



Year 1 Class Newsletter



I am so excited to welcome you all to year one. I hope that the summer holiday has been full of fun and rest and that you are ready for the new school year. In this newsletter, I will explain some of the learning and activities for this term. If you still have questions after reading the newsletter, please just talk to me on the door or over the phone.

We are always here to help!

Mr Middleton

Our learning this term:

Class Texts

This term we will be looking at several class texts to focus our writing and comprehension around. 'Arlo the Lion Who Couldn't Sleep' helps us learn how to be considerate to others, with lots of description opportunities. 'Lubna and Pebble' tells a caring story about a refugee child. 'Out and About' helps us to explore nature, the seasons and poetry using our senses. We will also have a vote for a focus for our Christmas text.

Hook Day

As you will see on our medium term plan, one of our learning topics this term is learning about the history of inventions and toys over time. We will get this topic off to an exciting start by launching with a **Hook Day: Inventor's Workshop on Monday 7th September**. We will look at how inventors solve problems, create junk models and sketches of new inventions and come up with a 'Year 1 Book of Brilliant Inventions'. Please bring in boxes, bottles and other recycled materials! Own clothes and dress-up optional.

Continuous Provision

At Laceby Stanford, we value learning-through-play as a rich and developmentally-appropriate learning style throughout KS1. Therefore, children will continue to have daily access to play-based resources (known as continuous provision) as part of the classroom environment.

Phonics

Your child will continue to learn to read using the Read Write Inc phonics scheme. They will have daily phonics lessons where they will learn how to read and spell using newly taught graphemes/phonemes and share books they have read in class sessions as their home readers.

Village Walk

As part of learning about our local geography and beginning to understand geographical language, we will be taking a walk around the village and stopping off at spots, such as the Church, the stream, the library and some shops.

Key Class Dates:

Hook Day - Monday 7th September

Reading and Cakes - Thursday 17th September at 2.50pm - *We would like to invite you to read with your child and enjoy some refreshments as we begin the term.*

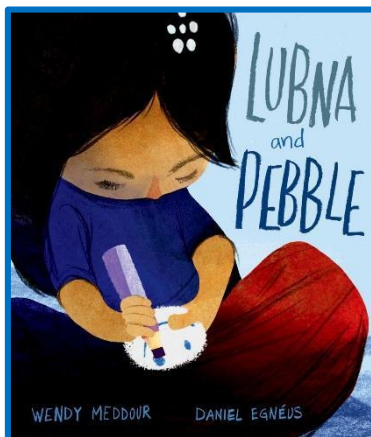
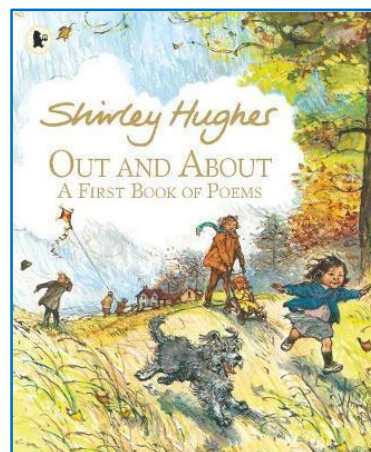
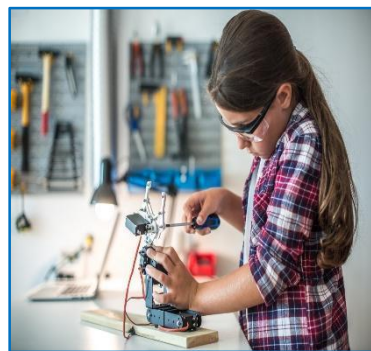
MacMillan Coffee Morning - Thursday 24th September (am - EYFS/KS1)

Harvest - Friday 2nd October

After-School Autumn Event - Wednesday 21st October

Christmas Fayre - Wednesday 2nd December

Christmas Show - Friday 11th December (2pm)





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Home Learning

Our home learning will be split into 2 categories: weekly essentials and enrichment ideas.

Weekly Essentials:

Reading: Please continue to support your child's home reading. We ask that they read for a minimum of 3 times a week, which should be logged in your reading diaries.

Spelling challenge: Spellings should be practiced on Spelling Shed. These will be in a quiz on a Friday.

Enrichment Ideas:

Please choose some of these activities over the whole of the term to show creativity with your home learning. Pick what you enjoy. There is no expected amount and you might have your own lovely ideas to share.

General Reminders

PE: Our PE will take place on Thursdays. It is very important that pupils take part in every PE lesson. Please speak to staff or check our policy, if you are unsure about kit.

Water bottles: The children should bring in a water bottle from home with a sports style cap, which they can access throughout the day. They will be encouraged to change their water regularly and take them home each evening to be washed. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.

Rucksacks: Your child should only need to bring their packed lunch, a water bottle and their reading book if they wish to change it. PE kits can be stored at school throughout the term.

Other School Dates:

- 14th September - Jeans for Genes week
- 14th September - Recycling Week
- 15th September - Day of Democracy
- 21st September - Fairtrade Fortnight
- 21st September - Yom Kippur
- October - Black History Month
- 1st October - National Poetry Day
- 1st October - Individual Photos
- 11th October - World Mental Health Day
- 19th October - The Hindu Experience visitor
- 21st October - Autumn After-School Event
- 5th November - Guy Fawkes
- 6th November - Diwali
- 11th November - Remembrance
- 13th November - Children in Need
- 16th November - Anti-Bullying Week
- 16th November - Road Safety Week
- 23rd November - UK Parliament Week
- 2nd December - Christmas Fayre
- 5th December - Hanukkah