



Summer 2025 Class Newsletter China

Class Teacher: Miss Aburrow

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 - Titanic

Summer 2 - Below the Waves

Important dates:

- May Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May
- Year 5 Residential: Cobnor - Wednesday 7th May - Friday 9th May
- Film Night - Wednesday 21st May
- Celebration Assembly- Thursday 22nd May
- HALF TERM - Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May
- Summer Fayre - Saturday 14th June
- Class Photos - Friday 14th June
- Year 5 and 6 Sports Day - Wednesday 18th June 1:00am
- Parents' Evenings - Tuesday 1st July and Thursday 3rd July 3:30-6:00pm
- Summer Production - Tuesday 15th July 1:00pm and 6:00pm
- Summer Production - Thursday 17th July and Friday 18th July 6:00pm
- Year 5: New class visits - Wednesday 17th July

Swimming:

Our swimming lessons will take place on Tuesdays. 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. **We require written consent if you would like your child to wear goggles for our swimming lessons.**

English:

The units to be covered this term are:

- Non-chronological reports
- Narrative
- Diary entries
- Descriptive writing

Maths:

This term, we will be covering the following units:

- 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 looking at 'Living Things and their Habitats' and 'Animals including Humans.'

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: During the first half of term, we will discover the true and tragic story of the Titanic on its maiden voyage.

Geography: We will be learning about oceans around the world and the environmental dangers that they are facing. We will then research coral reefs and produce an information page about this habitat.

RE: This term, our Christianity unit is 'Gospel.' This will be followed by our second unit on Islam.

Art: We will study the work of contemporary sculptor Courtney Mattison and illustrator Yellena James. The children will be learning about what inspired these artists to produce sculptures and line drawings of coral and creating their own interpretations using a range of materials.

Spanish: This half term, the children will be studying the Aztecs. Next half term we will then learn about Telling the Time.

PE: Athletics and outdoor games will be taught by Mrs Burbidge on a Friday. **Please ensure that children come to school every Friday wearing their PE kit.** 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 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.
- **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 Year 6 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.

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: china@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Kind regards,
Miss Aburrow