



Autumn 2026 Class Newsletter

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

New Zealand

Class Teachers: Mrs McTiffen and Mrs Ashton-Smith

Quick notices:

Reading logs: We 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. Or alternatively the children can hand it into me at school, or it can be emailed.

Spellings: We are using a new scheme this year called 'Spelling Shed' to help children learn their spellings. Logins will be provided so that you can practise the spellings via Spelling Shed. They will also be on Google classroom. Spellings will be handed out on Monday and tested the following Monday.

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 child brings a suitable fruit or vegetable snack for their break. Unsuitable items such as large chocolate bars and crisps are not considered to be a healthy snack and will be removed.

Important dates for New Zealand class:

September	October	November	December
16 th September - Countryside classroom day at Parham 30 th September- Meet the teacher at 3:30pm	16 th October - individual school photos 23 rd October- INSET DAY Half Term - Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October	3 rd November- Parents' Evening - 3.30-6.00pm 5 th November- Parents' Evening - 3.30-6.00pm 6 th November- PTA fireworks 13 th November- Children in Need 25 th November- New Zealand celebration assembly	16 th - School disco and ISS Christmas lunch 17 th - Pantomime 19 th - Eucharist 18 th - Last day of term. Class Party (Christmas jumpers to be worn)

If you have any concerns please feel free to speak with us via the class email nz@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk, or ring the school on 01798 872007.

Kind regards,

Mrs Mctiffen and Mrs Ashton-Smith

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Curriculum

English - 1st half term: We will be writing persuasive letters urging people to stop deforestation 2nd half term: We will be writing diary entries as if we have travelled to America.	Maths - 1st half term: - Place Value - Addition and Subtraction 2nd half term: - Addition and Subtraction - Multiplication and Division	Science - 1st half term: We will be learning all about living things and their habitats with a focus on classification. 2nd half term: During the second half term we will be learning about electricity.
PE - 1st half term: We will be swimming every Wednesday. We will have outdoor PE each Tuesday. 2nd half term: Dance will start in the hall; the day will be confirmed closer to the time. Netball will also begin.	Spanish - The children will be taught Spanish each week by Miss Bell. During the Autumn term, they will cover: Greetings, saying how we're feeling, numbers up to 12, saying our age, naming colours and finding out about Christmas in Spain.	Geography - 1st half term: Rumble in the Jungle! In this unit of work, we will learn all about the Rainforests around the world. 2nd Half Term- Road trip USA We will be learning all about the physical and human geography in USA.
History - We will focus on this more in the spring term with our topic on Ancient Egypt.	Art - 1st half term - The first half of this term we will be focusing on Art inspired by Henri Rousseau and his animals in the rainforests.	D&T - 2nd half term - We will be making our own pumpkin pies!
RE - 1st half term: A focus on Islam and submission 2nd half term: Continuing to look at Islam but with a focus on reincarnation.	Music - Year 3- will be learning how to play the Glockenspiel.	Computing - 1st half term: We will be learning about how to be safe online. 2nd half term: We will be revisiting and extending our understanding of Coding.
RHE - 1st half term: We will be learning about democracy. 2nd half term: We will be learning about medicinal drugs and tobacco. Please note that all RHE lessons follow our curriculum and are age-appropriate.		

