



Stanburn Primary School

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Reception Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2023—second half



Key Events:

School Reopens: Monday 30th October
EYFS Oral Health Workshop: TBA
PTA Bag to School: Friday 3rd November
PTA Movie Night: Friday 10th November
Road Safety Week: Monday 13th-Friday 17th November
Anti-Bullying Week: Monday 20th-Friday 27th November
Parents Evening Meetings: Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th November
Christmas Jumper Day: Thursday 7th December
REmerald Nativity: Wednesday 13th December
RFern Nativity: Thursday 14th December
ROlive Nativity: Friday 15th December
PTA Winter Fair: Friday 15th December
End of Term: Thursday 21st December, school finishes at **1.30pm**

Communication and Language

All children will be encouraged to speak to their peers about their learning using specific vocabulary related to their learning. They will learn about and share their knowledge of Diwali and Christmas. They will join in with the stories of Rama and Sita and the Nativity. They will use their own first hand experiences to develop their role playing and develop their confidence when speaking in small groups and in front of the class.

Literacy

Children will be taught to write their own names independently, forming their letters carefully. When writing, they will be encouraged to hold their pencils with a tripod grip and listen for the phonemes they know. The children will become more confident identifying initial phonemes and will begin hearing others in words they want to write. They will also learn to recognise these graphemes in books and begin to blend them together in order to read.



Welcome to Reception!

The next topic in Reception is 'Festivals and Celebrations'.

Read on to find out what the children will be learning this half term.

Please come and see us if you have any questions! Mr Lyon (REmerald), Miss Holgate (RFern) and Miss Berry (ROlive)

The school target for attendance is 97%.
The current attendance for Reception is 97%

This half term's learning is: Festivals and Celebrations



Mathematics

The children will begin to follow and create repeated patterns using a range of objects. As the half term progresses the children will begin to recognise and use numbers 1 to 5 through counting and subitising. We will use language such as more and less when counting. We will also be looking at 2D shapes, their properties and recognising them in the environment.



Understanding the World

The children will talk about special times which are important to them and how they celebrate their special days at home with their families. Each class will take part in a seasonal walk in the school grounds and discuss what has changed since starting school. The children will have lots of fun planning and taking part in a birthday party for Elmer the patchwork elephant!



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Now that the children have settled, they will begin their journey to an even greater level of independence. They will access and tidy away resources, developing the confidence to say what they want or need. They will follow their class charters, understanding that as children they all have rights. The children will also be encouraged to put on their coats and attempt to do their zips as independently as possible.

How you can support your child at home:

- Read a story together. Ask your child to retell the story in their own words.
- Practise writing your child's name.
- Practise writing numbers to ten.
- Talk about school with your child. What have they done today? Who have they seen? Where have they been?
- Practise changing clothing, going to the toilet and putting on coats independently.





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Physical Development

As gross and fine motor skills continue to develop, the children will build and construct with blocks. Their hand-eye co-ordination will improve further with experiences such as threading and pinching using a variety of resources. The children will participate in games in the playground and outdoor area which will focus on moving in different directions. The children will be taught to be mindful of their surroundings when moving at pace or changing direction during PE sessions.



Home Learning

- Please read with your child at home and send in their book bag every day.
- **Please remember to keep water bottles out of book bags!**
- Please complete your child's phonics home learning, revising the phonemes and sentences of the week.
- Please access Class Dojo and Education City with your child to complete their home learning activities.
- Home learning activities are set each Friday.



Expressive Arts and Design

The children will role play different celebrations in the home corner and use their own experiences to influence their play. Colour will be explored through firework pictures, Rangoli patterns and various creative Elmer activities. As part of our planning for Elmer's party, the children will design and create their own decorations and games which will be used at Elmer's party! We will also be rehearsing for our class Nativity.

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 Festivals and Celebrations**



PE Days

	Indoor	Outdoor
Olive	Monday	Friday
Emerald	Wednesday	Friday
Fern	Tuesday	Friday

Understanding the World - Computing

The children are getting used to moving and clicking a mouse. Their control is improving and they are beginning to interact with different computing programs. They will be going to the Cherry computing suite and are learning how to log on and off the computers. They are beginning to understand the importance of online safety and keeping passwords a secret.



PE

Children should continue to wear their PE kits into school on PE days.

Please provide a spare change of clothes in PE bags in case of emergencies.

Remember there should be **no** jewellery worn on these days!

Please note that your child cannot take part in PE if they are wearing jewellery.

