

# Spring 2026 Class Newsletter - Italy

Class Teacher: Miss Heasman

## Quick notices:

**Reading logs:** Miss Q and I 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.

**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 children bring a suitable fruit or vegetable snack for their break. Items such as large chocolate bars and crisps are not considered to be a healthy snack and will be removed.

**Communication** - Please note that we will no longer be using Class Dojo to communicate with parents through messages. Instead, please email [italy@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:italy@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk), call the school or speak to me on the playground.

## Important dates for Italy class:

January	February	March	April
5 <sup>th</sup> - Back to school 16 <sup>th</sup> - Drama workshop	6 <sup>th</sup> - Little Big Sing 13 <sup>th</sup> - INSET day 16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> - Half term 26 <sup>th</sup> - Celebration assembly 27 <sup>th</sup> - Trip to the Weald and Downland Museum	5 <sup>th</sup> - World Book Day 13 <sup>th</sup> - Reports go home 17 <sup>th</sup> - Parents' Evening 19 <sup>th</sup> - Parents' Evening 25 <sup>th</sup> - Disco 26 <sup>th</sup> - Easter Eucharist and Eggstravaganza 27 <sup>th</sup> - INSET day	13 <sup>th</sup> - Back to school

Welcome back to school, we hope you had a lovely Christmas break!

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

# Curriculum - Spring 1 and 2

<p><b>English -</b></p> <p><b>Monday - Wednesday</b> We will be continuing with Drawing Club for the first three weeks of term. Our first book will be, 'Winnie in Winter'.</p> <p>After this, we will transition into Talk For Writing lessons. This involves elements of reading, writing, speaking and listening, and drama.</p> <p><b>Thursday - Free-writing</b> - The children will choose a picture stimulus and write what they choose!</p> <p><b>Friday - Guided Reading</b> - This will be a whole class guided reading session exploring elements of reading such as prediction, vocabulary and summarising. Our first book is 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers.</p>	<p><b>Maths -</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place Value</li> <li>• Addition and Subtraction</li> </ul> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place Value</li> <li>• Length and height</li> <li>• Mass and volume</li> </ul>	<p><b>Science -</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b> Everyday Materials - We will be identifying, naming, describing, sorting and comparing everyday materials.</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b> Plants - We will identify and name a variety of plants, and identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.</p>
<p><b>PE -</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b></p> <p>Inside PE (MONDAY) - Gymnastics Outdoor PE (WEDNESDAY) - Sporting best - Agility</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b></p> <p>Inside PE (MONDAY) - Dance - Toys! Outdoor PE (WEDNESDAY) - Ball Crazy - Object Control</p>	<p><b>RHE -</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identity, society and equality - Me and others</li> </ul> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drugs, alcohol and tobacco education - What do we put into our bodies?</li> </ul>	<p><b>RE -</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judaism - Why do Jewish families say so many prayers and blessings?</li> </ul> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salvation - Why does Easter matter to Christians?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Geography -</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Half term:</b> We will be learning about Earth, the continents and the oceans. We will also be comparing hot and cold climates through our topic 'Frozen Planet'.</p>	<p><b>History -</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Half term:</b> We will take a quick look into the historic explorer Ernest Shackleton during our 'Frozen Planet' topic.</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Half term:</b> Memory Box: We will be comparing life now to life in the past. We will do so by exploring artefacts, transport and toys.</p>	<p><b>D&amp;T -</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> half term -</b> We will be looking at mechanisms, including sliders.</p> <p><b>Art -</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term -</b> We will be exploring the artist, Jackson Pollock.</p>
<p><b>Music -</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charanga - Exploring Sounds</li> </ul> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charanga - Learning to Listen</li> </ul>	<p><b>Computing -</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> half term:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lego Builders</li> <li>• We will be using VR headsets to enhance learning during this topic.</li> </ul> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> half term:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maze Explorers</li> </ul>	

If you have any concerns please feel free to speak with me via the class email [italy@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:italy@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk), or call the school on 01798 872007.  
Kind regards, Miss Heasman Italy Class Teacher