



# Summer 2023 Class Newsletter Mexico

Class Teacher: Mr Coomber

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 - Shakespeare

Summer 2 - Me, Myself and I

## **Important dates:**

- May Bank Holiday - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May
- King Charles III Coronation Celebration - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Please come dressed in red, white and blue!
- Royal Coronation Bank Holiday - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May
- Year 5 Residential Information Meeting - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 3:30pm
- HALF TERM - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- Class Photos - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 5 Residential: Cobnor - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 5 and 6 Sports Day - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June - 1:15pm
- Parents Evenings - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 3:30-6:00pm
- Key Stage 2 Open Classrooms - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 3:30-4:30pm
- Year 5: New class letters go home - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July
- Summer Production - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1:00pm
- Summer Production - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 6:00pm

## **Swimming:**

We are pleased to be resuming swimming lessons this term. Year 5 and 6 Swimming will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays (one session per week) on a three weekly rotation. Wednesday sessions will be taught by Mrs Callender and Thursday sessions will be taught by myself. The children will swim in groups of approximately ten. 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.

## **English:**

The units to be covered this term are:

- Newspaper Reports and Blogs (Twelfth Night)
- Descriptive writing: Alma
- Playscripts (Summer Production link)
- Autobiography

## **Maths:**

This term, we will be covering the following units:

- Fractions, decimals and percentages

- Measurement - converting units and volume
- Geometry - properties of shape and position and direction
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We will continue to timetable mental maths, arithmetic and problem-solving activities regularly.

#### **Science:**

We will be learning about 'Evolution and Inheritance.' This will be followed by 'The Circulatory System.'

#### **Relationship and Health Education:**

This term we will be learning about 'Mental Health and Emotional Well-Being' and 'Managing Risk: Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco.'

#### **Computing:**

This term we will be looking at spreadsheets, blogging and the interactive online game 'Text Adventures.'

#### **History:**

We will be studying the society and culture during the time that Shakespeare lived - the Elizabethan era. To supplement this learning, we will be looking at other significant monarchs in British history.

#### **Geography:**

During the second half of term, we will be focusing on geographical skills and fieldwork, including using maps, atlases, globes and digital mapping to locate countries.

**RE:** This term, our Understanding Christianity units are 'Salvation' and 'Kingdom of God.'

**Art:** We will use blending and shading techniques to create cityscape paintings using a variety of media. We will also design self-portraits in the style of the artist Romero Britto, combining elements of cubism, pop art and graffiti painting.

**Music:** Mrs Burbidge will be teaching ukulele during the second half of the Summer term. We will also have a singing focus, as we learn songs to perform for our production!

**Spanish:** The children will be learning vocabulary for different types of food and phrases for ordering in a café. They will also have the opportunity to create books to introduce Spanish to children in Reception.

**PE:** The children will need to bring their PE kits into school each week. Athletics and Cricket will be taught 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:**

- **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 collected in on a **Monday**. 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.
- **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.
- **Arithmetic: Fluent in Five:**  
This term, we will be sharing weekly 'Fluent in Five' questions on Google Classroom. These focus on developing arithmetic skills, and are useful revision of place value and methods for the four operations.

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: [mexico@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:mexico@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

Kind regards,

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