

Welcome to Year 5!

Mrs Williamson, Mrs Pennington, Miss Mooney and Miss Shine would like to welcome you to Year 5.

Welcome to Upper Key Stage 2! Year 5 is an inspiring but busy year, packed full of new opportunities to excel both in and out of the classroom. The children have had a fantastic start in their new classes, and worked hard to create a great first impression.

Working alongside us to support the children are our LSAs: Mrs Aitken, Ms Baker and Mrs Dobson.

To find out more about our curriculum, please look at our curriculum overview which outlines subject coverage for the year and also our current creative curriculum unit of work which are published on our school website.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that contact with Year 5 staff should be made via a note in your child's planner or via the year5@stannsheath.org email. If you have a general query or need to report an absence, please contact the school office.

Planners

Planners are a brilliant tool for communication between home and school. Any changes made to the usual pick up routine should be written in the planner. Please could you ensure that your child's planner is signed every weekend to confirm that all messages home have been received. On Mondays, the previous week will be signed off by a member of staff.

Equipment

PE kit—worn on a Monday and a Friday.

Children need to come to school wearing their PE kit and bring with them their school shoes, a spare pair of socks and a rain jacket in a named bag.

Pencil cases (to fit in trays) - a list of equipment has been provided. Please can we ask that this is standard equipment and nothing too distracting. They should have a blue hand-writing pen and not a biro as all written work is completed in pen.

Coats are needed for break times.

The school uniform policy can be found in the planner on page 9.

How to support your child at home

Homework - Please refer to page 10 of the school planner which details homework expectations.

Homework is set on Wednesday and is due in on a Monday. It will generally be an English, Science or Maths based activity. Children are responsible for recording their homework in their school planner and ensuring that it is handed in on time.

Reading - We ask that children read 5 days a week for a minimum of 15 minutes. Children to record what pages have been read and parent to initial. Writing in the planner will ensure your child is included in the class reading challenge!

Times Tables - These are tested twice a week. We ask that children practise their tables 5 days a week for 15 minutes, to build up their speed and fluency and support mental arithmetic. This can be done by using **Times Tables Rockstars** online.

Spelling - Please support your child in learning the year 5/6 spelling list which can be found on page 115 of the school planner.

Boosters and Interventions

Throughout the year, we aim to run a range of interventions according to the children's needs to support and extend their learning.

Snacks and water

We advise that all children should bring in a snack for break time (fresh fruit or vegetables or dried fruit). No bars, 'winders' or sweets please.

We are a nut free school.

Every child should have a named water bottle that they bring into class every morning. This will be used throughout the day including break and lunch times.

Pick up and drop off

Just to remind you:

- Drop off is between 8.40-8.50am
- Pick up time is between 3.20-3.30pm

Please ensure that you keep to these times to ensure that the system runs smoothly.