



# Meet the Teacher Japan Class 2025

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	8:45-9:00	9:00-9:30	9:30-10:45	10:45-11:00	11:00-12:15		12:15-1:00	1:00-2:00		2:00-3:15
Monday AH PM	Register SODA	Whole School Worship	English	BREAK	Maths		LUNCH	Handwriting	Computing	History/ Geography
Tuesday KB AM AH PM	Register SODA	Songs of Worship	English	BREAK	Maths		LUNCH	Handwriting	Science	
Wednesday KB AM AH PM	Register SODA	Class Worship	English	BREAK	Maths		LUNCH	Handwriting	RE	Art/DT/Music
Thursday KB AM AH PM	Register SODA	Class Worship	English	BREAK	Maths Times Tables	PPA Spanish Miss Bell	LUNCH	PPA Spanish Miss Bell		PPA PE Mrs Burbidge
Friday KB AM AH PM	Register SODA	Harvest Eucharist	English	BREAK	Maths		LUNCH	Handwriting	Swimming	

After half term, an additional PE lesson will take place on **Monday**.



# Curriculum

- Topics:
- World at War
- Frozen Kingdom
- Explorers and Adventurers
- Exploring Africa
- Shakespeare
- All About Me

## Reading

- Refer to text to support opinions and predictions.
- Give a view about choice of vocabulary, structure, etc.
- Distinguish between fact and opinion.
- Appreciate how a set of sentences has been arranged to create maximum effect.
- Recognise:
  - complex sentences with more than one subordinate clause
  - phrases which add detail to sentences
- Explain how a writer has used sentences to create particular effects.
- Skim and scan to aide note-taking.



## Writing

- Use subordinate clauses to write complex sentences.
- Use passive voice where appropriate.
- Use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely (e.g. The fact that it was raining meant the end of sports day).
- Use a sentence structure and layout matched to requirements of text type.
- Use semi-colon, colon or dash to mark the boundary between independent clauses.
- Use colon to introduce a list and semi colon within a list.
- Use correct punctuation of bullet points.
- Use hyphens to avoid ambiguity.
- Use full range of punctuation matched to requirements of text type.
- Use wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs.
- Use paragraphs to signal change in time, scene, action, mood or person.
- Write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed.



## Autumn 2025 Class Newsletter Japan

Class Teacher: Miss Callender

Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer holiday and you are looking forward to the new term. It has been lovely to welcome the children into Japan Class this week. Here is a brief outline of the topics we will be covering this term and some helpful points to note.

**Themes for the term - 'The World at War' and 'Frozen Kingdom.'**  
During the first half of term, we will be learning about World War 2. It has been fantastic to see the children's engagement for this theme and superb holiday homework. After half term, we will investigate characteristics and features of Polar Regions, and explore the environmental factors that shape and influence them.

### English:

Week beginning	Theme
08.09.25-15.09.25	Letters from the Lighthouse: Text familiarisation, prediction and inference.
22.09.25-29.09.25	Diary Entries - World War 2
06.10.25	Evanescent Letters
13.10.25-20.10.25	Poetry - The Blitz
27.10.25	Half Term
03.11.25-17.11.25	Non-Chronological Report - Polar Animals
24.11.25-08.12.25	Discussion Texts: Balanced Arguments
15.12.25	Instructions: Christmas Themed Writing

### Maths:

Week beginning	Theme
08.09.25-15.09.25	Number and Place Value
22.09.25-29.09.25	Operations: Addition and Subtraction
06.10.25-20.10.25	Operations: Multiplication and Division
27.10.25	Half Term
03.11.25-01.12.25	Fractions
08.12.25-19.12.25	Geometry: Position and Direction

Mental Maths, Arithmetic and problem-solving activities will all be timetabled regularly.

