



Summer 2026 Class Newsletter Mexico

Class Teacher: Mrs Ashton-Smith

Welcome back to everyone - we hope you had an enjoyable Easter break. We are looking forward to what promises to be a busy and exciting summer term. Here is a brief outline of the topics and areas we will be covering during the coming term.

Themes for the term:

Summer 1 - Below the Waves

Summer 2 - Titanic

Important dates:

- May Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May
- Year 5 Residential: Cobnor - Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th May
- Non-Uniform Day for Summer Fayre - Friday 15th May
- Celebration Assembly- Wednesday 24th June
- HALF TERM - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
- Sports Day - Friday 5th June
- Whole School Photo - Friday 12th June
- STEM Day - Friday 19th June
- Parents' Evenings - Monday 6th July and Wednesday 8th July 3:30-6:00pm
- New class visits - Thursday 9th July
- Summer Production - Tuesday 14th July 1:30pm and 6:00pm
- Summer Production - Thursday 16th July and Friday 17th July 6:00pm

Swimming:

Our swimming lessons will take place on Wednesdays. Please note that earrings must be removed for Swimming lessons and children with long hair will require a swimming hat. Other useful items include deodorant (no sprays please) and a hairbrush. Verruca socks must be worn if required; these can be purchased from the local chemist or pharmacy. Please make sure that sun cream or hair gel are not applied before swimming. **We require written consent if you would like your child to wear goggles for our swimming lessons.**

English:

The units to be covered this term are:

- Non-chronological reports
- Diary entries

Maths:

This term, we will be covering the following units:

- Position and Direction
- Shape, Space and Measure
- Statistics

We will continue to timetable mental maths, arithmetic and problem-solving activities regularly.

Science: We will be looking at 'Living Things and their Habitats' and 'Animals including Humans.'

Relationship and Health Education: This term we will be learning about 'Managing Risk: Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco.'

Computing: This term we will be looking at Word Processing and Concept Maps

History: During the second half of term, we will discover the true and tragic story of the Titanic on its debut trip.

Geography: We will be learning about oceans around the world and the environmental dangers that they are facing. We will then research coral reefs and produce an information page about this habitat.

RE: This term, our Christianity unit is 'Gospel.' This will be followed by our second unit on Islam.

Art: We will study the work of contemporary sculptor Courtney Mattison and illustrator Yellena James. The children will be learning about what inspired these artists to produce sculptures and line drawings of coral and creating their own interpretations using a range of materials.

Spanish: This half term, the children will be studying the Aztecs. Next half term we will then learn about Telling the Time.

PE: Athletics and Outdoor Games will be taught by Mrs Burbidge on a Friday. **Please ensure that children come to school every Friday wearing their PE kit.** All kit must be clearly named, long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed for PE sessions. Children should have PE shirts, shorts, outdoor shoes, long trousers and jumper or tracksuit for outdoors in their PE kits.

Homework:

- **Reading logs:** Please ensure your child reads to you, or independently, weekly and that this is signed and dated. This will form an important part of my assessment for reading and dialogue between home and school. My expectation is three entries per week. Reading logs will be checked daily and home reading will be rewarded with dojo points. Please encourage your children to complete Accelerated Reader quizzes when books are finished.
- **Weekly spellings:** We will continue to set spellings each Monday and test on the following Monday.
- **Homework:** Half-termly homework grids will be shared on Google Classroom. Please ensure that your child completes one piece of homework from the grid each week.
- **TT Rockstars:** We will be continuing to use TT Rockstars to support our times tables learning. Please do encourage your children to practise their times tables at home on a weekly basis - daily practice of even five minutes will quickly show improvements.

*Please note that we are a **nut-free** school. We politely request that you ensure your child does not bring nuts into school, either as a snack or in their packed lunches. This includes any food item that may contain nuts.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via telephone or via the class email address: mexico@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Kind regards,
Mrs Ashton-Smith