



Summer 1 2024 Class Newsletter

Thailand Class

Teachers: Mrs. Gowland and Mrs. Callender

Our topic is 'Ready, Steady, Grow!'

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter holiday. Here is a brief outline of the topics we will be covering this term and some helpful points to note.

Themes for the term:

Summer 1 -: Ready Steady, Grow *Curriculum strands: Living Things*

Your child will take part in practical activities to explore where food comes from. They will learn what seeds and plants need to grow and grow a variety of plants. They will explore what constitutes a healthy lifestyle, including eating fruit and vegetables, exercise and teeth brushing. They will find out about life on a farm and about baby animals.

Important dates:

Parent Tea & Chat - Helping Your Child Manage Their Emotions by 'Thoughtfull'

2:00pm - 3:15pm, Monday 22nd April 2024

Half-Term 27th- 31st May

Visit from RNLI tbc

Looking Ahead:

4th June - Fire Service Visit

17th June, 9.30-11.30am - Sports Day

2nd and 4th July, 3.30 - 6pm - Parents Evenings

11th July - Class Assembly

9th, 11th and 12th July - School Production

17th July - Move up Afternoon

23rd July - End of Term

English: The children will be exploring a variety of stories such as 'Supermarket Zoo' by Karol Hart and Ed Eaves, 'The Extraordinary Gardener' by Sam Boughton and 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carl. They will continue to learn to re-tell stories using story maps and develop our stamina for writing by creating plans to write to follow independently. We will also -

- Identify syllables in words
- Read on sight high-frequency words and other familiar words
- Explore and use non-fiction texts
- Read and write fact files
- Create acrostic poems
- Write instructions
- Use simple openers, connectives, adjectives
- Reinforcing the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops
- Reinforcing correct letter formation
- Use language and actions to explore and convey situations through role-play and drama.
- Take turns in speaking

Maths:

This term:

- We will be learning to:
- Find halves and quarters of a shape
- Find halves and quarters of an amount
- Divide using sharing and grouping
- Multiply using arrays Continue to
- Count in 2's, 5's & 10's · Carry out missing number equations using addition and subtraction
- Recognise and use symbols for pounds and pence and combine amounts to make a particular value.

Science: The children will be learning about plants and the life cycles of plants. We will be doing this practically by planting our own kitchen garden and making observations of the plants as they grow.

We will identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants.

- Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants
- Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy

Relationship and Health Education: Our unit for the term is: Think Positive

Computing: We will continue to use Purple Mash and also practice logging on and off.

Geography: We will focus on:

- Human and physical features of Pulborough
- Walk around village
- Map of the school
- Map of the classroom
- Where do I live?
- My address
- Journey between home and school - pictorial map, what do I see?
- Human and physical features.

Music: Our Music programme is Charanga and our theme is - Round and Round Latin, Bossa-Nova, Film Music, Big Band, Jazz, Mash-Up and Latin Fusion.

RE: We will explore the questions "Why do Christians trust Jesus and follow him?" and "What did Jesus teach about God in his Parables?"

Art and DT:

We will learn about a flower artist called Raku Inoue and Ellen Jewett who is known for her elaborately decorated sculptures that combine wildlife with flowers, plants, and trees. We will also develop our observational drawing skills by looking at pictures by Henri Matisse.

The children will complete a cooking project where they design and cook their own healthy soup which we hope to cook during a Forest School session.

PE: We will be working on a range of skills within a variety of team games and preparing for Sports Day. Please remember to name all kit and kindly remove your child's earrings/studs on Tuesdays.

Important Information:

Please note that we are a nut-free school. We politely request that you ensure your children do not bring nuts into school 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 us via the class email address, thailand@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk or the class dojo.

Kind regards,

Mrs Gowland and Mrs Callender

