



# Stanburn Primary School

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Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2024—First half



## Key Events:

**School reopens:** Monday 8th January

**Hobgoblin Theatre (performing in school for Y2):** Monday 22nd January

**NSPCC Number Day:** Friday 2nd February

**PTA Cake Sale:** Monday 5th February

**Safer Internet Day:** Wednesday 7th February

**Half term break:** Monday 12th February—  
Friday 16th February

**Spring 2 starts:** Monday 19th February

## Welcome to Year 2

*Welcome to Spring 1's curriculum newsletter. This will provide you with information about what your child will be learning during the first half of the Spring term.*

The school target for attendance is 97%.

The current attendance for Year Two is **95.2%**

## This half term's topic is: Into the Woods!



## Geography

This half term, the children will be answering the question, why is our world wonderful? Year 2 will be learning about the five oceans by investigating them via books or technology and will learn to mark them correctly on world maps. The children will be learning about some famous human and physical landmarks in the UK as well as around the world. After investigating, they will be able to explain to their peers why these landmarks are so famous all over the globe. They will also be creating their own sketch maps of the school grounds. They will label the human or physical features they can see after investigating together as a class around the school environment.



## DT

In Design and Technology, the children will be designing and creating their own hand puppets! After reading a variety of traditional tales, they will create a design based on their favourite fairy-tale character. The children will be building on previously learned skills such as cutting and joining before introducing them to sewing with adult support! They will then evaluate their puppets with their peers before sharing with the rest of the class.



## Science

The children will be concluding their learning on habitats and microhabitats this half term. They will learn about food chains within a habitat and identify which creatures are prey or predators. Next, the children will design their own creature or animal and give it the features needed to ensure it is suited to the habitat they've chosen for it. The children will discuss their new creatures, make necessary adjustments and decide which ones are best suited to their chosen habitats.



## How you can support your child at home:

- Read 10-15 minutes daily!
- Ask your child questions about the books they are reading!
- Practise your child's spellings!
- Work on your child's handwriting. Can they join letters neatly on the line?
- Complete home learning each week!
- Visit the library and read some traditional tales/fairy-tale stories!
- Can you find any habitats or microhabitats close to home? Where are they? What lives there?



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In English our traditional tales will be 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'Hansel and Gretel'. The children will be learning how to add suffixes such as -ful, -ly and -ness to a root word. They will be taught alongside the spelling rules we follow when using suffixes. The children will be learning how to use an apostrophe in a contracted word. This half term, the children will have opportunities to write a letter and instructions in order to continue to build on their stamina for writing. They will also be learning how to extend their sentences using a range of conjunctions in place of a full stop.

## PSHE (including RHE)

Our theme this half term is 'Dreams and Goals'. The children will become self reflective learners as they explore their dreams and goals for the future. Throughout the unit, the children will describe some ways which they can work with other people to help make the world a better place.



## RE

This half term the children will learn how nature is important in religions, with a focus on Buddhism and Christianity. They will look at the Creation story and will also hear the story of Prince Siddhartha and the Swan. The children will discuss both stories, explain why they are important to both religions and understand how they are both connected to nature.



## Maths

This half term the children will be learning how to multiply and divide numbers. They will understand the links between multiplication and division by using practical resources and arrays in order to multiply and divide confidently. The children will be focusing on counting in steps of 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's. We will also be counting amounts of money in pounds and pence as well as making the same amounts of money in a variety of ways using physical coins.



## WEEKLY SCHEDULES

	Outdoor PE	Indoor PE
2 Mango	Monday	Thursday
2 Tangerine	Thursday	Tuesday
2 Coral	Thursday	Wednesday
2 Apricot	Friday	Thursday

## Computing

In computing, the children will be learning about online safety through Purple Mash. They will learn that e-mails are a communication tool and learn how we can use these in a safe way when opening or writing one. We will also teach them what a digital footprint is and how we can keep our personal information private.



## Indoor PE:

This half term, we are working on our running, jumping and throwing skills. The children will be moving through obstacle courses and learning how to use their legs to turn, jump and create power.



## Outdoor PE:

This half term, the children will send and return a ball using their feet. They will refine ways to control their body movements and use a range of equipment. They will recall and link combinations of skills e.g. dribbling and passing.

## Music

In music, the children will continue to play and maintain steady beats when clapping in unison as a class. They will be identifying and responding to changes in pitch, upwards and downwards before performing these changes in pitch themselves, using whole body movement, voice and when handling musical instruments.