**Science:** We will study two main themes this term: The Circulatory System and Light. We will be learning about the parts of the circulatory system and their functions, followed by exploring the impact of exercise on the human body and the composition and functions of blood. During the second half of term, there will be regular opportunities for practical work to explore concepts including reflection, refraction and the colour spectrum.

**Relationships and Health Education:** Relationships and Health Education is now statutory. This term, we will cover Sex and Relationships Education: Healthy Relationships & How a Baby is Made.

**Please note:** An information meeting for Year 6 parents has been arranged for Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 4:00pm to introduce what will be covered in this unit before the teaching and learning begins.

**Computing:** This term the children will develop their skills in the areas of Coding and E-Safety.

## Mathematics

- Use negative numbers in context and calculate intervals across zero.
- Compare and order numbers up to 10,000,000.
- Identify common factors, common multiples and prime numbers.
- Round any whole number to a required degree of accuracy.
- Identify the value of each digit to 3 decimal places.
- Use knowledge of order of operations to carry out calculations involving four operations.
- Multiply 4-digit by 2-digit
- Divide 4-digit by 2-digit
- Add and subtract fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers.
- Multiply simple pairs of proper fractions, writing the answer in the simplest form.
- Divide proper fractions by whole numbers.
- Calculate percentage of whole number.



# Break and Lunch

- Children will have their playtime at 12:15 and then eat their lunch in the hall at 1:35.
- Sign up for hot school meals at the office.
- **Fruit/healthy snack** can be brought in for break times.
- Please note that we are a nut-free school.
- Water bottles are kept in the classroom and can be accessed at all times - please ensure these are named.



# Homework

- Log in details will be shared via email.
- The half termly homework grid is on **Google Classroom**. Submit electronically or bring it to school.
- One piece of homework completed per week. Choose from: English, Maths, Science and Art/DT.
- Tasks explore our topics: 'World at War' and 'Frozen Kingdom.'
- Maths: TT Rockstars and Maths with a Mouse - little and often!
- By Year 5 and 6, it is imperative that the children know their multiplication and division facts. Quick recall will help them in many areas of their Maths learning this year. Please encourage them to keep practising.



# Reading Logs and Spellings



- Reading logs are checked daily by Mrs Bryan and me.
- Children do not need to record every day, but they do need to bring it to school.
- **3 x per week as a minimum.**
- Please encourage children to summarise or reflect on their reading. For example: what might happen next?
- Accelerated Reader and MyOn: online platform for reading. Please encourage children to complete the relevant quiz once they have finished their book.
- Weekly spellings are tested on Monday. Spelling books remain in school and word lists will be uploaded to Google Classroom.

# Behaviour: Rewards and Sanctions

- At St Mary's, we believe in praising positive behaviour and hard work.
- Dojo Champion and Star of the Week
- Star Worker Board for recognition
- School Celebrations: Happy Book and vine leaves for our Christian values.



# Behaviour: Rewards and Sanctions

- Behaviour Policy: found on our school's website.
- Underpinned by our school Golden Rules.
- Follows a restorative approach - 'community classroom.'
- Children may receive a timeout if they have been persistently disruptive or broken a Golden Rule.
- Communication with parents if a child has had a difficult day or received a timeout.
- E-safety is currently being covered in Computing.





- Uniform - Trainers are not part of school uniform.
- Children require a full P.E kit. They should wear their kit to school on a Thursday. Please ensure that all uniform is labelled clearly.
- Children should not wear jewellery to school.
- Walking home: please send a letter or an email to provide consent if you would like your child to walk home independently.
- Photography: permission slips (internet/website)
- Bikeability: week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> October
- Parents' Evenings: to take place in school: - Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 23rd October 3:30-6:00pm
- PE: Outdoor Games - Thursday
- Swimming - Friday up until half term (weather permitting)
- Second session of the week will be Gymnastics after half term (Monday)
- RHE: Sex Education Information Evening - right after this
- Class assembly: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November - 9:00am
- SATs Information Meeting for parents will be held in the Spring term.

