

# Stanbridge Lower School



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Dear Parents or Guardians,

Welcome to Year 1! Our topic for this term will be *Going Down Under*, where we will be learning about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom, what our country is like, as well as what Australia is like, and how our two countries are similar and different. In our Science lessons we will be learning about humans and other animals.

We will have PE on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon, and all children will need a PE kit consisting of a t-shirt, shorts and trainers. In the winter, children will also need a tracksuit top and bottoms, as we will be going outside as much as possible. If children do not have suitable kit, they may not be able to join in with certain activities. I would also request that earrings and any other jewellery be removed on PE days. Again, your child may not be able to take part if they are wearing jewellery that could cause an injury during certain activities.

Homework for maths and phonics will be set every Tuesday, and should be completed for the following Tuesday. Home reading books will be sent out on Tuesdays as well. Your child will be given 4-6 focus sounds each week for their phonics homework. Please make sure your child knows what these sounds are, can think of and write words using these sounds, and can use and write these words in sentences. If you are unsure about any of the homework, please pop in to see me and I will be happy to give further information. Maths homework will be set on [www.mymaths.com](http://www.mymaths.com). A personal username and password for your child to log in to their maths homework will be sent home in the coming weeks. Until this point, I will be setting worksheets each week.

This year's Christmas show will be performed by children in Pre-school, Reception and Year 1. Children in Years 2, 3 and 4 will be taking part in a separate Christmas performance.

In Year 1 we use special helpers, a line leader and a line ender as rewards for good behaviour, excellent work and a positive attitude. We also have sticker charts that we put all our stickers on, to show in assembly when they are full. We often have Golden Time on a Friday afternoon as a well earned reward when the children have worked hard throughout the week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school. I look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Yours sincerely,  
Miss Waller



**"We believe in our children"**

