



Year 1 Autumn 1 Newsletter



Teachers

Mrs McDowall (Mon /Tues) and Mrs Hayward (Weds - Fri)

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Lofthouse & Mrs Abram (mornings)

Our theme this half-term is 'All About Me'



WELCOME TO YEAR ONE!! We hope you have had a wonderful fun filled summer and hope that everyone is keen to be coming back to school this week! We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back and settling them into the year 1 routines. We have spent a long time making sure their environment is welcoming and that it is ready to support their learning this half term. We would like to invite adults in to see the classroom on **THURSDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 3:30pm**. We will take this time to go through some of the key information and events in Year 1. If you are not able to make this, we will make sure we send out all the information shared.

To ensure the children settle back in to school life, we have chosen to look at a book about happiness to start our learning journey in Year 1. It's called '**Have You Filled A Bucket Today?**' The book looks at how everyone carries an invisible bucket that gets filled up throughout the day by the kind things people do and say for each other. It also addresses bucket dipping and how we shouldn't dip into other's buckets to fill our own.

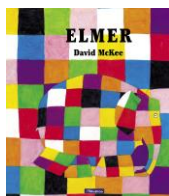
We find this a really powerful way to demonstrate the importance of '**RESPECT and PRIDE**', Stanningley Primary's motto.



English

In English, we will begin teaching daily phonics through Little Wandle straight away! This is the same scheme used in Reception. We will begin group reading from week 3 and this will run similar to how it did in Reception. This will allow us to read with all the children on their return.

Our phonics teaching will begin by recapping all the phonemes (sounds) and tricky words learnt in Reception. We will also be focusing on writing our full names with capital letters and the correct letter formation. If you know this is something your child struggles with, this may be something you could practise at home.



Then as we celebrate Black History Month, Year 1 will be looking at the text *Elmer* and celebrating differences between each other. We will be focusing on using our knowledge of sounds to write words, use finger spaces and use capital letters and full stops in sentences.

History

GRANDPARENTS! We need you! This half term we will be learning about the lives of our grandparents. We will be having a grandparent morning on **Thursday 26th September** where



grandparents will be invited in to talk about their childhood and answer some of our questions. Please ask grandparents and let us know if they are available - the more the merrier (more details to follow)! We will also have some toys from the past in the classroom which the children will have the opportunity to investigate.

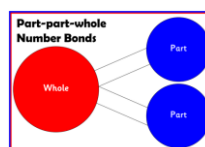
Maths

As the children move into Year 1, they will be learning maths through the 'Power Maths' approach. They will have their own text book to record their learning. For the first half term we will be focusing on **Numbers to 10 where we will be...**

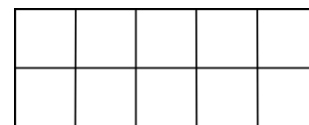


- Counting forwards and backwards
- Writing numbers to 10
- One more/ one less
- Comparing numbers
- Using the part-whole model for number bonds
- Beginning to look at addition and subtraction.

These are models we use in class to support the children's learning...



Part- whole model



Ten frame



We will be using the text 'Funny Bones' to learn about 'Animals Including Humans'. This will involve identifying, naming and labeling the basic parts of the human body including which part is associated with each sense. We will be using our scientific skills of observing things using simple equipment, identifying and sorting things and collecting and recording data.



Art

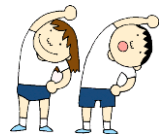
As part of our Black History learning and celebrating our differences, we will be looking at self-portraits in art and thinking what we can tell about the person from the painting. We will be encouraging the children to comment and ask questions about the artwork - celebrating all their opinions and ideas.

We will also be learning about the primary and secondary colours and looking what we can create using these. The children will learn how to use the primary colours to make the secondary colours using water colour.



PE

PE DAYS - TUESDAY & THURSDAY



Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct PE kit. We do not get changed in year 1.

Plain black bottoms (no logos), plain white round neck t-shirt, school jumper if needed and suitable footwear. Please make sure children can fasten their own shoes independently. Earrings need removing and watches will need to be taken off on PE days. Long hair needs putting in a bobble.

Home Learning

Spellings will be given out on a Wednesday and then tested on the following Tuesday. The 5 spellings will all be words taught that week in phonics. They will be stuck into homework books.

Learn By Heart are maths facts that need to be learnt by heart. These will also be sent home on a Wednesday and tested the following Tuesday. This works on a 2 week rotation with new facts being given out every fortnight.

Reading Books The children will have guided reading sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The children will use the group reading books. Old books will be collected in on a Tuesday and the next books are sent home on Wednesdays. The children need to re read the books as much as possible to improve fluency. Please always write in the reading log whenever your child reads.

TUESDAYS - spelling and learn by heart test. Books in school.

WEDNESDAYS - spelling and learn by heart books sent home

****CHILDREN WILL NEED SPELLING AND LEARN BY HEART BOOKS IN SCHOOL ON A TUESDAY****

School Website

We work hard to update the class page regularly with examples of our learning and experiences in class one. You can check this with your child as it will give you a really good insight into what they are doing at school everyday, what things they have been learning and any special events that have happened. You will need to give permission for your child's photo to be used on the website in the letters sent out in September.

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SPECIAL DATES:

Welcome Meeting in year 1 - Thursday 12th September

Macmillan Bun Sale - Thursday 26th September

Elmer Day - Friday 11th October (wear colourful clothes!)

Harvest Festival - Thursday 24th October 2024 at St Thomas Church

Grandparent Morning: Thursday 26th September (info to follow)

Individual School Photos - 2nd October 2024

Break up for half term - Friday 25th October 2024

Should you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to speak with a member of the year 1 team. You can always call the school office and a member of staff will call you back, or alternatively you can email the school office at office@stanningleyprimary.com. These emails will be passed to the team and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

We are all looking forward to a fabulous year ahead!

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