



Autumn 2020 Class Newsletter Japan

Class Teacher: Mr Rogers

Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer holiday and you are looking forward to the new term. Here is a brief outline of the topics we will be covering and some helpful points to note.

Theme for the term - The World at War

We will be learning all about World War 1 and 2!

English:

Week beginning	Theme
07.09.20	Expectations for handwriting and presentation - Reading Rivers
14.09.20	Here We Are - Whole School Transition Focus
21.09.20 - 12.10.20	Diary Entries - World War 2
19.10.20	Poetry - World War 1
26.10.20	Half term
02.11.20	Poetry - World War 1
09.11.20 - 23.11.20	Historical Stories Narrative - World War 1 (the trenches)
30.11.20 - 7.12.20	Instructions - World War 2 (Anderson Shelters)
14.12.20	World War 1 1914 Christmas Cards - Christmas Activities

Maths:

Week beginning	Theme
07.09.20	Place Value and Number Puzzles
14.09.20 - 21.09.20	Number and Place Value
28.09.20 - 05.10.20	Addition and Subtraction
12.10.20 - 19.10.20	Multiplication and Division
26.10.20	Half Term
02.11.20	Multiplication and Division
09.11.20 - 30.11.20	Fractions
7.12.20 - 14.12.20	Geometry: Position and Direction

Science: We will study two main themes this term: Electricity and Light.

Relationship and Health Education:

Our focus is Sex and Relationship Education: Healthy Relationships & How a Baby is made.

Please note: A Zoom information meeting for parents has been arranged for Thursday 1st October at 3:30pm to introduce what will be covered in this unit before the teaching and learning begins.

Computing: We will cover the following units this term:

- Coding
- E-Safety

History/Computing: Children will create a movie trailer based in a historical setting of World War 2. This will tie into our English unit and will look at historical differences of World War 1 and World War 2.

RE: The children will learn about Christianity through three units:

- What does it mean if God is holy and loving?
- Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?
- Was Jesus the Messiah?

Art: The children will learn about pencil sketching and link their art work to WW1 and WW2.

Music: We will be following the Charanga Scheme of Work and the children will be learning how to play the ukulele. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn to play an instrument and we have taken advice regarding the cleaning of the ukuleles because of COVID-19.

D&T: This term the children will design and make an Anderson Shelter.

PE: The children will need to bring their PE kits into school each week. Outdoor PE lessons will be taught by Mrs Burbidge on Thursdays, who will be delivering Cricket and Athletics. In Cricket, the children will be developing their striking and fielding skills. They will be practising striking bowled balls in different directions and over increased distances, throwing and catching accurately and increasing their awareness of how to use space when fielding. In Athletics, they will be practising their running using hurdles, in relay races and over longer distances. They will be jumping using the triple jump and standing vertical jump, and developing their throwing using the javelin and discus. Please ensure that children's PE kits are brought in on a Monday morning and remain in school all week. 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.

Dance lessons will be taught fortnightly due to the increased cleaning requirements for the hall between classes at this time.

Important dates:

- Meet the Teacher Zoom Meeting - Wednesday 23rd September 4:00pm
- Individual School Photographs - Tuesday 29th September
- Year 6 SRE Information Meeting for Parents (Zoom) - Thursday 1st October 3.30pm
- INSET Day - Friday 23rd October
- Half term - Monday 26th - Friday 30th October
- Parents Evenings - Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November
- End of term - Friday 18th December

Homework:

There is some variation to the usual arrangements due to the current guidance:

- **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 collected in on a **Monday**. In line with current guidance, they will be marked on a Wednesday and returned to the children on a Thursday. Books borrowed from school should be returned to the boxes in the library, where they will be stored for 48 hours before being put out for others to borrow.
- **Weekly spellings:** These will be set each Monday and tested on the following Monday. Word lists will be sent out to parents via the class email addresses and spelling books will remain in school.
- **Homework:** Homework will be set on a grid format enabling children to work to specific interests just like in Year 5. We would like the children to complete homework tasks in their orange Home School Notebooks. **These books should remain at home** - we would like parents to photograph or

scan the children's homework and send this to the class email address:

japan@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

We would like to receive homework emails on a Monday where possible and dojos will continue to be awarded for completed tasks.

- **TT Rockstars and My Maths:**

We will be continuing to use TT Rockstars to support our Times Tables learning. This has shown a significant impact on the children's fluency, speed of recall and accuracy when using written methods for multiplication. 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.

We will also continue to use MyMaths, an interactive online program to support Maths learning, on a regular basis. This provides the children with the opportunity to link homework activities to their class-based learning and will enable them to consolidate the skills that have been taught. A reminder of the children's log in details for TT Rockstars and MyMaths will be sent out this week.

Sundries:

We take anti-bullying and child protection very seriously at St Mary's. In the first week of term we have discussed how adults at school keep children safe and as part of our Child Protection Policy we have given each child a pamphlet for them to keep at school in their trays. A copy of this will be sent out to you all.

I would also like to take the opportunity to remind you that we are a **nut-free school** as we have a child with a severe nut allergy.

I hope this has been helpful. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via the class email address or by telephone.

Kind regards,

Mr Rogers
Japan Class Teacher

As part of our topic we sometimes show clips and films that are 12A certified.

Please return the slip to your class teacher if you **DO NOT** consent to your child watching such clips.

Many thanks,
Year Six Team

Name ----- Signed -----