

AMAZON CLASS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2 2023



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2 after what we hope was an enjoyable half term break. Term 2 is always a particularly busy term in Key Stage 1, so we thank you in advance for your support.

Monday – Thursday: Mrs Anderson

Friday: Mrs Todd

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Robins (AM) Miss Hyde (PM)

Topics

Our second exciting topic this year is, **'We're Off to London!'**. Now that we have explored what London was like in 1666, we take this opportunity to contrast and compare our capital city in the current day. We shall be exploring the countries within the UK with a particular focus on London, its landmarks and way of life. Joining us in English through our chosen focus text shall be the wonderful children's classic, Paddington Bear. This lovable bear has enjoyed many London adventures together with a whole heap of mishaps that shall inspire our reading and writing. Our London Day will provide a range of exciting activities, together with London themed games, map reading challenges and making our own 3D pop up maps.



Autumn Term 1			
English	Story innovating Writing a guide to London Speaking and Listening- Nativity Oracy skills Using 'and'/other conjunctions Nouns, adjectives and noun phrases Handwriting Phonics	Maths	Y1: Numbers to 20, Positions, Addition and Subtraction within 20 Y2: Subtraction, Multiplication and Division
History	London and the UK How many countries make up the United Kingdom? What are the capital cities of the four countries? What makes London a capital city? What are human and physical features? What are the flags for the four countries in the UK? What is a landmark? How do we use a map? How does our local area compare to our capital city?	Science	Seasons/weather How does the weather and climate change across the four seasons in the UK? Can I observe and describe seasonal changes based on my experiences?
Art and DT	Studying and interpreting the artwork of LS Lowry – London scenes Modelling landmarks of London	Music	Learning nativity songs Using our voices- volume, pace, pitch and rhythm
PE	Invasion game skills Yoga Storybook	Computing	Communicate- Using the internet
PSHE	Me and my relationships Valuing difference	RE	Understanding Christianity- Incarnation Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

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)
- A phonics (cat) bookmark given out weekly/fortnightly to practise reading words containing the sound we are learning in phonics
- A word book to practise the spelling of Common Exception Words
- Guidance for supporting children as readers

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. **If we feel that your child is not reading frequently enough at home, your child's class teacher shall discuss this with you, initiating Step 1 of our 'Supporting Your Child with Reading at Home' strategy.**

For support with correctly pronounced sounds, please watch our helpful video on the school website:
https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=dVG6QoS_9iw&feature=youtu.be

Home Learning Summary

Year 1 and 2

1. Daily reading (at least 10 minutes)- please record on your reading bookmark
2. **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 but through their writing and phonics sessions.**
3. 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.

There may be additional home learning challenges set in line with our topic.

Book bags and water bottles

All children in KS1 should have a school book bag and **not a backpack**. Book bags keep our precious books safe. Your child should have their reading pouch in their book bag every day. Children should bring a named water bottle to school but this should be carried separately and not be placed inside book bags.

Weather ready/PE

Children should have a named coat in school at all times. During colder weather, a named warm hat and gloves are recommended. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit and trainers **ONLY** on our scheduled PE days. During the autumn term, Amazon Class will do PE on a **Tuesday and Friday**.

Please ensure that on all other days, children are wearing the correct school uniform, including black school shoes and black, grey or white socks. Should your child have a sports club after school on a non-PE day, they should wear school shoes to school and bring trainers to change into for their after school club.

Woods

There is no woods learning for either Year 1 or Year 2 this term.

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.

We look forward to another exciting term ahead.

The Amazon Class Team