

AMAZON CLASS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 1 2022



Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to the autumn term after what I hope has been a wonderful summer. We are very much looking forward to the exciting term ahead, welcoming back our Year 2 children and welcoming our new Year 1's to Amazon Class.

Monday – Thursday: Mrs Anderson, Mrs Robins, Mrs Harwood

Mrs Weston shall be taking Year 2 for maths

Friday: Mrs Todd (Term 1 only), Mrs Robins (am), Mrs Major (pm)



Back to school- Whole School Focus

For the first two days of term, we join the rest of the school learning about all things carnival ahead of taking part in Malmesbury Carnival on Saturday 3rd September. We shall be exploring the book 'Bisa's Carnival' and taking part in a carnival drumming workshop.

Topics

After an exciting redesign of our whole school curriculum, our first topic this term will be '**Castles, Knights and Dragons**'. During the first term we shall explore castles through the ages, thinking about castle features and their purpose and also finding out about the valiant knights and their presence in history. Within science we shall be learning about materials and the best materials for different purposes linked to our topic. In English we shall start by exploring 'The Paper Bag Princess' which challenges traditional fairy tales, followed by other carefully chosen quality texts focusing on our topic.



Autumn Term 1	
English	Writing a letter Writing a recipe for a dragon Poetry Explanation writing Daily phonics Handwriting
Maths	Y1: Numbers to 10/Number Bonds/Addition/Mobius Maths Mastery Y2: Numbers to 100/Addition and Subtraction
Science	Materials
History	When, why and how were castles built? What was life like living in a castle? What was a knight and what did they do? What other roles were there in a castle? Are dragons just in fairy-tales? What do people think of dragons in different parts of the world?
Art and DT	Dragon scales printing Modelling with clay- dragon eyes Symmetrical designs- shields/coats of arms
ICT	Safe internet searches
Music	Rhythm and keeping the beat, exploring instruments
PSHE	Me and My Relationships, Rights and Respect
RE	Wiltshire Agreed Syllabus – Belonging: What does it mean to belong?
PE	Tag Rugby

Reading, book changing and reading bookmarks

Reading is an incredibly important skill that feeds into every aspect of your child's education, prospects of success and future life. It is therefore extremely valuable when children are supported and encouraged to read at home once a day. We understand that life can be busy, however we appreciate your support by reading daily with your child.

Your child will bring home the following in their book pouch:

- A phonics book/s (to be read by your child to you)
- A sharing book chosen from the library (to be shared with your child- you may wish to read this to your child)

Whilst your child is learning to read, we ask that you encourage your child to re-read their phonics book until they are able to read this book fluently. Re-reading the same book for fluency supports young readers to become more confident and engaged in reading. Your child shall be supported to change their book once to twice a week, if they are able to read their book fluently. This will be judged by your child's class teacher or teaching assistant.

Please briefly record when your child reads by writing your initials on their reading bookmark. **This replaces our reading records this year.**

Home learning

Home learning provides a crucial link between children's learning at school and home.

Year 1 and 2

1. Daily reading (at least 10 minutes)- please record on your reading bookmark
2. Practise reading and spelling Common Exception Words that are stuck in red spelling books (words we use lots). Children shall be tested on these words once every term to track the progress they are making with the rapid recall of spelling these words.
3. Reading words on your phonics bookmark (cat bookmark). Your child may also practise writing these words, using their sounds to spell. There are some ideas inside the red spelling book. Children will not be tested on these words in a formal spelling test.

Weather ready/PE

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit and trainers on our scheduled PE days. During the autumn term, Amazon Class will do PE on a **Tuesday and Friday**. Named raincoats in school at all times and sun hats and sun cream during warmer weather please.

Forest School– YEAR 1, from Wednesday 14th September

This term the children in Year 1 shall be using the school woodland area on a Wednesday afternoon to take part in various learning opportunities, led by Mrs Breen (Forest Schools Co-Ordinator). Starting on Wednesday 14th September, every Wednesday, Year 1 children should bring named clothing suitable for the woods in a named bag to change into in the afternoon. Children should also bring named waterproof clothing (all-in-ones or trousers and a coat) and wellies.

Year 2 children will remain with Mrs Anderson to take part in targeted learning opportunities, specific to their year group.

Book bags and water bottles

All children in KS1 should have a school book bag and not a backpack. Book bags keep our precious new books safe. Your child will be given a new reading pouch to be kept in their book bags. Children should bring a named water bottle to school every day but this should be carried separately and not be placed in book bags. Thank you for your support on this matter.

If felt to be necessary, the best way to contact us is to use the class email: amazonclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk

We will do our best to reply but we will be teaching in the day so cannot guarantee a response during this time. For urgent messages please call the school office on 01666 837602 or Mrs Pennington will be outside in the playground at drop off.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead.

The Amazon Class Team