



# Year 1 Spring 1 Newsletter



## Teachers

Mrs McDowall: Monday and Tuesday

Mrs Hayward: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

## Teaching Assistants

Mrs Lofthouse and Mrs Abram

Our theme this half-term is 'Superheroes'



## Welcome back!

We hope you all had an amazing holiday and we wish you all a very happy new year. Remember you can see photos of all the learning in Class One on our class page at [www.stanningleyprimary.com](http://www.stanningleyprimary.com). You can also find all newsletters there too!

**OUR SCHOOL VALUE THIS HALF-TERM IS FRIENDSHIP**

## English

We will start the term with a 'wow' afternoon...turning the classroom into a cinema and watching famous superheroes in films. This will ignite the children's enthusiasm for our new topic of SUPERHEROES! Then we will use the book SUPERTATO! Supertato's arch enemy is Evil Pea and he gets up to a lot of mischief in this book. We will then design our own evil character using vegetables and act out Supertato saving the day! We will be having a big push on phonics and ensuring the children are applying their knowledge in their writing and using the correct grapheme (spelling of that sound). We will have a go at rewriting the story and then use our own ideas and veggie super hero characters to create our own comic... complete with speech bubbles!



## History

In history this half term we will be learning about the hero Grace Darling. We will be learning who she was and why she is famous. We will learn where she came from and all about her heroic rescue of sailors in distress.



## Maths

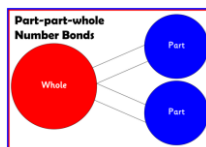
The children will continue with the whole school Power Maths scheme of work.

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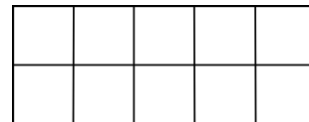


- Consolidating subtraction with numbers to 10
- Numbers 20 - understanding teen numbers
- Comparing numbers to 20
- Ordering numbers to 20
- 2d and 3d shape

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



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Please remember to keep learning your learn by heart facts. These facts underpin the number sense knowledge the children need throughout their school life. Quick recall of these facts are invaluable to their maths education.

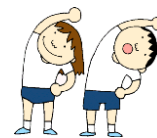


Our science learning will continue with testing the properties of materials to look for the most suitable materials to help out superheroes. We will be making sure the children are able to identify the materials: wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock. We will practise using the vocabulary of the properties learnt last half term in many contexts. These are hard/soft; stretchy/stiff; shiny/dull; rough/smooth; bendy/not bendy. We will add to this as we work through our experiments and we will introduce transparent, translucent and opaque.



## PE

PE Days: Tuesday and Thursday



Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct kit. 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.

## ART

This half term we will be looking at the artist Pablo Picasso.

We will show the children a range of his work and ask them to describe it, thinking about what Picasso wanted to 'say'.

We will encourage and support the children to ask questions about the artwork, an important skill in year 1.

The children will then deconstruct and reconstruct a piece of his artwork to create their own masterpiece!



## Home Learning

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

**WEDNESDAYS** - spelling and learn by heart books sent home

**TUESDAYS** - spelling and learn by heart test.

**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. **Children should read at home 3 times per week to improve their fluency.** Please always write in the reading log whenever your child reads.

**\*\*CHILDREN WILL NEED SPELLING (HOMEWORK) AND LEARN BY HEART BOOKS IN SCHOOL ON A TUESDAY\*\***

## School Website

We will 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.

[www.stanningleyprimary.com](http://www.stanningleyprimary.com)



### SPECIAL DATES:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Back to school

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Parents' MindMate Workshop

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January - RSPB Bird Watch Weekend

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Year 1 Superhero Day

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - BREAK UP

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Back to school

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day

### YEAR 1 SUPERHERO DAY - FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2025

On this day we will be celebrating all our hard work by all dressing up as superheroes! The children may even want to invent their own superhero and design their own costume! We will have lots of super hero craft activities planned and it promises to be an exciting day for the children.

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](mailto: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 another great half-term!

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