



Italy Class

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Notes for Parents
Autumn 2021

Welcome back! We hope that you have had relaxing summer holidays and are ready to come back to school. We have been so pleased that the children have settled quickly and appear to be enjoying being in Italy Class. Below are some of the themes and units of work that we will be covering.

Overall Themes

Our topic for the start of this term is '**Sensational Senses**'.

Phonics & English

We will continue to increase the children's phonological awareness and phonics knowledge through varied, multi-sensory activities that support their reading, spelling and writing skills. In Phonics, your child will continually re-visit, learn, practise and apply their learning according to our new, bespoke Phonics scheme. To inspire your child's love of words, the reading experiences will be many and varied; we will share a range of stage-appropriate fiction and non-fiction texts to delve further into our theme and beyond. Chosen texts will develop the children's awareness of the different reasons for writing and we will talk regularly to reflect on an author's imagination and intent and explore this for ourselves when we write. Also, we shall act! We shall delve deeply into many, many texts to extend your child's vocabulary and show them just what is possible through the written word.

- **Reading Records:** I would love for you and your child to read and enjoy books together every day! I appreciate it won't always happen...but please try to make that your goal. **The reading scheme books are a fundamental stepping-stone to secure your child's confidence as a reader.** Reading scheme books and reading records will travel between school and home in named, plastic wallets. There is also a book coming home to share with your child. I ask that you write in your child's reading record **at least three times a week** and Mrs Parsons or I will make comments once a week.
- **Spellings:** Children will be given new spellings every Monday to learn and **the list will come to you via Google Classroom.** Your child will have the opportunity to recall their learnt spellings each Monday.

Maths

Children will learn new mathematical concepts. Using physical equipment (manipulatives) and pictorial representations, they will embed and apply new mathematical language and abstract constructs to solve mathematical challenges. We will work on the key principles of number, including the place value and the four operations. We will encourage pupils to apply their Maths skills through problems to solve them. Numbots or TT Rockstars will be made available to all pupils, depending on whether they are Year 1 or Year 2. The MyMaths program will be available to all for home practice. Please await log in details.

Science

This term, children will explore what it means to work scientifically within the units: **Observing Seasonal Changes & the Weather**. They will also develop their knowledge around **Animals, Including Humans**.

Class Worship & Religious Education

Our days begin either with an interactive Class Worship, a prayer or elements of learning taken from the new statutory curriculum subject: Relationships & Health Education curriculum (previously named PSHE). Occasionally, class worship is led by Father Paul or by Mr. Holloway. In RE this term, **God** is the subject of our first theme, followed by Celebrations & Festivals in the lead up to Christmas.

PE

There are two PE sessions each week. Your child needs the correct drawstring bag with named PE kit for indoor and outdoor sessions. The PE kit should be in school every day then taken home on Fridays to be washed and ready for the following Monday. Please check PE footwear regularly for sizing!

Art & Design

The children will develop their knowledge and appreciation of 'tactile art' by studying the textural techniques of Henri Matisse. As they draw, paint, sculpt and apply different media, they will develop skills and techniques that use colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.

Computing

We will continue to use Purple Mash as a comprehensive educational learning tool where your child will be using it to create documents and digital artwork as well as learn the rudiments of Coding. The principles of online safety will be integral throughout.

RHE

Relationship and Health Education will continue to be a compulsory part of the curriculum. We will be starting with **Physical Health & Wellbeing** and moving onto **Keeping Safe**.

Humanities

We shall focus on Geography this autumn by studying regional climates and the weather more locally. We will explore natural weather patterns by comparing two contrasting regions.

Homework

A homework grid will be available via Google Classroom. We ask that your child completes one activity or a piece of work each week. Depending on the task, we ask that you upload completed work onto Google Classroom, email italy@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk or bring it into class.

NOTICES -

NUT FREE SCHOOL - Just a reminder: Please remember we are a nut-free school, so do not provide anything that is a nut or contains nuts, please.

We urge you to get in touch if you have any problems or concerns, no matter how small and insignificant you think they are. We look forward to working with you on the next step in your child's education.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Hubble

Dates to Remember

Non-school uniform - 17th September 2021

Senses Day - Tuesday 21st September 2021 - non-school uniform

Forest School starts for Y1 - Thursday 23rd September

Meet The Teacher (zoom) - Wednesday 29th September 3.30pm

Individual school photos - Tuesday 28th September 2021

INSET day - Monday 1st November 2021

Parents' evening (Zoom) - Tuesday 9th November & Thursday 11th November 2021