

Welcome back!

Welcome back after a lovely summer break in the sunshine – I hope you all had a wonderful, well-deserved rest. I am really excited for the first term in year 1 (Shooting Stars class) and I know the children are really going to enjoy the learning we have planned.

Enquiry

Our new enquiry question for the first half of the autumn term is “**What makes Stanstead Special?**”. Within this we will be learning all about our amazing school. Our driver subject this half term is Geography. We will be exploring what makes a city, town and village and identify nearby ones.

English

In English this half term we are going to write a Non-chronological report about our school and why it is special. This links closely to our enquiry question and gives the children the opportunity to display what they have learnt through their enquiry into their writing. We will then be learning about letters and writing one ourselves to Mrs Smith about something the children are thankful for within our amazing school.

Phonics

In phonics your child will be continuing with the phonics programme called “**No Nonsense Phonics**”. The children are already familiar with this programme due to using this within their reception learning.

Within phonics the children will be learning new sounds, have greater opportunities to read and practise their handwriting and spelling skills within class.

Please check your child’s bag on a Friday for homework which will relate to sounds your child has been taught that week. This will enable your children to have extra practice 😊

Please attend our phonics parent morning on the 27th September at 9am for more information and to answer any questions you may have regarding phonics in year 1.

Reading

Your child will be sent home with a reading book which is appropriate for their level of reading and a reading for pleasure book which they will get to choose weekly. It is expected that your child is to read at least three times a week at home. Messages will be sent out to parents who aren't reading with their child regularly. This is to ensure that your child is getting the opportunity to read at home as well as school to apply and practice their phonics and reading further to overall support their learning further.

Maths

In maths this half term we have lots of exciting learning taking place! The children will now have a Power Maths book which they are all excited to be starting. We are going to be looking at numbers to 10, number bonds to 10, addition and subtraction within 10, 2D and 3D shapes and numbers to 20 during this half term.

A piece of maths related homework will also be sent home weekly for your child to complete to support their learning further.

Science

This half term we will be looking at the basic parts of the Human body and learning about the five senses. We will also be exploring the four seasons: Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. Looking at how these differ and what patterns the children can identify within the different seasons.

PE

We will be doing PE on two separate days a week this term and therefore I kindly ask if your child could please come to school on a Tuesday and Friday in the correct PE kit on these days.

The school PE kit is a plain white t-shirt or polo shirt, blue/black short or jogging bottoms and plimsolls or trainers.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how excited I am to be working with your child this year and I look forward to seeing the progress that they will all make within Shooting Stars Class.

Any questions, please contact me through Class Dojo or on the door 😊

Thank you,
Miss Jenkins