

Welcome to Sierra Leone Class

2024-2025

Miss Taylor

Our Topics

Autumn 1	Rumble in the Jungle
Autumn 2	Road trip USA
Spring 1	Vikings
Spring 2	Misty Mountains, Winding Rivers
Summer 1	Rumbles
Summer 2	Temples, Tombs and Treasures

Typical Sierra Leone Class Timetable

	REGIST ER 15 MINS MAX	20 MIN S	9.00 – 9.45 OR 1HR	9.45-10.30 OR 15-30MINS	10.2 5- 10.4 0	10.40 - 11.45 OR 1HR	11.45 12.15 OR 15-30MINS	12.15 - 1.00	1.00 - 2:00 OR 50-60MINS	2:00 – 2.45 OR 45MINS (15 Mins prep home 2.55)	
MONDAY	SODA: Spellings	C l a s s W o r s h i p	ENGLISH -Inc spellings		B	MATHS Inc times table tests		L	HANDWRITING	SCIENCE	RHE
TUESDAY	SODA: Flash Tables TA Precision teaching English/ 1:1 Reading		ENGLISH	R	MUSIC Year 4 clarinet lesson 11.10- 11.55 Year 3 Glockenspiel		U	HANDWRITING	MATHS	GUIDED READING	
WEDNESDAY	SODA: Robbie TA Precision teaching English/ 1:1 Reading		ENGLISH	E	MATHS		N	HANDWRITING	RE	GEOGRAPHY	
THURSDAY	SODA: Quickulation s TA Precision teaching English/ 1:1 Reading		MATHS WITH HB	E	SPANISH With JB	GET CHANGED FOR PE	N	HANDWRITING	PE With HB	GUIDED READING	
FRIDAY	SODA: Spellings Ta precision teaching English/ 1:1 reading		SWIMMING	K	SWIMMING	INDEPENDENT READING	H	HANDWRITING	ART	MATHS TTROCKSTARS	

English

- Descriptive writing
- Letter writing
- Writing to entertain
- Diary Entry

RE

- Islam
- Creation
- Incarnation

RHE

- Democracy
- Drugs, tobacco and alcohol

Spanish - This will be taught by Mrs Bell on a Thursday. The children will be learning about countries/nationalities, describing what we look like, high-frequency verbs and some simple adjectival agreement and Christmas activities

Art/DT

The first half of this term we will be focusing on Art inspired by Henri Rousseau and his animals in the rainforests. The second half of the term we will be making our own Apple Pies! ☺

Key Texts

'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbittson
'The Kapak Tree' by Lynne Cherry
'The Accidental President' by Tam McLaughlin
Reading logs: We will be checking reading logs **daily**. Please ensure that you are reading with your

Science

- Living things and their habitats - classifying living things
- Electricity

Maths

Over the term we will be covering

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division

YEAR 3 and 4 Autumn Term Newsletter

Autumn 1 - Rumble in the Jungle
Autumn 2 - Road Trip USA

Computing - Purple Mash

- Online Safety
- E-safety
- Spreadsheets

PE - Please remember to bring correct kit and no jewellery.
Swimming on a **Friday** and **Thursday** will be outside with Mrs Burbidge

Music - starting date 17.9.24
YEAR 4 ONLY- The children will be learning the clarinet this term with Mr Chalk on Tuesday

Important Dates

20th Sept - Non-uniform day for Harvest Fayre

1st October - Meet the Teacher 3.30pm in school

Tuesday 15th October - Trip to Marwell Zoo

Thursday 24th October - Sierra Leone Celebration Assembly

Friday 18th October - individual school photos

Manday 21st October and Wednesday 23rd October - Parents' Evenings

Half Term - Manday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Geography

Rumble in the Jungle

Deforestation

How to protect rainforest environments

USA

United States past and present

Native American culture

Map reading

Physical and human geography of the key locations in the United States

Reminder: WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Homework grid will be uploaded half-termly to Google Classroom and the class webpage. Please then **photograph or scan**

Routines

Times Tables	Spellings	Reading Logs
<p>We will be testing the children each week on their understanding.</p> <p>There are lots of ways to practise times tables at home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TT Rockstars.• Maths frame 	<p>Spellings will be handed out on a Monday and will be tested the following Monday.</p> <p>All spellings are adapted to suit the need of each individual child, providing familiarity and challenge.</p> 	<p>Reading logs will be collected in and checked everyday.</p> <p>Dojos will be awarded for children who are reading at home.</p> <p>Please ensure that reading is recorded in logs. Your child can write it in themselves if they wish.</p> <p>It is important that the children are reading AT LEAST 3 TIMES a week.</p>

Routines

Water Bottle

Please ensure that your child has their clearly named water bottle with them each day.

