

# Stanbridge Lower School



## Class Letter - Year 2

Autumn Term 1 2023

<b>Welcome</b>	Welcome back! I am thrilled to be teaching your child in Year 2 this year. I am looking forward to getting to know all of the children and having a brilliant year together!
<b>Good News</b>	It's been a great start to the new school year and all the children have settled back in really well. The children are very excited about our new topic: Famous Explorers. They will be learning about explorers throughout history with a focus on Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus.
<b>Learning Focus</b>	<p><b>English:</b> In Year 2, we will be focusing on developing our reading, writing and speaking skills encouraging a love for learning.</p> <p><b>Phonics:</b> Building upon the foundation set in Year One; we will continue to reinforce phonics skills, with a particular focus on blending and segmenting sounds to form words.</p> <p><b>Writing:</b> Our young writers will boost their skills through various genres with a particular focus on writing to entertain this half term where they will explore story writing and describing characters and settings which will enhance our descriptive writing skills.</p> <p>By incorporating descriptive elements, your child will develop a strong ability to engage their audience through their writing. To further nurture our creative minds, children will be encouraged for storytelling. Using their imagination, your child will have the opportunity to create unique stories, where they will bring their characters and settings to life.</p> <p><b>Reading:</b> The children will change their home readers each week. To support their reading progress, please listen to them read at home; discuss texts, practice phonics and spelling activities together.</p> <p><b>Writing Focus:</b> Pupil(s) can write sentences to form a short narrative about their own and others' experiences (real and fictional), after discussion with the teacher:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• defining some sentences with capital letters and full stops</li> <li>• spelling some common exception words</li> <li>• forming lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place</li> <li>• forming lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another in some of the writing</li> </ul> <p><b>Maths</b> <b>Place Value</b> - topic for the first part of the half term They will first revise knowledge of numbers to 20, ordering them, comparing them, representing</p>



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	<p>them with pictures/ concrete resources and writing as numerals and words. For the rest of this block, they will move onto looking at numbers to 100. They will learn to count objects to 100 by making tens, recognise tens and ones, partition numbers to 100 and write numbers to 100 in words. They will use number lines to order and estimate numbers. They will also compare and order objects and numbers. Your child will also revisit and practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. They will also learn to count in 3s for the first time.</p> <p><b>Addition and subtraction-</b> for the second part of the half term Children will revisit and consolidate understanding of number bonds to 20, addition and subtraction fact families to 20 and related facts to support them with working out addition and subtraction calculations with larger two-digit numbers. They will then move onto learning bonds to 100. They will use a variety of resources and strategies to add and subtract 1s, 10s and then begin to add two 2-digit numbers.</p> <p>In other subjects, children will learn about the following themes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science: Material</li> <li>• PSHCE: Health and Well Being</li> <li>• History/Geography: Great explorers</li> <li>• Art: Space theme</li> <li>• PE: Bat and ball skills/ throwing and catching skills</li> <li>• Music: Space Soundtrack</li> </ul>
<b>Homework</b>	<p>Maths and English Homework will be set weekly.</p> <p>Maths homework will also consist of times tables practice. This is a national curriculum requirement from year two. In year one, your child learnt to count forwards and backwards in groups of 2, 5 and 10. We continue this in year two but also learn the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. The children need to be able to recall these facts from memory rapidly. We use a web-based app called 'Times Tables Rock stars' (TTRS) to help them develop this ability which you will receive more information about in the coming weeks once it has been set up. We are starting with the 10 times table this half term.</p> <p>English will focus on a variety of reading and writing skills including spelling and handwriting.</p> <p>The homework folders will continue in the same format as year one, with a worksheet being sent home to complete on a Friday and returned the following Friday.</p>
<b>PE Kits</b>	<p>Please make sure your child has a warm tracksuit and trainers for outside PE sessions on <b>Thursdays and Fridays</b>. They will also need to bring a named water bottle into school every day.</p>
<b>Forest Schools</b>	<p>Ensure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves in school during colder weather, so they are ready for outdoor learning. It is also useful for children to have Welly Boots in school for these sessions.</p>
<b>Library</b>	<p>Library books will be changed weekly and are to enjoy at home with an adult or sibling. They should be returned the following week.</p>



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