



# Autumn 2025 Class Newsletter New Zealand

Class Teachers: Mrs McTiffen and Mrs Mackonachie

Welcome back to  
school!

Hello and welcome back to  
school! We have got lots  
planned for this year and we  
cannot wait to get started!

## Quick notices:

**Topics-** Our first topic will be The Stone Age. Our second topic will be Flow.

**Reading logs:** We will be checking reading logs each day. Please ensure that you are reading with your child 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 Thursday and tested the following Thursday. These will be uploaded to Google Classroom.

**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 removed.

## Important dates for New Zealand class:

<b>September</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> - School starts 19 <sup>th</sup> - Non-uniform day for Harvest 30 <sup>th</sup> - Meet the teacher 3.45pm	<b>October</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Harvest Eucharist 15 <sup>th</sup> October- Class Assembly 17 <sup>th</sup> - School Photos 21 <sup>st</sup> - Forest School - Stone Age AM 21 <sup>st</sup> Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6pm 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Parents' Evening - as above 24 <sup>th</sup> - Church Visit 27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> - Half term	<b>November</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> - INSET DAY 11 <sup>th</sup> -Rememberance service in school 28 <sup>th</sup> - Christingle and Advent Eucharist	<b>December</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> - School disco 18 <sup>th</sup> - Pantomime and Chartwells Christmas lunch 19 <sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eucharist 19 <sup>th</sup> - Class Party (Christmas jumpers to be worn)
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If you have any concerns please feel free to speak with us via the class email [nz@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:nz@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk), or ring the school on 01798 872007.

Kind regards,

Mrs McTiffen and Mrs Mackonochie  
New Zealand Class Teachers

## Curriculum

<p><b>English -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be writing stories inspired by 'Stone Age Boy'. We will also be writing instructions.  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> We will study and analyse poetry about rivers. We will write our own pieces of poetry.</p>	<p><b>Maths -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place Value</li> <li>• Addition and Subtraction</li> </ul> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addition and Subtraction</li> <li>• Multiplication and Division</li> </ul> </p>	<p><b>Science -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be learning all about rocks.  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> During the second half term we will be learning about Forces and Magnets.</p>
<p><b>PE -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be swimming every Wednesday. Mrs Castle will take the children for outdoor PE on a Tuesday afternoon.  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> Dance will start in the hall, the day will be confirmed closer to the time. Mrs Castle will teach outdoor PE.</p>	<p><b>Spanish -</b>  The children will be taught Spanish each week by Miss Bell. During the Autumn term, they will cover:  Greetings, saying how we're feeling, numbers up to 12, saying our age, naming colours and Christmas in Spain.</p>	<p><b>History -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b>  Stone Age!  We will learn all about life during the Stone Age. We will explore this through our history lessons, as well as through a range of texts; including, 'Stig of the Dump'.</p>
<p><b>Geography -</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> Flow!  During the second half term, we will be learning about rivers. This will include how rivers are formed and why rivers are so important to us.</p>	<p><b>Art -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term -</b> We will be exploring warm and cool colours. We will also investigate cave paintings, using 'The First Drawing' as a stimulus.</p>	<p><b>D&amp;T -</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term -</b> We will be making water wheels during our Design and Technology lessons.</p>
<p><b>RE -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be learning about the Creation Story, followed by Dharma.  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> We will be investigative Incarnation.</p>	<p><b>Music -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be learning a song called 'Let your Spirit Fly'.  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> We will be learning how to play the Glockenspiel.</p>	<p><b>Computing -</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be learning about how to be safe online.  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> We will be revisiting and extending our understanding of Coding.</p>
<p><b>RHE - 1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> We will be learning about Drugs and Tobacco.  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> We will be learning about bullying.  Please note that all RHE lessons follow our curriculum and are age-appropriate.</p>		

