



6th September 2021

Dear parents/carers,

A warm welcome to Eagles and what will be a wonderful year at Stanwick Primary. This year, your teachers will be Miss Cartwright, who will teach on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Brown, who will teach on a Thursday and Friday. We will be supported in class by Mrs Pearson, a new member of the teaching assistant team.

Year 6 is an exciting year, full of lots of amazing opportunities which we are looking forward to sharing with you. It is also a year in which we aim to foster independence in the children and a sense of responsibility as they make the transition to secondary school.

SATs

As you may already be aware, children in Year 6 sit SATs and our test week is week beginning 9th May 2022. They will sit a Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar paper, a Reading paper and three Maths papers. They will not have a writing test, but they will be routinely assessed in class across the year. Although we will be informing the children about these, they should not be their main focus and we aim to provide a year filled with rich opportunities and experiences, of which the SATs are just a small part. We will be holding an information evening for parents about these, to give you an idea of what they look like and the expectations of the children. We will be sending further information about this in due course.

Reading

The focus in Year 6 is mostly on the children's comprehension skills and we will be focusing on each of the VIPERS skills in our reading lessons (vocabulary, inference prediction, explain, retrieve and summarise). Once a child is a free reader, it is their responsibility to select their reading books, however we will be strongly encouraging the children to read a wide range of genres and authors. We have ensured that there are a variety of books available to the children. The children will be issued with reading records; please encourage your child to fill this in so that we can see what they have been reading at home and their thoughts on what they have read. Although they may not read to an adult one-to-one as frequently in Year 6, we will have many reading opportunities throughout the week in which your child will be heard read. It is the expectation that the children will bring their reading book and reading record in each day and take it home at the end of the day to read in the evening.

Homework and Spellings

Each term, we will be sending out a homework grid which details a variety of tasks for the children to complete related to the term's topic. Ideally, they will complete one task a week. This should be handed in on a **Monday** along with their homework folder – we may only look at the spelling sheets if we feel your child needs more support in this area. They should

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be completed, but we will monitor their spelling test scores to confirm that they are managing this independently. Alongside spellings and homework tasks, the children are expected to read regularly and practise their times table and/or arithmetic skills. At the start of the year, your child will bring home a maths revision guide which can be used to support their homework or any areas they are finding tricky. This will be collected in again at the end of the year. Times Table Rock Stars is an online platform that your child has an account on which is great for times table practise. Managing their work and deadlines is an important skill for the children to learn in preparation for secondary school, but it should not be a cause of stress or worry. Please reassure your child that they can come and speak to us for any help that they may need; this too is a great skill in developing their own independence.

Extra Equipment

We will make sure that all the writing equipment your child will need is provided in school, however they may wish to bring in their own pencil case. If your child does not wish to do so, we will provide them with a school pencil case. We will be asking all the children to write using a school pen, so please don't worry about providing certain equipment. The children are responsible for anything they bring in from home and they must understand that it may get lost or damaged. Please ensure that your child brings in a named water bottle each day. We will send them home each day to be washed and refilled.

PE

The children will have PE on a Tuesday and Friday. They should come to school on these days dressed in their PE kits; please ensure that they have the correct kit on and that it is suitable for the weather conditions. Your child may wish to bring a spare t-shirt to change into if they were to get very hot and sweaty on PE days, as well as a roll-on deodorant.

Swimming

We will be going swimming every Tuesday for ten weeks commencing on Tuesday 14th September 2021. Our last session is 23.11.21. Although Tuesdays are a 'PE day', because we are swimming instead, the children can wear normal uniform to school and bring their swimming things in a bag. They will need a towel and a swimming costume or trunks. They may also like to bring a roll-on deodorant and a hair brush if necessary. On swimming days, we will have lunch early and so a packed lunch will be necessary as the kitchen are not able to provide a school lunch at that time.

If you have any questions about swimming, please catch either one of us at the door. Once the ten sessions are completed, the children will need to attend school in their PE kit on Tuesdays.

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Permission

Throughout the year, we will be reading some fantastic books with the children which have also been made into films. Please see the list below and contact us should you have any concerns. If you do not contact us, we will presume that you consent to your child watching the following:

- War Horse – this rated a 12A. We will not show the whole film to the children and the clips shown will be carefully chosen to ensure that they do not include any inappropriate language, scenes of extreme violence or any distressing scenes.
- Wonder – this is rated a PG film.
- Holes – this is rated a PG film.
- Horrible Histories clips

Walking Home

If you would like to give consent for your child to walk home on their own and you have not done so already, please contact the office and sign the appropriate form.

Mobile Phones

If you permit your child to bring a mobile phone into school because they walk home on their own, this must be handed to a member of staff upon your child's arrival at school and this will not be returned until the end of the day. We would like to remind you that mobile phones should not be used by the children on school premises and they are purely for their use outside of school if needed on their walk home.

We hope that this letter has been informative and helpful. Should you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to speak to us. We look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Kind regards,

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