## Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September U.K. Class



# U.K.and Austria Timetable



Forest School will be on a Wednesday. We will send home a list of dates soon.

Miss Dunstall will take U.K.and Austria Classes every Tuesday (alternate morning/afternoon).

Rhymes will be taken home weekly this term.



Purple books will be taken home weekly, we will start these soon.





In order for children to be able to read and write well they must be able to listen very carefully and discriminate between sounds. They should be taught to do this in a fun, exciting and active way with both planned and self-chosen activities.

#### <u>Phase 1 - The 7 Aspects</u>

- Environmental Sounds
   Instrumental Sounds
   Body Percussion
   Rhythm and Rhyme
- 5. Alliteration
- 6. Voice Sounds
- 7. Oral blending and Segmenting (short sounds)



#### Music making...

- Active music making engages all of our senses.
- Music can be used to enhance memory skills and retention.



- Whole brain experience = optimal brain development.
- Tuning in the rhythm of the language, patterns of sound (words and phrases)
- Repetition, repetition, repetition.



- Teach 19 letter graphemes (shapes) and phonemes (sounds) (GPCs) all lower case
- Move from oral blending and segmenting to doing the same with letters
- Learn to read and spell VC and CVC words using magnetic letters, whiteboards, phoneme fans
- Introduced to reading two syllable words and simple captions.
- Learn to read the tricky words I, no, go, the, to

#### Phase 2 - Writing

Until this point, the children have not been taught to form letters correctly.

 We have been doing lots of work in Physical Development to get ourselves ready for writing.

They start by writing these in the air, in the salt, flour, in paint, on each others backs and if appropriate with a pencil.

#### **Maths Resources**

Recommend;
Number line
2 x dice
Numicon pack
Counters
Number fan



Ideas pack (please ask for a copy if needed) These basic resources are available online.  Encouraging Independence.
 Please involve your child in packing their bag at home. That way they are more aware of what they have brought to school each day.

Shoes – if your child has laces please ensure they can do these themselves as we are currently unable to help them with them.

Clothing – please support your child in learning how to dress/undress independently.

#### Reading Books

All of the children will be bringing home a reading book from school this week. Please read with your children as often as possible and write in their new reading log.

They should also be encouraged to read 'real' books from home or the library. We would normally visit the village library and get library Cards later this term. (please try and take your child down and have a look at the lovely children's section).

#### Reading Books

- Reading books need to be sent back in in the zippy plastic bag.
- We read every day with the Children in all subjects and will write in their reading logs once a week after whole class, individual or guided group reading. If you feel your Child needs to Change reading levels please email us.
- At this early stage the focus is on talking through the pictures and developing the use of 'story book' language, as their phonic skills develop they will bring home books linked to the sounds we have taught.
- Sign up to <u>www.oxfordowl.co.uk</u> for access to eBooks that we use in Class.



Please use these for books only.

- Last year we lost several books because of water bottles leaking on them or fruit going rotten.
- Please send these in on the stated day, we need to isolate returned books for 48 hours before they can be used again,

### St. Marys' cursive handwriting style

#### This is how we write our letters...

fghijklmnopqrstuvw.

#### School Uniform

- Please ensure that all of your Children's school uniform, including PE kits and coats, are clearly labelled with their name.
- If you notice the name is starting to wear off please could you re-write it in so we know who items belong to.
- At the end of the day we try to collect all jumpers and cardigans etc from the cloakroom to give out but please check your children's jumpers when they get home to ensure they are not wearing somebody else's.

#### Learning Journals

One of the ways in which your child is assessed in reception is through collecting evidence of things they have said or done. These are put into a 'Learning Journal', which is simply a scrapbook of your child's achievements.

Throughout reception this is used to work out your Child's learning and their hext steps.

#### Learning Journals

One of the ways we ask you to help with this is through completing 'Did you know?' slips telling us of their achievements and providing evidence of things they have said or done outside of school.

**News from hom** 

 Alternatively you Can email us photos to illustrate these achievements; <u>Icallender@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk</u>

#### Behaviour

We follow the school Golden Rules at all times in U.K. and Austria Class, we have linked these to Mr Potato!

We also follow the school behaviour code in lessons and have high expectations of how we should behave in order to learn.

 Good behaviour is reinforced through our PHSE lessons and class assemblies.

We like to focus on positive behaviour and will phone/send emails and photos of work to Mrs Copus or Miss Gorecka, they will then pass us a gold sticker!

# All help much appreciated!

•Reading

•Craft Activities

•Forest Schools

•Weeding the garden!

•Walks around the village.



#### Water bottles and Fruit

- All Children should have a water bottle to keep in Class should they be thirsty during our Busy Bee sessions. We keep water bottles on the mats over by the sink. Children are also provided with a drink with their hot lunches.
- At morning break, the Children are encouraged to take a piece of fruit for a snack. Children may bring fruit from home or have a piece of school fruit. We discourage fruit winders, fruit flakes etc at break times in preference for a piece of fresh fruit. Please bring an extra piece of fruit or wholemeal biscuit for the afternoons.

#### Free School Milk

Milk is completely free for all children aged under 5.

Milk is subsidised for Children aged 5 or over.

www.coolmilk.com



**School Lunches** 



https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk

Other bits..... Learning Journals from Nursery

Pupil Premium

Boxes, tubes etc for making trolley

DBS checks

WhatsApp, Class Dojo Early Birds and Jiminy's



#### Dates;

Individual School Photos 29<sup>th</sup> September

INSET Friday 23rd October

Flu Nasal Spray 3rd December – FORMs asap

Parents Evening Zoom Slots 3rd, 4th, 5th November

#### Thank you for coming.

Car parking

Website – dates, Newsletters, etc