

Helping Your Child at Home

Reading

Please read with your child at least 4 times a week at home.

Every time your child reads their reading book at home please write in their Reading Record Book/Read Write Inc record. (date, book title, comment).

Your child can change their book daily first thing in the morning if they have read it at home.

Each time your child reads at home they will get a red token to put in the class token pot. This is to help encourage them to read at home. The class with the most tokens wins a reading trophy at the end of every term. Each term the classes aim to beat their previous term's number of reads.

Home support

As well as reading at least 4 times week with an adult, children will be expected to complete weekly MyMaths homework. You will receive more information about this shortly.

Your children will be bringing home their first set of spellings. These are handed out each Friday in readiness for the following Friday. Your children will receive 2 smiley faces for correct spellings.

For extra support, please use www.topmarks.co.uk and www.phonicsplay.co.uk

We would like to thank you for your support and we look forward to welcoming you all and working together.

Year 1 and 2 Clubs

Information about clubs available for Year 2 will be communicated in the form of a letter or an email. These clubs are either free or may incur a small charge, this will be explained in the letter/email.

Year 1 and 2



Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 1 and welcome to Year 1 and 2!

We hope you all had a good Summer break and that you are ready for the first term of the new academic year! We are excited to begin our new theme 'Food Glorious Food'.

The purpose of this leaflet is to provide Year 1 and 2 pupils and parents with information about the term ahead. New leaflets will be emailed at the beginning of every term - these documents are also available to download on the school website: www.standens.northants.sch.uk. Also, you can follow events in Year 1 and 2 on our school Facebook page and Instagram pages. These are embedded on the homepage of the school website.

Theme - 'Food Glorious Food'

Our theme for this term is based on food. This links with many areas of the curriculum, including Science, Art, Geography and Literacy where we will write poems, scene descriptions and learn about different trees and plants. We will also be talking about the countries of the UK and learning how to use maps.

3rd September 2025 - 24th October 2025

Year 1 and 2 Curriculum

Our theme for Term 1 is all about food. With the exception of Maths, RE, PSHE, and ICT, all subjects will be linked to this theme in some way:

Writing:

All our texts and writing genres this term will be connected to our food theme. Through these units of work, the children will develop their speaking and listening, reading and writing skills:

- **Poems**
- **Scene descriptions**
- **Grammarsaurus**

Maths:

We will be spending time this term on place value and addition and subtraction.

Geography

We will be using maps, atlases and globes to locate the countries of the UK and its capital cities and surrounding seas and oceans.

Science

We will be learning about different flowers and trees as well as their main parts and functions.

PSHE

We will start by trying to understand our feelings and learn who to go to if we need to talk about our worries. We will be learning about keeping ourselves and others safe.

Computing

Year 2 will be creating media this term.

DT

This term we will have great fun designing, making and evaluating a disgusting sandwich!

Art

Children will be creating portraits inspired by Guiseppe Arcimboldo, using fruit and vegetables to form faces. Their final piece will use both painting and collage. They will also compare these to Cézanne's still life paintings of fruit and paint their own. They will also experiment with colour mixing.

RE:

During this term, the year 2 children will be learning about Islamic beliefs and culture.

Music:

Year 1 will be learning about pulse, rhythm and duration.

PE: This term we will focus on running, jumping and throwing, as well as some indoor gymnastics.

Please send your child to school in their school PE kit on Thursdays.

Please ensure that earrings are removed for this day.

Overview of excursions and visits in Year 1 and 2

Book Look - 22nd October 2025 - 2.45pm (more details to follow)

We will be taking the children on an excursion to Tesco. More details will follow.

Parents will also be invited in at the end of Term 3 for our Ship Ahoy extravaganza where the children will share their learning. More details to follow.

We will be having some "eggciting" visitors. There will be a small charge for this experience.

We will also do a local walk around the area for our geography learning.

We will be inviting parents in again for the children to share their "eggciting" learning.

And due to a re-vamp of the curriculum, a trip will be announced later in the year.

Thank you for your support, we really appreciate it and we are looking forward to an exciting and successful year together.