



# Spring 2024 Class Newsletter

Welcome back to a new term, I hope you all had a restful Christmas period and that you are ready for an exciting term ahead! Thank you very much for the wonderful gifts and well wishes that you gave me at the end of last term

## Ireland

Class Teacher: Miss Taylor

### Quick notices:

**Reading logs:** Mrs Shepherd and I will be checking reading logs each day. Please ensure that your child is reading 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 Tuesday and tested the following Tuesday. 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 do 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 put back into your child's bag to take home.

### Important dates for Ireland class:

January	February	March
4th January - Hawking About super starter	12- 16 <sup>th</sup> - Half Term 19 <sup>th</sup> Back to school	7 <sup>th</sup> - World Book Day 14 <sup>th</sup> - Ireland Class Assembly 15 <sup>th</sup> - Reports go home 19 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> - Parents' Evenings 28 <sup>th</sup> - Easter Eucharist and Easter Eggstravaganza

<p><b>English -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be writing letters to thank Hawking About for their visit. We will also be exploring a Talk for Writing text called 'Little Vixen Street'.  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> We will be writing tourist information leaflets about important cities in the UK. We will then be writing a narrative story based on a video about a city.</p>	<p><b>Maths -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiplication and Division</li> <li>• Length and Perimeter</li> </ul> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fractions</li> <li>• Mass and Capacity</li> </ul> </p>	<p><b>Science -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> Our topic is entitled 'Animals including Humans', and we will be learning about skeletons and healthy diets.  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> In the second half term, we will be learning about Light. We will identify light sources and learn about shadows.</p>
<p><b>PE -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be participating in gymnastics in the hall every <b>Wednesday</b>. Mrs Callender will take the children for volleyball on a <b>Friday</b> afternoon.  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b>  Mrs Callender will be teaching tennis, with a focus on hitting and striking with accuracy and distance.</p>	<p><b>Spanish -</b>  The children will be taught Spanish each week by Miss Bell. They will be learning a range of colours in Spanish, and then talking about pets. They will learn how to say we have or don't have particular animals, and will begin to use the colours we have learned to describe them.</p>	<p><b>RHE -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be learning about achievements and setting goals.  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> We will be celebrating diversity.  Please note that all RHE lessons follow our curriculum and are age-appropriate.</p>
<p><b>Geography -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be exploring human geography and looking at trading in more detail.  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> We will start our topic 'Urban Pioneers' giving us an insight into what life is like in different cities around the world.</p>	<p><b>Art -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term -</b> We will be learning about mark making and then progressing onto printing inspired by animal prints and patterns.</p>	<p><b>D&amp;T -</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term -</b> We will be making an electronic charm using Micro-Bits.</p>
<p><b>RE -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be learning about Gospel.  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> We will be looking into Salvation and the Easter Story.</p>	<p><b>Music -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be learning the song 'Three little birds'.  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> We will be learning a song called 'The Dragon Song'.</p>	<p><b>Computing -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be exploring spreadsheets.  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> We will be learning how to touch type.</p>

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