hit. The children have loved embracing his unique style and have loved using fruit and vegetables to print, cut and stick images of, and draw fruits and vegetables to make self-portraits. In PSHE, the children have been learning about our value of the term, respect. Our jigsaw piece this term was relationships and they have discussed family, friendship and people who can help us in school.

In English lessons, the children started the term by writing a spring Haiku poem. They learnt about syllables and enjoyed clapping the syllable pattern of 5, 7, 5 to make sure their poems were haikus. Our text this term has been 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children have been working hard to learn the text off by heart and will be writing their innovated versions of the story soon. This will be the first time they have written a full story so we are all very excited to be authors! Look out for your child's story that will be going home with them.





Squirrels have continued to work hard learning lots of graphemes in phonics and have been reading lots of alien words ready for the Phonics Screening Check in June. They are all reading so fluently in our Little Wandle reading sessions and are making us very proud. They have worked so hard on their expression and it is very enjoyable listening to all the children read.

In maths, the children have enjoyed their chapters on multiplication and division. They have used concrete objects and pictorial representations to share objects equally into groups. They will soon be starting their chapter on fractions focusing on halves and quarters of objects. Keep up the great work Squirrel class, you are all amazing! I am excited to see what our final term of Year 1 brings!

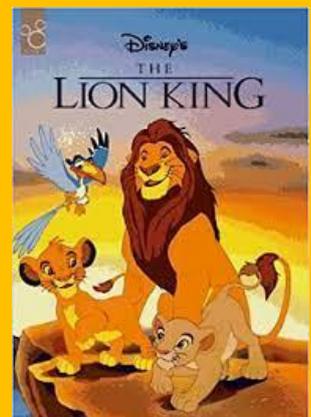
Year 2 – Fox Class

What an amazing term Foxes have had! Our topic this term has been 'Habitats'. We have looked far and wide and even compared our own habitat with that of far-off places that are very different to our own homes. This term in English we have been looking closely at non-chronological reports and created our own all about Lions, as our class VIPERS story this term has been The Lion King. The children have loved this and written some fabulous facts which I know you have all been hearing about at home!

In maths, the children have been looking at fractions, money and time. They have been using all their number knowledge and skills to help work out and solve new problems in these topics.

In Science, we have been experimenting with beans! The children have begun growing bean seeds in either cotton wool, soil or just water to see what a plant needs to grow best and why.

Thank you so much for all the wonderful pieces of homework that the children have brought in and shared during our Show and Tell sessions. And lastly, a MASSIVE well done to every member of Fox Class for completing their SATs papers. You are all absolute stars and Mrs Chadwick and I are so very proud of you all!





Year 3 – Hedgehog Class

Our hard-working Hedgehogs have spent this term learning about the Egyptians! We have excavated ancient treasures, created gold collars, cracked hieroglyphic codes and tasted some Egyptian foods! We have learned about the Pharaohs and their pyramids, as well as finding out what they did for fun.

In Geography, we have used maps and atlases to locate Egypt and have identified countries which are on the equator.

In Maths, we have been learning to tell the time using 'a.m' and 'p.m'. We have been telling the time to the minute using analogue and digital time, as well as using Roman numerals. Hedgehogs enjoyed welcoming a special visitor to one of our maths lessons – Bill! We measured the time and distance it took for him to reach the cucumber. We also looked at how old he was and compared this to his life expectancy. We are now starting a unit on fractions where we are ordering fractions with the same denominator and learning about equivalent fractions. Hedgehogs are really enjoying this new chapter!

In Science, we have been learning about nutrition and comparing the different amount of saturated fat and salt foods have. We have also been learning interesting facts about our bodies. Ask the children how many bones we have as a baby and how many we have as an adult and why! They can also locate where the biggest and smallest bones in the body are. We have been really engrossed in this Science topic!

This half term we have enjoyed Mindfulness sessions with Mrs Bradshaw and we are fascinated about how different parts of our brains work and how easily we can become distracted. We are excited to see what else we are going to learn.

