



# Stratford – Sub – Castle Church of England VC Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Kay Bridson B.A (Hons) PGCE



*Life in all its fullness*

head@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk  
admin@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk  
www.stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk

Salisbury  
Wilts  
SP1 3LL

☎ 01722 327 227  
☎ 01722 327 227

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear All

Welcome back! I do hope you managed to enjoy some fresh-air and recreation over the summer break.

I would like to welcome all the new children and their families to our Stratford family! Everyone seems to be settling in very nicely and we all seem to be walking in the correct direction most of the time!

I would also like to welcome Mrs. Caroline Dugwell to the staff. Woodpecker Class seem to be making a good job of making her welcome and I know Mrs Dugwell is a real asset to the school!

## **Office news**

The office door is 'open' in the mornings from 08:40 onwards. If you need to speak to Mrs Munt in person, she will come outside to meet you. However, whenever possible please phone or e-mail her. Please try to keep face to face contact with the office staff to a minimum.

We will take phone calls from 08:30. Please call in if your child is sick. This is vital and helps us to know they are safe and haven't got lost on the way to school!

Please sign up for Parentpay if you haven't already, as it really helps to reduce administration time. Something we do not have enough of, due to financial pressures.

The office is closed from 15:30 until 08:30 the next morning. Anyone making late bookings for Early Birds or Night Owls is asked to contact Miss Hardiman or Mrs Webb between 15:30 and 17:00. **Please ring: 07974 957 055** or see them in person! Booking forms for the entire academic year are to be found on the school website.

**Information can be accessed on the school web-site: [www.stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk)**

## **PE lessons**

Please ensure your child has their PE kit **every day as things do change**. There are so many events each week which may cause us to have to change things around!

## **School Meals**

School meals are **£3.00**. This service has to be subsidised by the school budget when the uptake is low or when children do not have their Universal Free School Meal. The subsidy gets less as more children have hot meals. The meals are delicious and are good value for money at £3.00. The governors have a duty to provide meals but they do not have to be hot. Please support our hot meal service; it will not survive if we as a school are unable to meet higher and higher subsidies. This takes money from the education budget!

## **Recorder Lessons**

Woodpecker Class and Fox Class receive recorder lessons from Mr Walker on a Friday morning. The timetable will vary to take into account C-19.



### PLEASE REMEMBER...

School rules **DO** apply before and after school. Children (and adults!) must **NOT**

- climb on fences or gates (use gates)
- climb under fences (use gates)
- play on the field\*, track or in the den area (before and after school). \*The field/ track is subject to duty staff permission on a day by day basis
- venture into the garden area
- get out play equipment (except for that provided in the morning)
- stand on picnic benches (people don't want to sit on your muddy foot prints!)
- cycle or scoot on the premises, please wheel your cycles and scooters to the gate.

Adults please do not...

- come into buildings without a member of staff inviting you inside
- park on the zig-zag lines, double yellow lines or in the bus-stop.

**Please do not get involved with 'telling off' other people's children. Please come and see Mrs Watkins or myself if you have concerns about anyone's behaviour adult or child!**



### **School Photographer- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.**

This time of year the individual and family portraits are done (in time for Christmas), whilst the class photos are taken in the summer. Please note, you are under no obligation to buy. All the children will have a photo taken individually (for school records).

All siblings will be photographed together – unless you specifically tell us that you do not want this to happen.

Due to C-19 pre-school children are not invited (as last year – sorry)!

### **Miscellaneous**

- **Please do not use class e-mail addresses to contact teachers as these are just being used for Remote learning purposes and Parents' Evenings**
- **Please note end of the day routines have changed from last year. Please pick up at 15:00 or 15:05. We are aiming for all pupils to be off the premises by 15:10.**

**COLLECTION – Please note we have reduced to two slots and all children should leave by 15:10 unless they are staying for Night Owls**

- Meet up and leave the school site immediately according to your **child's surname**.

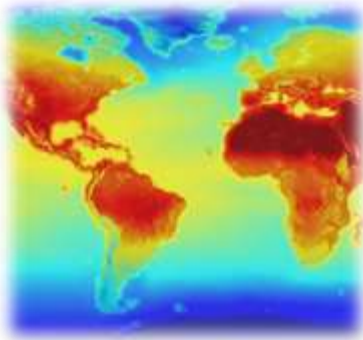
- **15:00 – 15:05 = A to L**

- **15:05 – 15:10 = M to Z**

- If you are travelling/ leaving with someone who has a different surname please let us know. We will arrange for you to leave together.

## Termly Topic: September / October 2021

**Termly Topic:** The Termly Topic this term is to be based on the theme **CHANGES**



What about **climate change**? What about **changes across the seasons**? Changes across **life**?  
How is your life different to that of your parents and grandparents growing up? What about **reversible and irreversible changes** in Science?

As usual be as creative as you like; but you must also write something and make a record of your Termly Topic in your book!

This is to be completed in the book provided by the school and handed in on **Friday 15th October** to each class teacher. All children completing the task are recognised with a certificate. Creative Awards (books as prizes) will recognise the most 'interesting' ideas.

**This is compulsory for Y4, Y5 and Y6** and optional for all other year groups. Pupils in the younger year groups will need to ask their teacher for a book to complete the work Termly Topic in as they will not automatically be issued with one.



‘Trying to learn without going over things; is like trying to fill the bath without putting the plug in!’ Mike Hughes 1999



## **Home Learning (Homework)**

The main focus of home learning is reading, practising spellings and learning number facts.

