

Dear Parents & Carers,

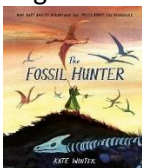


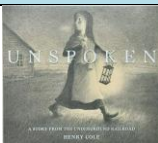
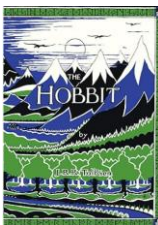
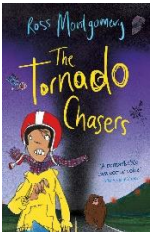
We hope you enjoyed a lovely half term break and that the children are excited to be returning to school. It is set to be an exciting term with lots of new opportunities and experiences.

Topic

This term our topic is called 'Going places' which will include a study on North America, and to support this a trip to the American Museum.

Other areas of the curriculum that will be covered. For more details visit the Curriculum section on our website.



Spring Term 2			
English   	Y3&4: Will use two books next term. Firstly 'The Fossil Hunter' a book by Kate Winter which connects nicely with the work we have been doing in Science on Mary Anning; we will be using this text primarily for reading lessons. The Ever Changing Earth by Grahame Baker Smith will be the text we use for most of our writing lessons this term. Topics from both books and also current affairs will be used for our weekly oracy discussions and development.	  	Y5&6: We will be reading a haunting wordless story 'Unspoken' by Harry Cole, about a young girl's courage when she discovers a runaway slave hiding in the barn. The children will create wanted posters, write letters of advice (a chance to apply their learning on subjective!) retell in role and then write a biography on Harriet Tubman. We will also be reading a selection of books including The Hobbit and books by Ross Montgomery prior to him visiting us after Easter. In class discussions we will be drawing upon knowledge of the world to support own points of view and explore different perspectives. We will also be focusing on formal and informal language, as well as starting sentences with a subordinate clause.
Maths Y3: Money & Time Y4: Time & Decimals Y5: Decimals & Percentages Y6: Algebra, Area & Perimeter & Volume For more details on these topics please click here	PSHE	Rights and Respect	
		Y3&4 Looks at issues such as: respecting others, looking after the environment and financial awareness	Y5&6 Looks at issues such as: citizenship, the environment, community & taxation
Science	Evolution and Inheritance	PE	Netball & Gymnastics (Both Friday)
History	Not this term	Geography	A study of North America
Music	Enrichment - Ukulele (Year 3 & 4)	RE	Special People- What matters to Christians about Easter?
Computing	Internet research and communication (including AI)	Art	Textiles – weaving Artist Study: Sham Goshorn
MFL	Les Animaux (Animals)		

Forest School Learning - YEAR 5 & 6 ONLY

This half term, Years 5 & 6 will have Forest School with Mrs Breen on a Wednesday afternoon, from 1.30pm-3.00pm. Our activities this term will complement the class topic 'North America'. There will be a focus on collaborative projects to encourage good communication, cooperation and friendship. These activities will include building tipis, weaving, totem poles, telling stories with traditional North American story stones. We will hope to have a campfire too.

Forest School will take place whatever the weather, with the exception of high winds or thunderstorms. On Forest School days children should come dressed in layers of clothes suitable for being outdoors (clothes that you don't mind getting dirty) and appropriate for the weather. These must include long sleeves and trousers (no skirts, shorts or dresses), to protect from scratches and bites, including ticks. Children will need to wear waterproof trousers and wellies (wellies should come in a named bag). Extra socks, hat and gloves are recommended in cold weather. Unfortunately, any child who is not suitably dressed will not be able to join us for Forest School, for their own safety.

We rely on parent helpers to make Forest School possible, without parent helpers Forest School cannot take place. So if you are able to volunteer (even if it is only once a term) please email darlingclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk or speak to Mrs Breen. The first session will be on **Wednesday 21st February**.

Home Learning Summary

	Year 3 & 4	Year 5 & 6
Reading	Children should be reading for at least 20mins every day and an adult needs to sign their reading book mark	Children should be reading for at least 20mins every day and an adult or child can sign their reading book mark
Reading Comprehension	Children will be given a reading comprehension on a Tuesday to be returned by the following Tuesday	Children will be given a reading comprehension on a Tuesday to be returned by the following Tuesday
Maths	10 mins daily practice of times tables on TT rockstars	Year 6 CGP Maths SATs book (once a week) Year 5 & 6 10 mins daily practice of times tables
Spelling	Practice of common exception words on Spelling frame	Practice of common exception words on Spelling frame

Weather ready/PE

Children should have a named coat in school at all times as we will go outside in most weathers. **PE will be on a Friday** and children can come into school in their PE kit on this day.

Pencil Cases

We provide the children with all the equipment they need. However children in Year 5 & 6 are able to bring in a SMALL pencil case with a pencil, pen (this should be blue ink, no biros are allowed), rubber, small ruler, pencil sharpener – NO SHARPIES or felt tip pens please. **All stationery should be named.**

Snacks and Water bottle

It is very important that children are kept fuelled and hydrated throughout the day so your child will need a named water bottle in school every day.

We also recommend that have **a healthy snack at break time** to keep them going till lunchtime. Please ensure any reusable snack pots are named. No crisps, chocolate or other sugary snacks should be brought into school for morning break.

How you can support your child & contacting us:

Your child's education is a partnership and we look forward to developing a close relationship with you.

We ask that you:

- Support your child in his/her learning through practice at home and promoting positive attitudes
- Encourage personal independence by making sure your child has the correct
- Support the school's policies, including home learning
- Make sure your child is in school and on time
- Make sure that you have given us the updated permissions and contact information

The best way to contact us is to use the class email: rhineclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk

For urgent messages please call the school office on 01666 837602.

Please don't hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions or queries. The beginning of the day is a very busy time, so if you do have a longer message or enquiry, please do so at the end of the day or make an appointment.

We look forward to a very exciting term together and wish to thank you for your support.

Rhine Class Team