Yet again, we have been super impressed with the children's homework and their creativity! Keep up the great work. We are super proud of you all!





Year 4 Badger Class

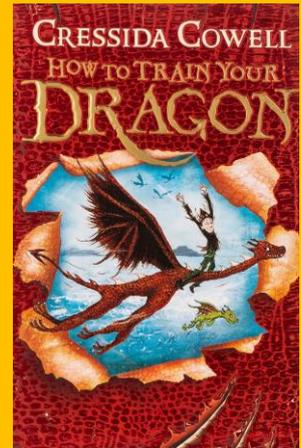
Badger Class have been fully engaged in our Vikings topic this term. In English, we have been writing stories based around the structure of a Viking character losing something precious and then finding it again with the help of their dragon. The children have been very creative, designing both the Viking characters and their dragons, taking inspiration from our class text, 'How to Train Your Dragon' which they are really enjoying.

Our topic work has involved learning about how the Vikings invaded Britain, and took over the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. We looked at how the Vikings travelled and where they came from and also learned about how they lived and the clothes they wore.

In art we have been studying the work of Marcus Cadman and have been inspired to create our own Viking portraits in his style. We are also going to continue these studies in our ICT lessons to investigate how computers can be used to manipulate images to create similar work.

With the warmer weather we have been able to take advantage of doing our PE lessons outside, developing and learning new skills through tennis and rounders which has been amazing fun.

We continue to be amazed at the fantastic homework the children have produced this term. We have really enjoyed seeing all of their creations and learning all the facts they have collected to share with their friends. Keep up the brilliant work Badgers.





Year 5 – Owl Class

Year 5 have been learning all about the land around us and focusing on Rushden Lakes and the impact on our local area. The children really enjoyed the wow day where they practiced their directional knowledge using compasses. They also began to identify different map symbols and finding them on a map of the local area. The children also went outside to identify the different trees on the playing field and collected leaves to create monoprints for a class piece of art work.

The children really enjoyed Earth Day and were amazed at how much plastic and rubbish is in the sea. We had some great discussions about how we would recycle plastic and reduce our waste at home and in school. Year 5 reused the plastic bottles they brought in and made pencil pots and piggy banks. We went outside and created our own land art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. They all worked together to create some lovely pieces.

In English, the children have written their own versions of “Wind in the Willows”, using the beginning and the main characters. Many used fantastic description throughout with interesting dialogue.

Gardening Club have planted strawberries and different vegetables recently and hopefully soon we will be able to see the seedlings come through. We plan to enter our vegetables into the country show in September.





Year 6 – Eagle Class

Year 6 have had the most exciting term yet as we went on our long anticipated residential! We had an amazing time completing a variety of activities.

Our days were full of climbing, jumping, running and developing our teamwork and communication skills. The children represented our school very well and we are very proud of them.

We came straight back to school to read more of 'Street Child' which we have got really into and we have completed some creative pieces of work based on the text.

This term, we have continued to practice our performance as part of the Wind in the Willows project at Stanwick Lakes and we are due to finish this term with a piece of writing about life for children in the last few years to go into a time capsule as part of the Jubilee celebrations.

Wow! What a term!





Sunshine Club

This week in Sunshine Club the children have been having the opportunity to spread their own toast, crumpets or crackers, with their choice of butter and jam and also pour their own juice. The children have really enjoyed being independent.

After school, the children have been enjoying the lovely weather on the field, doing some different activities and playing with their friends.

Some of Ladybird Class have enjoyed having a year 1 child read them some books after their breakfast.

Could we please take this opportunity to remind you that we have a stall at the village evening event, please visit us and say hello.



We continue to use WisePay to enable Stanwick to be a cashless school. Please ensure that school meals are booked by Wednesday night for the following week.

Before and After School Club has been increasing in numbers over the last term. Please ensure that you have booked your child's place prior to the session starting. This allows staff to plan and prepare activities for each session.

If you would like to pay for Before and After School sessions using School Vouchers please can you email finance@stanwickprimary.org.uk. Parents are able to book sessions termly in bulk.





School Calendar 2021/2022

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