### **Home Learning for EYFS & KS1 2021**

**Please note we teach your children to read but it is down to you to help them to PRACTISE!**

**Help to put the plug in!**

**Please remember phonics sessions happen daily and pupils learn reading and spelling patterns during these sessions.**

EYFS: Reading (5 times a week) and words, counting backwards and one to one correspondence, (Counting things not just saying numbers). (See *Planet Booklet/Maths Facts Booklet*- it will be given out on 30.09.21)

Year 1: Reading (5 times a week), and *Planet Booklet/Maths Facts Booklet*.

Year 2: Reading (5 times a week), spelling lists and *Planet Booklet/Maths Facts Booklet*.

### **Home Learning for KS2 2021**

Year 3: Reading (5 times a week), spelling lists and *Planet Booklet – Maths Facts Booklet*

Year 4: Reading (5 times a week), spelling lists, *Planet Booklet/Maths Facts Booklet* and Termly Topic.

Year 5: Reading (5 times a week), spelling lists, *Planet Booklet/Maths Facts Booklet* and Termly Topic.

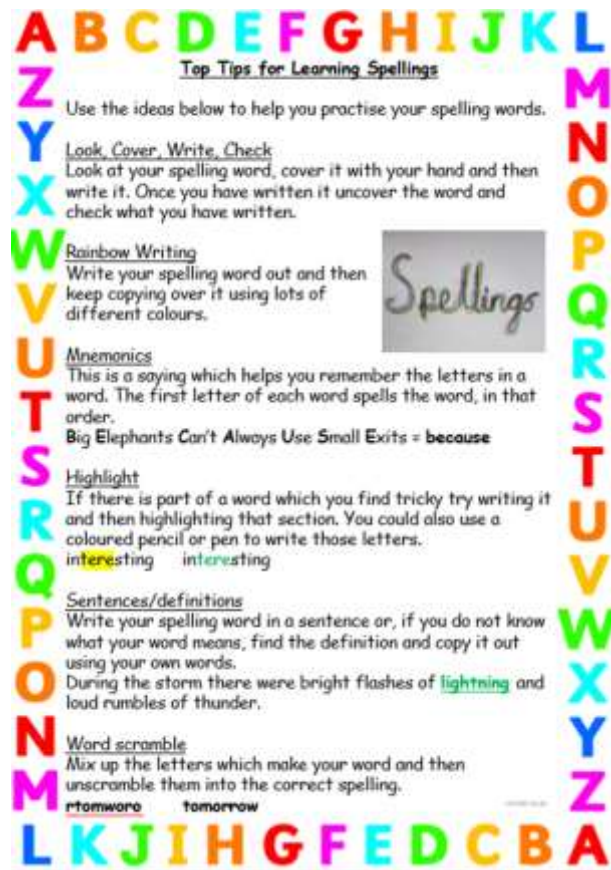
Year 6: Reading (5 times a week), spelling lists, *Planet Booklet/Maths Facts Booklet* and Termly Topic, SATs practise papers/activities rotation of comprehension, grammar, punctuation & spelling or maths. Y6 receive this sort of home learning it is given out on a Friday and handed in the next Friday.

**Reading:** Reading records are checked once a week on a Monday. Children are recognised for reading 5 times with a sticker. If children read 5 times a week for a term their efforts are recognised with a certificate.

**What does reading 5 times a week mean?** Reading could be spread over the seven days in a week, or you may read twice in one day if that is easier. Reading will vary according to the age and reading skills of each child. Reading could be sharing a book together, not necessarily the scheme book or the child reading all the words in the book. Children may choose to read an article on the Newsround website (or similar) and this will count as long as a record is made in the Reading Record book. *The Reading Journey* (Helpful hints for reading) booklet is available in the ‘Parent Workshop Information’ section of the school website and is attached to this letter.

**Spelling:** Children (Y1 – Y6) are provided with a weekly or bi-weekly set of spellings. This will be located in their Spelling Book. Once a week the children we have a ‘check-up’ on these spellings and previously learned words. This may take the form of a dictation.

**What does learning your spellings mean?** We do not expect children to just go through the motions of learning their spellings, but to actually take responsibility for their learning and to extend their spelling skills by making an effort to learn new words. Children are provided with ideas of how to learn spellings. See *Tips for Learning Spellings* (Inside cover of spelling books) and below.



**Maths Booklets:** Each cohort has a 'Planet: Maths Fact Booklet'. The aim of the booklets is for the children to be able to recall number, measure and geometry facts quickly and without thinking. This means being able to say multiplication tables in about 20 seconds and to recall isolated times table facts immediately.

In Key Stage 2, children will be given a challenge by their teacher to know all the times tables in order, to know them mixed up and also to know division facts.

Inside the booklet are the other number, measure and geometry facts your child needs to know. As parents, please tick and initial the 'home boxes' as required. (One tick/initial = one box) to verify your child is able to recall the maths facts being focussed on.

<https://stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk/planet-booklets/>

This link takes you to the booklets and lots of helpful hints to help parents... to help with Maths! 😊😊😊😊😊

Both Mrs Watkins, all the staff and I are committed to being here for you, so please leave a message for us in the office, if you are unable to grab us, when you want us! We will get back to you. Please do not let concerns become major worries.

**Unfortunately, this week has been a bit tricky (behind the scenes) due to Mrs Munt being quite ill (non C-19 related) and Mrs Watkins having a family crisis. Please bear with us, as we are shorthanded and doing our best each day. Things, which are not immediately 'important', may take more time than usual.**

Kindest regards Kay Bridson