



Australia Class Newsletter

Autumn 2025

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a lovely Summer break. These are some of the themes and units of work that we are going to learn about this coming term.

Overall Themes

This half-term our Topic is 'Dinosaur Planet' and we will be linking our English learning to this theme alongside other curriculum areas. The second half of term is 'Sensational Senses'.

English

In English, we will be using a range of texts to delve further into our theme. We will explore Where The Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak in greater depth to support our narrative story writing and non-chronological report writing.

As ever, in English, we will develop our reading, writing and speaking and listening skills. In Guided Reading sessions, children will continue to read texts that teach them inference, deduction, reading strategies, vocabulary and the content of fiction and non-fiction books. It will be based at their level and will encourage progress within their reading.

*** Please write in your child's reading log at least three times a week. Remember, extra dojos are awarded for frequent home reading!***

Maths

This term, we will focus on place value, addition and subtraction and finally, *Geometry*. All children will learn new mathematical concepts using physical equipment (manipulatives) and pictorial representations before progressing to the abstract stage.

***Please continue to use My Maths, Numbots and TT Rockstars at home to develop fluency.**

Science

This term, children will be learning about animals, including humans. We will link this to our Dinosaur topic. Pupils will learn about lifecycles of animals and humans then explore classifying dinosaurs using terms such as reptile, bird, carnivore, omnivore and herbivore; they will use knowledge of these areas previously learnt and build upon their understanding. This term, children will also engage in investigation and observation that will enhance their depth of learning. We will be thinking about dinosaur teeth and dinosaur poo!

PE

There are two PE sessions each week, generally scheduled for Wednesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor), and this term we will be focusing on dance during indoor lessons and running, jumping, balance, throwing and catching and general agility for outdoor lessons.

Your child will need a drawstring bag with a named PE kit for indoor and outdoor sessions. As the weather cools down, please can I ask that children have layers of PE clothing. The PE kit should be brought in every Monday morning and, after indoor PE, will then be taken home on Wednesdays. On

Fridays, the children may come to school in their PE kits. Please also ensure that your child's footwear fit and each item of clothing is named.

Class Worship & Religious Education

Our days always contain interactive Class Worship, a prayer or elements of learning taken from the new statutory curriculum subject: Relationships & Health Education curriculum (previously named PSHE). Our Christian Values for this half-term is love. Occasionally, class worship is led by Father Paul or by Mr. Holloway. In RE this half term, pupils will be exploring what Christians believe God is like. We will read and learn about the parable of the Lost Son.

Art and Design

This term, pupils will create close observational drawings of a dinosaur eye. They will extend their piece by converting their ideas onto a 3D clay model. They will develop a wide range of art and design techniques using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.

Computing

We will continue to use Purple Mash as a comprehensive educational learning tool. Your child will be doing some further work on coding and algorithms. The principles of online safety will be integral throughout.

RHE

Year 2 pupils will be learning about physical health and wellbeing. We will discuss ways to keep themselves safe within the home (inc. online) and outdoors. We will also focus on The Colour Monster book, this explores feelings, emotions and how to manage them.

History

In our history sessions, we will be thinking about the chronology of events that we are aware of and where dinosaurs fit into that! We will also learn about Mary Anning and her input into our current knowledge of dinosaurs.

Geography

Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features including beach, cliff, coasts, ocean, soil etc. We will also use simple fieldwork to study the geography of the school.

Music

Pupils will explore pulse, rhythm and pitch. They will use their voices to sing songs, chant rhymes and use their creativity to compose a dinosaur pop song which we hope to perform at our Showcase class assembly later in the term.

Homework

A homework grid is available via Google Classroom. We ask that your child completes one activity or a piece of work each week. Depending on the task, we ask that you upload completed work onto Google Classroom, email australia@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk or bring it into class.

NOTICES -

NUT FREE SCHOOL - Just a reminder: Please remember we are a nut free school so please do not pack anything that is a nut or contains nuts please.

We urge you to get in touch if you have any problems or concerns no matter how small and insignificant you think they are. We look forward to working with you on the next step in your child's education.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Packham

Dates to Remember

Meet The Teacher – Tuesday 30th September 2025 @ 3.30pm

Fete at St. Mary's Church – Saturday 4th October 2025 (12-5pm)

PTA AGM (all welcome) – Thursday 16th October 2025@ 3:30pm

Individual School Photos – Friday 17th October 2025 – full uniform please

Flu Vaccinations – Monday 20th October 2025

Parent's evenings (in school) – w/c: Monday 20th October 2025

Half-Term – Monday 27th - Friday 31st October 2025.

INSET DAY – Monday 3rd November 2025

Italy/Australia/India visit to St. Mary's Church – Friday 7th November 2025

KS1 Nativity – Wednesday 10th December (2pm & 5pm) Thursday 11th December 2025 (5pm)

KS1 Disco – Wednesday 17th December 2025 (5pm)

Christmas Jumper Day/Class parties/Last day of term – Friday 19th December 2025

School re-opens – Monday 5th January 2026