



Summer 2025 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 - Shakespeare

Summer 2 - Me, Myself and I

Important dates:

- Year 6 Residential Information Meeting - Thursday 24th April 3:30pm
- May Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May
- Big Top Fundraising: Duathlon - Tuesday 6th May 3:30pm
- SATs Week - Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May - Year 6 Breakfast Club running from 8:00am
- HALF TERM - Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May
- Year 6 Residential: Marchant's Hill - Monday 2nd June - Friday 5th June
- Class Photos - Friday 13th June - Children must be wearing full school uniform
- Summer Fayre - Saturday 14th June
- Year 5 and 6 Sports Day - Wednesday 18th June 1:15pm
- Weald Transition Day - Tuesday 24th June
- Year 6 Diocesan Leavers' Service at Christ's Hospital - Monday 30th June 1:30pm
- Parents' Evenings - Tuesday 1st July and Thursday 3rd July 3:30-6:00pm
- Summer Production - Tuesday 15th July 1:00pm and 6:00pm
- Leavers' Service in St Mary's Church - Thursday 17th July 2:00pm
- Summer Production - Thursday 17th July and Friday 18th July 6:00pm
- Year 6 Summer Ball - Saturday 19th July 6:00-8:00pm
- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - Thursday 22nd July 9:30am

Swimming:

Our swimming lessons will take place on Tuesday afternoons. 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. **If you would like your child to wear goggles for swimming, please ensure that you have completed the Google form giving your permission.**

English:

The units to be covered this term are:

- Shakespeare: Diary entries/blogs/letters
- Descriptive writing
- Playscripts (Summer Production link)
- Autobiography

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 'Living Things and their Habitats.' This will be followed by 'Evolution and Inheritance' and 'The Circulatory System.'

Relationship and Health Education:

This term we will be learning about 'Managing Risk: Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco.'

Computing:

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

History:

We will be studying the society and culture during the time that Shakespeare lived - the Elizabethan era.

RE: This term, we will be extending our knowledge of Hinduism. We will be exploring our unit enquiry question: 'How do questions about Brahman and Atman influence the way a Hindu lives?'

Art: We will be designing self-portraits in the style of the artist Romero Britto, combining elements of cubism, pop art and graffiti painting.

Spanish: This term, the children will create bilingual books to introduce Spanish to the children in Reception.

PE: The children will need to come to school wearing their PE kits on Fridays for athletics and outdoor games which will be taught by Mrs Burbidge. 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 two 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 a minimum of 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 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 the 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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