

Stanbridge Lower School



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

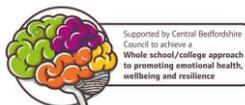
Welcome back to Stanbridge, and welcome to Year 1! It's lovely to have the children back in school. Our topic for this term will be Sensational Safari, where we will be learning about human and animal bodies. We will be using pastels and chalks to create a savannah silhouette picture, and creating a moving bird picture in DT using sliders. In PSHE we will be learning about being healthy and growing up, and in our RE lessons we will be learning about Christian beliefs about God.

We will have PE on a Monday and Friday 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 unless it is raining heavily. 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 Wednesday from the 16th September, and should be completed for the following Wednesday. Your child will be given 4-6 focus sounds each week for their phonics homework. Please make sure your child knows these sounds are, can think of and write words using these sounds, and can use and write these words in sentences. Home reading books will be sent out on Wednesdays as well. Please try and read as often as possible, even 5 minutes a day will help your child improve. I will include some suggested questions for you to ask your child during/after their reading. I would appreciate if you could leave a short comment in your child's reading record after you have read at home, with which books they have read and how they did. As well as reading books, I will be sending home 10 words in the reading record each week for your child to practice reading, 5 words from the Year 1 Common Exception word list, which cannot be sounded out and need to be learnt by sight, and 5 words with a phonic focus sound. Maths homework will be set on 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. If you are unsure about any of the homework, please pop in to see me and I will be happy to give further information.



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In Year 1 we have a reward chart where we collect points for good behavior, hard work and positive attitude. Once we have collected enough points to fill the chart, we get to choose a small prize. 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 which the children have to earn the time for by working hard throughout the week.

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

Yours sincerely,
Miss Waller



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