



Summer 2024 Class Newsletter South Africa

Class Teacher: Miss Turner

Welcome back to everyone - we hope you had an enjoyable Easter break. We are looking forward to what promises to be a busy and exciting Summer term.

Here is a brief outline of the topics and areas we will be covering during the coming term.

Themes for the term:

Summer 1 - Below the Waves

Summer 2 - Titanic

Important dates:

- Year 6: Big Top Fundraising: Duathlon - Wednesday 24th April 3:30pm
- Year 5 Residential Information Meeting - Thursday 25th April 3:30pm
- Big Top Fundraising: Cake Sale - Friday 26th April 3:00pm
- Year 6 Residential Information Meeting - Tuesday 30th April 3:30pm
- May Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May
- Year 5 Residential: Cobnor - Wednesday 8th May - Friday 10th May
- SATs Week - Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May - Year 6 Breakfast Club running from 8:00am
- Year 6 Residential: Marchant's Hill - Monday 20th May - Friday 24th May
- HALF TERM - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May
- Forest School Day - Thursday 23rd May
- Year 5: Fire Service to visit - Wednesday 5th June
- Forest School Day - Thursday 6th June
- Summer Fayre - Saturday 8th June
- Class Photos - Friday 14th June
- Year 5 and 6 Sports Day - Wednesday 19th June 9:30am
- Weald Transition Day - Tuesday 25th June
- Year 6 Diocesan Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral - Wednesday 26th June 1:15pm
- Parents' Evenings - Tuesday 2nd July and Thursday 4th July 3:30-6:00pm
- Summer Production - Tuesday 9th July 1:00pm and 6:00pm
- Summer Production - Thursday 11th July and Friday 12th July 6:00pm
- Year 6 Summer Ball - Saturday 13th July 6:00-8:00pm
- Year 5: New class visits - Wednesday 17th July
- Leavers' Service in St Mary's Church - Thursday 18th July 2:00pm
- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - Thursday 20th July 9:30am

Swimming:

Our swimming lessons will take place on Thursday (Weeks B and C) or Friday (Week A). Please note that earrings must be removed for Swimming lessons and children with long hair will require a swimming hat. Other useful items include deodorant (no sprays please) and a hairbrush. Verruca socks must be worn if required; these can be purchased from the local chemist or pharmacy. Please make sure that sun cream or hair gel are not applied before swimming.

We require written consent if you would like your child to wear goggles for our Swimming lessons.

Forest School:

We are pleased to be resuming Forest School sessions for Key Stage 2 this term. Our sessions will take place on Thursday 23rd May and Thursday 6th June. Please ensure that the children are wearing old clothes appropriate for outdoor learning as they are likely to get muddy. Long sleeved tops and trousers are essential to protect them from insect bites and scratches. Layers of clothing are recommended as these can be removed if the children get hot. The children must be wearing sturdy waterproof footwear - walking boots are best, but wellies may be worn as an alternative. All children will need a named water bottle for our Forest School sessions. We would welcome any offers of parent support at our sessions - please let me know if you are able to help on either of the dates.

English:

The units to be covered this term are:

- Non-chronological reports
- Narrative
- Diary entries
- Descriptive writing

Maths:

This term, we will be covering the following units:

- Algebra
- Ratio
- Position and Direction
- Shape, Space and Measure
- Statistics

We will continue to timetable mental maths, arithmetic and problem-solving activities regularly.

Science:

We will be continuing with our unit on Materials. This will be followed by 'Living Things and their Habitats' and 'Animals including Humans.'

Relationship and Health Education:

This term we will be learning about 'Managing Risk: Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco.' This unit will be delivered separately to the Year 5 and Year 6 children.

Computing:

This term we will be looking at *Game Creator* and 3D Modelling.

History:

During the second half of term, we will discover the true and tragic story of the Titanic on its debut trip.

Geography:

We will be learning about oceans around the world and the environmental dangers that they are facing. We will then research coral reefs and produce an information page about this habitat.

RE: This term, our Christianity unit is 'Gospel.' This will be followed by our second unit on Hinduism.

Art: We will study the work of contemporary sculptor Courtney Mattison and illustrator Yellena James. The children will be learning about what inspired these artists to produce sculptures and line drawings of coral and creating their own interpretations using a range of materials.

Spanish: This half term, the children will be studying the Aztecs. Year 5 will then learn about 'Telling the Time' and Year 6 will create bilingual books to introduce Spanish to the children in Reception.

PE: The children will need to bring their PE kits into school each week. Athletics and Outdoor Games will be taught by the Sports Talent Academy coaches on Thursdays. Please ensure that children's PE kits are brought in on a Monday morning. They will remain in school all week and will then come home to be washed on a Friday. All kit must be clearly named, long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed for PE sessions. Children should have PE shirts, shorts, outdoor shoes, long trousers and jumper or tracksuit for outdoors in their PE kits.

Homework:

- **SATs Revision:** We have been so impressed with the children's commitment to revision at home over the past few weeks. Over the first three weeks of the Summer term, we will share final revision tasks for Reading, GPS and Maths on Google Classroom. As with our class-based revision, 'little and often' is best - please make sure that revision is interspersed with regular breaks and fun activities! Full details regarding the structure of SATs Week can be found on the class pages of the school website.
- **Reading logs:** Please ensure your child reads to you, or independently, weekly and that this is signed and dated. This will form an important part of my assessment for reading and dialogue between home and school. My expectation is three entries per week. Reading logs will be checked daily and home reading will be rewarded with dojo points. Please encourage your children to complete Accelerated Reader quizzes when books are finished.
- **Weekly spellings:** We will continue to set spellings each Monday and test on the following Monday. Please note that there will be no spellings set for Year 6 during SATs Week or Residential Week.
- **Homework:** Half-termly homework grids will be shared on Google Classroom. Please ensure that your child completes one piece of homework from the grid each week. We understand that Year 6 children will be prioritising revision activities during the first half term.
- **TT Rockstars:**
- We will be continuing to use TT Rockstars to support our times tables learning. Please do encourage your children to practise their times tables at home on a weekly basis - daily practice of even five minutes will quickly show improvements.

Important Information:

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

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via telephone or via the class email address: sa@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Kind regards,

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