



# Summer 2017 Class Newsletter

## South Africa

Class Teacher: Mr Partis

### Welcome back!

I hope everyone has had a lovely Easter break. Thank you for my Easter presents and gifts. Now for the most exciting term of all and not long to go until SATs are out the way!! The following newsletter is a brief summary of the content for the Summer Term.

#### Theme for the term - Mayans

We will be learning about this ancient civilisation, its place in history and its legacy for the modern world.

**Literacy** - Here are the main themes we will follow during the term:

Week beginning	Theme
24.04.17 and 01.05.17	Writing workshops and a few more past papers!
08.05.17	SATS week
15.05.17	RESIDENTIAL WEEK
22.05.17	Start of our book immersion: The Rooftoppers.
	<b>Half term</b>
05.06.17	The Rooftoppers.
12.06.17	The Rooftoppers.
19.06.17	The Rooftoppers.
26.06.17	The Rooftoppers.
03.07.17	ART WEEK
10.07.17	PRODUCTION WEEK
17.07.17	Prep for Leavers' Assembly (Script and acting)

**Numeracy** - Work will always be differentiated to suit the needs of the child.

Week beginning	Theme
24.04.17	REVISION: Fractions, decimals and percentages Revise adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing to recap learning.
01.05.17	REVISION: Place value of decimals, decimals in the four operations, Roman numerals

08.05.17	SATS week
15.05.17	RESIDENTIAL
22.05.17	Problem solving, calculator skills and investigations.
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12.06.17	Measuring ourselves and 'What's around us?'
19.06.17	Large number games and puzzles
26.06.17 and 03.07.17	Maths in art and nature
17.07.17	History of maths

**Science** - We will complete our study of Living Things and Their Habitats and then learn about Animals including Humans.

**Computing** - We will be looking at handling data and multimedia before half term and then continuing with our work on programming after half term.

**R.E.** - The children will learn about 'Worship and the Community'.

**PSHCE** - We will cover two SEAL units which are 'Going for Goals' and 'Children's Rights'.

**Art** - We will learn about Perspective. Art week will have a literacy theme this year.

**Music** - We will learn and perform the songs for our production!

**D&T** - The children will investigate the link with Mayans and chocolate and, hopefully, apply these to some interesting recipes.

**P.E.** - The children will need their P.E. kits on a **Wednesday** for athletics with Mr Ruff. However, it would be useful for P.E. kits to be left in school everyday for the whole of the summer term. Ensure the kit is named. Swimming sessions will run on a **Wednesday** and **Friday**. The children will need swimming costumes/shorts/trunks, towel, underwear (particularly if they've worn their swimming costumes under their clothes in the morning!) and, if hair is longer than shoulder length, a swim hat. Other useful items include deodorant (no sprays), talcum powder and a hairbrush. Please ensure your child does not have any gel in their hair on a swim day as it affects the chemical levels in the pool. Please supply children with sun-cream and a hat on hot days and waterproof coats on wet days - we like to swim rain, wind or shine! Unfortunately, the school is no longer able to provide verruca socks for sale and so children will need to have their own with them if needed. If a child has a verruca but no sock to wear, they will be unable to swim that day.

**Important dates for South Africa class:**

- SATs information and residential information meeting: 3.30pm 26.04.17
- SATs week beginning 8.05.17
- Residential week beginning 15.05.17 (non-attenders to be taught by Mrs Berry)
- HALF TERM week beg 29.05.17
- KS2 Sports day 28.06.17
- Parents' evenings 27.06.17 and 29.06.17
- ART week beginning 03.07.17
- Weald Familiarisation day - 27.06.17
- Production week beginning 10.07.17
- Leavers' service at Chichester Cathedral - Monday 26.06.17 1.15pm (parents wishing to attend should arrive earlier than this to be allocated a seat).
- Leavers' service in St. Mary's Church 17.07.16
- Leavers' assembly in School 21.07.16
- Last day of term 21.07.16

**Homework:**

- Reading logs - please ensure your child reads to you weekly and this is signed and dated. This will form an important part of my assessment for reading and dialogue between home and school. They will be collected in every Thursday but should be in school every day.
- Homework - please sign homework books weekly and indicate how much help/where help has been given or if it was simply too easy! This will really help me to gauge understanding and reinforces dialogue between home and school. Homework will be set on a Friday and will be due in by the following Tuesday.

I hope this has been helpful. I have an open door policy so if you have any concerns please feel free to pop in and speak to me before or after school. Alternatively, ring the school on 01798 872007 or arrange an appointment at the school office.

Kind regards,

Mr Partis  
South Africa Class Teacher