



Autumn 2023 Class Newsletter

Ireland

Welcome back to school!

Hello and welcome back to school! We have got lots planned for this year and I cannot wait to get started!

Class Teacher: Miss Taylor

Quick notices:

Reading logs: Miss Fuller and I will be checking reading logs each day. Please ensure that you are reading with your child at least three times a week and that this is recorded in their log.

Homework: Homework will be uploaded half-termly, in the grid format, to Google Classroom. Parents/carers please then **photograph or scan** the children's homework tasks and upload them to Google Classroom.

Spellings: Spellings will be handed out on Monday and tested the following Monday. These will be uploaded to Google Classroom, as well as strategies to help your child learn their spellings.

Allergies - we are a **nut-free** school. We politely request that you ensure your children does not bring nuts into school, either as a snack or in their packed lunches. This includes any food item that may contain nuts.

Snacks - please ensure your child brings a suitable fruit or vegetable snack for their break. Unsuitable items such as large chocolate bars and crisps are not considered to be a healthy snack and will be removed.

Important dates for New Zealand class:

September	October	November	December
5 th - School starts	4 th - Meet the teacher	7 th - Parents' Evening	14 th - Pantomime
7 th - NZ Stone Age Day (Forest School)	18 th - Trip to Arundel Wetlands	9 th - Parents' Evening	14 th - Christmas meal
15 th - Non-uniform day for Harvest	20 th - INSET Day	W.C. 13 th - Anti-bullying week	15 th - Eucharist
22 nd - Harvest Eucharist	23 rd - 26 th - Half Term	17 th - Children in Need non-uniform day	15 th - Class Party
23 rd - Harvest Fayre	30 th - Return to school	23 rd - Celebration Assembly	
26 th - Individual photos	30 th - Flu Sprays		

Curriculum

<p>English - 1st half term: We will be writing instructions based on the book, 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' Story writing inspired by 'Stone Age Boy'. 2nd half term: We will be adapting a familiar story into a play script. Our focus text is 'Stick Man'. We will also study and analyse poetry about rivers. Finally, we will write our own pieces of poetry.</p>	<p>Maths - 1st half term: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place Value • Addition and Subtraction 2nd half term: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition and Subtraction • Multiplication and Division </p>	<p>Science - 1st half term: We will be learning all about rocks. In our very first Science lesson, we made igneous and sedimentary chocolate rocks! 2nd half term: During the second half term we will be learning about Forces and Magnets.</p>
<p>PE - 1st half term: We will be swimming every Tuesday. Mrs Callender will take the children for Hockey on a Friday morning. 2nd half term: Dance will start in the hall and the day will be confirmed closer to the time. Mrs Callender will be teaching Netball.</p>	<p>Spanish - The children will be taught Spanish each week by Miss Bell. During the Autumn term, they will cover: Greetings, saying how we're feeling, numbers up to 12, saying our age, naming colours and finding out about Christmas in Spain.</p>	<p>History - 1st half term: Stone Age! We will learn all about life during the Stone Age. We will explore this through our history lessons, as well as through a range of texts, including, 'Stig of the Dump'.</p>
<p>Geography - 2nd half term: Flow! During the second half term, we will be learning about rivers. This will include how rivers are formed and why rivers are so important to us.</p>	<p>Art - 1st half term - We will be exploring warm and cool colours. We will also investigate cave paintings, using 'The First Drawing' as a stimulus.</p>	<p>D&T - 2nd half term - We will be making water wheels during our Design and Technology lessons.</p>
<p>RE - 1st half term: We will be learning about the Creation Story, followed by Dharma. 2nd half term: We will be investigating the Incarnation.</p>	<p>Music - 1st half term: We will be learning a song called 'Let your Spirit Fly'. 2nd half term: We will be learning how to play the Glockenspiel.</p>	<p>Computing - 1st half term: We will be revisiting and extending our understanding of Coding. 2nd half term: We will be learning about how to be safe online.</p>
<p>RHE - 1st half term: We will be learning about Drugs and Tobacco. 2nd half term: We will be learning about bullying. Please note that all RHE lessons follow our curriculum and are age-appropriate.</p>		

If you have any concerns please feel free to speak with me via the class email ireland@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk, or ring the school on 01798 872007.

Kind regards,
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