Snack

Please ensure that your child comes to school with a piece of fruit or vegetable or a cereal bar.

Please also note that we are a nut-free school.

Homework

The homework grid will be available through Google Classroom.

Please submit your child's learning through GC or through the class email:

sl@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Homework

Topic	YEAR 3 and 4 HOMEWORK – AUTUMN TERM 2024 – RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE and ROAD TRIP USA					I AM GOING TO CHOOSE...
Literacy and Communication (YOU MUST DO AT LEAST TWO OF THESE EACH HALF-TERM)	Information Text Choose a rainforest animal to research and present what you know about them. Include what it eats, where in the rainforest it lives, how it survives (e.g. does it camouflage? Is it a predator?) and any interesting facts.	Diary Entry Write a diary or journal entry pretending you are on a journey through the rainforest. Remember to describe what you might see and hear, and how you might have felt along the way!	Debate Should tigers be kept in captivity? Present your reasons for and reasons against tigers being kept in captivity as you like e.g. in a table, as a thought shower.	Author Who is your favourite author? What books has he/she written? What do you like about their books? Can you find some interesting facts about this author?	Extreme Reading Ask an adult to take a photo or you reading in an interesting or unusual place. This could be reading under your bed or on a climbing frame - wherever your imagination takes you! Obviously it needs to be somewhere safe. What book are you reading? Write a book review to go with the photo.	1.
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						4.
Maths and Problem Solving (YOU MUST DO AT LEAST TWO OF THESE EACH HALF-TERM)	Jungle Word Problems Choose one or more of the four operations ($+$, $-$, \times , \div) that we will cover in class this term. Write some one or two step Jungle themed word problems. Present your word problems on cards to be added to our Maths Challenge area. Can you produce your own answer sheet?	Animal measurements Find out the length/height of at least 5 different rainforest animals and order them from smallest to largest.	Shape i-Spy... Interesting shapes are in the house, in the streets and everywhere on your travels. Some shapes can be found everywhere and are easier to find than others. Whether you are out and about, in the car or around the house, try and find examples of different shapes. For example, photographs, drawings, magazine/newspaper cuttings. 	Rainforest Top Trumps Make a set of rainforest animal themed top trump cards. Your top trumps can include two, three or four-digit numbers. When you have completed your game, play it with a member of your family. Remember to practice reading the numbers aloud and writing them in words.	TT Rockstars Complete 6 TT Rockstars Sessions. Date: Date: Date: Date: Date:	1.
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Science and the outside environment (YOU MUST DO AT LEAST ONE OF THESE EACH HALF-TERM)	Endangered Animals Choose an endangered animal to find out about. Choose how to present the information you have collected.	Invertebrates Make a careful and accurate observational drawing of an invertebrate found in the local environment.	Electricity Dangers Think about dangers of electricity in the home. Design a poster to warn of the dangers of electricity in the home.	Electrical Appliances Look around your house and list as many electrical appliances as possible. You could take photos of these. Remember to write down what the electricity makes them do, and if possible, how it works. How would your day be without these electrical appliances? You can choose how to present this information e.g. a piece of writing, a comic strip or a poster - be creative!	1.	
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Humanities, Citizenship and Art (YOU MUST DO AT LEAST ONE OF THESE EACH HALF-TERM)	Find out where in the world rainforests are located. Choose one rainforest to research and present some facts about it in a format of your choice.	Create a piece of artwork showing a plant or animal that lives in the rainforest. You can choose which materials to use for your artwork, e.g. paints, pencils, pastels, collage.	Research which food produces come from the rainforest. Compare these to the foods you might see growing typically in the UK. Describe similarities and differences between them.	Research a state in the USA or an historical event in the USA. Produce a poster or a PPT presentation to share with the class.	1.	
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Behaviour

Positive behaviour management			
Lots of praise!	End of week certificates -	Badges -	Head teacher awards
Verbal and rewards - dojos and stickers.	Dojo champion Star of the week	Bronze, Silver and Gold.	Recognition in newsletter - nine leaves

Behaviour continued

Behaviour management			
We must follow our Golden Rules. These are up in the classroom and are often referred to.	If your child does not follow the Golden Rules, they will lose minutes from their break or lunch time.	This will result in a conversation with myself in person or over the phone.	If your child continues to not follow the Golden Rules, there will be a meeting with myself and a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Toys vs Fidget tools



Key dates and Questions? ???

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15th October- Trip to Marwell Zoo - **VOLUNTEERS
STILL NEEDED!**

18th October- School Photos

21st and 23rd October- Parents' Evenings

24th October- Sierra Leone celebration assembly

20th December- Class Party and end of term