



# Autumn 2023 Class Newsletter New Zealand

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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!

## Curriculum

<p><b>English -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be writing instructions based on the book, 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' Story writing inspired by 'Stone Age Boy'.  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> We will be adapting a familiar story into a play script. Our focus will be 'Stick Man'. We will also study and analyse poetry about rivers. Finally, we will write our own pieces of poetry.</p>	<p><b>Maths -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place Value</li> <li>Addition and Subtraction</li> </ul> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addition and Subtraction</li> <li>Multiplication and Division</li> </ul> </p>	<p><b>Science -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be learning all about rocks. In our very first science lesson, we made igneous and sedimentary chocolate rocks!  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> During the second half term we will be learning about Forces and Magnets.</p>
<p><b>PE -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be swimming every Tuesday. Mrs Callender will take the children for Hockey on a Friday morning.  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b>  Dance will start in the hall, the day will be confirmed closer to the time. Mrs Callender will be teaching Netball.</p>	<p><b>Spanish -</b>  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><b>History -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b>  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><b>Geography -</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> 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><b>Art -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term -</b> We will be exploring warm and cool colours. We will also investigate cave paintings, using 'The First Drawing' as a stimulus.</p>	<p><b>D&amp;T -</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term -</b> We will be making water wheels during our Design and Technology lessons.</p>
<p><b>RE -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be learning about the Creation Story, followed by Dharma.</p>	<p><b>Music -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be learning a song called 'Let your Spirit Fly'.  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> We will be learning</p>	<p><b>Computing -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be revisiting and extending our understanding of Coding.</p>

2 <sup>nd</sup> half term: We will be investigative Incarnation.	how to play the Glockenspiel.	2 <sup>nd</sup> half term: We will be learning about how to be safe online.
RHE - 1 <sup>st</sup> half term: We will be learning about Drugs and Tobacco. 2 <sup>nd</sup> half term: We will be learning about bullying. Please note that all RHE lessons follow our curriculum and are age-appropriate.		



### Quick notices:

**Reading logs:** Myself and Mrs Shepherd 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 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 <sup>th</sup> - School starts 7 <sup>th</sup> - NZ Stone Age Day (Forest School) 15 <sup>th</sup> - Non-uniform day for Harvest 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Harvest Eucharist 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Harvest Fayre Glebe Field 26 <sup>th</sup> - Individual photos	4 <sup>th</sup> - Meet the teacher 3.45pm 18 <sup>th</sup> - Trip to Arundel Wetlands 20 <sup>th</sup> - INSET Day 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> - Half Term 30 <sup>th</sup> - Return to school 30 <sup>th</sup> - Flu Sprays	7 <sup>th</sup> - Parent's Evening 9 <sup>th</sup> - Parent's Evening 10 <sup>th</sup> - Firework display W.C. 13 <sup>th</sup> - Anti-bullying week 17 <sup>th</sup> - Children in Need non-uniform day	14 <sup>th</sup> - Pantomime 14 <sup>th</sup> - Christmas meal 15 <sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eucharist 15 <sup>th</sup> - Class Party

If you have any concerns please feel free to speak with me via the class email [nz@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:nz@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk), or ring the school on 01798 872007.

Kind regards,

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