

RHINE CLASS NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 4 2026

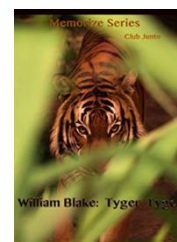
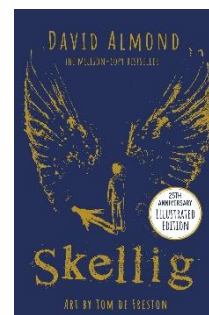


Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to the second half of the spring term. It is wonderful to have everyone back safe and well and we hope you have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable half term break. Together with the children we are looking forward to the exciting term ahead, continuing our quest for learning and exploring together.

Topics

This half term we will be taking off with the topic, **'Flight'**. We plan to visit the Hawk Conservatory Trust (more details to follow) a bird park that has a wide range of birds of prey. We will be studying the book 'Skellig' by David Almond. In the past children have found it useful to have a copy of their own text(there is a news 25th anniversary edition) please don't be tempted to watch the film.



Other areas of the curriculum that will be covered

English	Diary extract & book review of Skellig, Discussion text and William Blake style poem, fact file on birds
Maths	Y4: Graphs, Fractions & Decimals, Time Y5: Percentages & Geometry, Position & Movement Y6: Volume, Geometry & Position & Movement
Science	STEM Week & Forest School (Thursday afternoons – see previous email)
History	Not this term
Geography	Map skills & biomes
Computing	Databases and information
Art and DT	The Angel of the North. Technique - Sculpture. Artist – Anthony Gormley
Music	Y4 Ukulele
RE	How do inspirational people impact on how we live today?
PSHE	Rights & Respect
PE	Lacrosse & Netball
MFL	Y5/6 – Au salon de <u>thé</u> (At the Tea Room)

Forest School

On Thursday afternoons, Rhine Class will have Forest School with Mrs Breen. Being able to explore the natural world, take risks and learn new skills is hugely beneficial for children's confidence and holistic development. For this half term our sessions will have a focus on being in nature, team-building and communication.

Forest School will take place whatever the weather, with the exception of high winds or thunderstorms. On Forest School days children should come dressed in layers of clothes suitable for being outdoors (clothes that you don't mind getting dirty) and appropriate for the weather. These must include long sleeves and trousers (no skirts, shorts or dresses), to protect from scratches and bites, including ticks. Extra socks, hat and gloves are recommended in cold weather.

The track leading to the woods and the ground in the woods is muddy so all children must have wellies to change in to. If your child does not own any wellies, please contact the office as soon as possible, so we can try to source a spare pair.

We rely on parent helpers to make Forest School possible, without parent helpers Forest School cannot take place. If you are able to volunteer for any of the following dates, please email admin@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk

Thursday 26th February, Thursday 5th March, Thursday 12th March, Thursday 19th March

Specialist Teachers

This term the children will be taught Lacrosse by Mr Roberts who is the South Central Regional Officer/Education & Skills for Lacrosse England, Mr Myles for computing and Year 4 will be taught by Mr Dunn for ukulele.

Reading

Reading is an incredibly important skill that feeds into every aspect of your child's education, prospects of success and future life. At Stanton St Quintin, books and reading are at the heart of our school, teaching and learning and it is our passion to instil a love for reading in every child. Please ensure you listen to your child read and record in their diary.

Weather ready/PE

Children should have a named coat in school at all times as we will go outside in most weathers. Gloves are a good idea for if it is cold especially when holding a lacrosse stick.

Pencil Cases

We provide the children with all the equipment they need. However they are able to bring in a SMALL pencil case with a pencil, pen (this should be blue ink, no biros are allowed), rubber, small ruler, pencil sharpener – NO SHARPIES or felt tip pens please. All stationery should be named.

Snacks and Water bottle

It is very important that children are keep fuelled and hydrated throughout the day so your child will need a named water bottle in school every day. We also recommend that have a healthy snack at break time to keep them going till lunchtime. Please ensure any reusable snack pots are named.

How you can support your child & contacting us:

Your child's education is a partnership and we look forward to developing a close relationship with you.

We ask that you:

- Support your child in his/her learning through practice at home and promoting positive attitudes
- Encourage personal independence by making sure your child has the correct things they need each day
- Support the school's policies, including home learning
- Make sure your child is in school and on time
- Make sure that you have given us the updated permissions and contact information

Please don't hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions or queries. Please see information sent at the beginning of this term outlining how to contact us should you have any questions. The best way to contact us is to use the admin email admin@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk For urgent messages please call the school office on 01666 837602.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead!

Rhine Class Team - Mrs Matthews, Ms Hyde & Mrs MacKenzie