



Poppy Class Newsletter – Autumn 2026



Hello and welcome to Poppy Class!

I am so thrilled to be working with the Year 4 children and I am sure we will have lots of fun over the next year! We have a busy but exciting term ahead of us. This newsletter should cover any questions you may have, however, if you have any further questions then please feel free to e-mail or speak to myself, or a member of the support team.

We are always happy to help.

Our learning this term

This term our learning will be inspired by the texts *The Boy at the Back of the Class* and *The Matchbox Diaries*, through which children will develop their writing skills across a range of genres including diaries, persuasive writing, newspaper reports and non-chronological reports. In Maths, we will focus on place value, addition and subtraction, area, multiplication and division, whilst continuing to build fluency with times tables. Our science learning will explore states of matter, the water cycle and the work of significant scientists. In Geography, children will investigate what a settlement is and why people settle in certain places (including learning about migration), while History will focus on the Anglo-Saxon settlers in British history. In Art, we will explore light and dark through painting and mixed media, and in DT we will design and create shell structures and gift boxes. Children will also develop their computing skills through collaborative learning, spreadsheets and programming using Scratch. Our RE topic will explore how faith influences the lives of Hindus and Muslims, while PSHE will focus on teamwork, respect, responsibility and celebrating individuality. Alongside this, children will enjoy learning French, developing their musical skills through body and tuned percussion, and participating in netball and basketball during PE.

At Laceby Stanford we take great pleasure in showcasing our learning on our class blogs and Facebook page. Remember to check these out and see the wonderful learning that is taking place.

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 their reading diaries. The children will also need to complete a written reading response which they can choose from the list of ideas provided.

Spelling challenge: Spellings should be practised on Spelling Shed. These will be tested on a Friday.

Enrichment Ideas:

Please choose at least 6 activities over the whole of the term.

General Reminders

PE: We try to do as many lessons outside as possible so it is important that the children have both inside and outside PE kits including suitable footwear and warm clothing. Please ensure that children with long hair have it tied back and earrings are removed. We would suggest you leave their kit at school so it is always available.

Uniform: Can you please make sure uniform & PE kits are clearly labelled to avoid confusion when children misplace some of their belongings.

Coats: As the weather is changeable and we like to use our outdoor learning environment, please ensure that your child has a suitable coat with them regardless of the weather conditions.

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. As children should not be bringing non-essential items in from home, rucksacks should not be brought into school, especially as there is limited storage space in the classroom.

Look out for...

Community Events

4th September - Anglo-Saxon Hook Day
14th September - Jeans for Genes week
25th September - MacMillan Coffee Morning
1st October - Wrates
2nd October - Harvest Festival
13th November - Children in Need
7th December 2pm - Christmas Performance
2nd December - Christmas Fayre
15th December - Pantomime

Assemblies and Curriculum Focus

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
11th October - World Mental Health Day
5th November - Guy Fawkes
6th November - Diwali
11th November - Remembrance
16th November - Anti-Bullying Week
16th November - Road Safety Week
23rd November - UK Parliament Week
5th December - Hanukkah

Thank you and have a great holiday.

See you in September!

Miss Sutton and the Year 4 team