

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a lovely Easter. These are some of the themes and units of work that we are tackling this coming term.

Overall Themes

This half-term our Topic is 'Dinosaur Planet' and we will be linking our English learning to this theme alongside other curriculum areas.

English

In English, we will be using a range of texts to delve further into our theme. We will start by exploring **Where The Wild Things Are** by Maurice Sendak in greater depth to support our narrative story-writing and non-chronological report writing and then move on to information texts about dinosaurs and reading lots of books which will develop vocabulary around dinosaurs and story language.

As ever, in English, we will develop our reading, writing and speaking and listening skills. In Guided Reading sessions, children will continue to read texts that teach them inference, deduction, reading strategies, vocabulary and the content of fiction and non-fiction books. It will be based at their level and will encourage progress within their reading.

*** Please write in your child's reading log at least three times a week. Remember, extra dojos are awarded for frequent home reading! Please read to them and jot it in the reading log as well as it shows you are sharing books, vocabulary and story language.**

Maths

This term, we will cover Length and Height, Position and Direction and Time as well as Mass, Capacity and Temperature. All children will learn new mathematical concepts using physical equipment (manipulatives) and pictorial representations before progressing to the abstract stage.

***Please continue to use My Maths, Numbots and TT Rockstars at home to develop fluency.**

Science

This term, children will explore dinosaurs and this will follow on from the previous term's learning. Pupils will explore classifying dinosaurs using terms such as reptile, bird, carnivore, omnivore and herbivore; they will use knowledge of these areas previously learnt and build upon their understanding. This term, children will also engage in investigation and observation that will enhance their depth of learning. We will be thinking about dinosaur teeth and dinosaur poo to explore their diet!

PE

Dance & Athletics - pupils will master the basic movements of running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities.

There are two PE sessions each week, generally scheduled for Monday and Wednesday. Your child will need a drawstring bag with a named PE kit for indoor and outdoor sessions. As the weather warms up, please can I ask that children have layers of PE clothing. The PE kit should be in school every day

then taken home on Fridays to be washed and ready for the following Monday. Please also ensure that your child's footwear fits and each item of clothing is named - as we currently have a box of many unnamed/unclaimed clothing in our classroom. There will also be another opportunity for parents to look in the box before items move to Lost Property.

Class Worship & Religious Education

Our days always contain interactive Class Worship, a prayer or elements of learning taken from the new statutory curriculum subject: Relationships & Health Education curriculum (previously named PSHE). Our Christian Values for this term are faith, trust and truthfulness. Occasionally, class worship is led by Father Paul, Vicky Smith or by Mr. Holloway. In RE this half term, pupils will be exploring the meaning of 'Gospel' and learning about how Jesus' gospel is 'good news' to those following him.

Art and DT

This term, pupils will create close observational drawings of a dinosaur eye. They will extend their piece by converting their ideas onto a 3D clay model. They will develop a wide range of art and design techniques using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space. Pupils may also have the opportunity of creating a monster puppet using some basic sewing skills.

Computing

We will continue to use Purple Mash as a comprehensive educational learning tool where your child will be using it to code to create simple games, make use of spreadsheets as well as setting up binary, yes/no question trees. The principles of online safety will be integral throughout.

RHE

Year 1 pupils will be considering Emotional Health & Wellbeing this term. They will explore the full range of feelings and consider the various ways to manage them. Year 2 pupils will be learning about ways to keep themselves safe within the home (inc. online) and outdoors.

History

In our history sessions, we will be thinking about the chronology of events that we are aware of and where dinosaurs fit into that! We will also learn about Mary Anning and her input into our current knowledge of dinosaurs.

Geography

We will be extending the children's understanding of places around the world by reviewing and embedding the knowledge of the seven continents and learning about Pangaea. All pupils will have the opportunity to plot the whereabouts of dino-discoveries onto a world map.

Music

Pupils will explore the genre of pop music by composing their own pop song...dinosaur-related, of course! Body percussion and other percussion instruments will be made use of, but the focus is on performance!

Homework

A homework grid is 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 and it will be marked online.

NOTICES -

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

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

Year 1 Phonics Meeting via Zoom - Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 3.30pm

Italy class assembly Friday 20th May at 9am

Week commencing 16th May - Walk to School week

30th May - Half Term week

Friday 27th May - Jubilee celebration - dress in red/white/blue and enter the 'Bake off'

Year 2 SATs Meeting - Thursday 5th May 2022 at 3.30pm via Zoom

KS1 SATs Week - w/c Monday 23rd May 2022

Year 1 Phonics Screening - Monday 6th June 2022

Class Photographs - Thursday 9th June 2022

Whole School Photograph - Monday 13th June 2022

KS1 Sports Day - Tuesday 14th June 2022 1 PM children to attend in PE kits and a coloured T shirt for their team

Last day of Extra-Curricular Clubs - Friday 8th July 2022

Move Up afternoon Monday 18th July pm

Last day of term - Wednesday 20th July