



Australia Class Newsletter



Summer 2026

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter holiday. We now enter the final term of KS1. 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 'Bright Lights, Big City'. This focuses on geography, with a focus on London. We will link our English learning to this theme.

The second half of term, our topic will be 'Movers and Shakers'. This topic focuses on influential people through history.

English

In English, we will be using a range of texts to delve further into our half-termly theme. We will explore fiction, non-fiction texts in more detail. All texts will focus on British cities, London in particular.

Writing to inform- Non chronological reports- The Big Book of the UK

- Writing to entertain- Narrative- In Every House, on Every Street
- Writing to entertain - Description - The Queen's Handbag - Character description

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 continue to follow the same structure as the spring term. There will be one arithmetic lesson, one reasoning/word problem lesson and three, year 2 curriculum lessons each week. The math's blocks of learning of this term are:

- Measurement - time
- Fractions
- Statistics
- 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 Math's and Numbots at home to develop fluency

Science

This half term, children will begin by learning about everyday materials. Following this, we will learn about plants. Science learning will be linked to our half-termly topics; they will use knowledge of these areas previously learnt and build upon their understanding. This term, children will also complete scientific experiments to support their written work.

PE

There are two PE sessions each week, generally scheduled for Wednesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor), and this term, we will be focusing on gymnastics during indoor lessons and games during outdoor sessions. Your child will need a drawstring bag with a named PE kit for indoor and outdoor sessions. 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 fits and each item of clothing is clearly 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 term are 'Faith, Trust and Truthfulness'. Occasionally, class worship is led by Father Paul or by Mr. Holloway. RE for summer 1 will focus on the Gospels and the good news it brings. Summer 2 will focus on Judaism and the Torah.

Art and Design

During Summer 1, children will create a landscape painting of a London landmark. They will use lines and colours in their composition.

Summer 2 will focus on design technology and textiles. End Product: The children will create a hand-stitched design.

Computing

We will continue to use Purple Mash as a comprehensive educational learning tool. During the summer term, the children will learn how to program algorithms give instructions through coding.

RHE

Year 2 pupils will be learning how to manage risks safely; road, water, fire.

History

In our History sessions, we will be learning about famous people throughout history who have inspired, innovated and influenced the way we live today.

Geography

Children will develop their UK knowledge. They will learn about London as the capital of this country and its development as well as:

- Learn the countries and capitals of the UK
- Study urban and rural living.
- Be able to locate the map of UK in an atlas.

Music

Pupils will be following a program of learning to expand their musical knowledge and understanding of rhythm and pitch. Each week, we will learn new notes alongside learning to develop listening and singing skills.

Homework

A homework grid is available via Google Classroom. We ask that your child completes one activity or a piece of work each week. Children can also choose more challenging, independent home learning tasks if they wish. Depending on the task, we ask that you upload completed work onto Google Classroom.

Email: australia@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk or bring it into class.

IMPORTANT DATES - SUMMER

- Monday 4th May - BANK HOLIDAY
- Friday 15th May - non-uniform day for bottles and choc. - SUMMER FAYRE
- Mon 25th - Fri 29th May - Half term
- Wed 3rd May - KS1 Sports Day - PM
- Friday 12th June - Whole- school photo - uniform
- Sat 13th June - Summer Fayre (World Cup theme)
- 6th & 8th July - Parents' evenings - 3.30-6.00pm
- 9th July - New classes
- Wed 22nd July - Last day of term.

We urge you to get in touch if you have any problems or concerns, no matter how small and insignificant you think they are.

Kind Regards, Mrs. Packham

NOTICES – NUT FREE SCHOOL – Just a reminder: Please remember we are a nut-free school, so please do not pack any snacks or lunch items that is a nut or contains nuts.