



Thailand Class

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Newsletter - Summer 2021

Welcome back! We hope that you had lovely break and are ready to come back to school. Here is an update on some of the themes and units of work that we will be tackling this term.

Important dates for Thailand class:

- Bank Holiday (School closed) - Monday 3rd May
- Half Term – Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June
- KS1 Sports - Tuesday 15th June TBC
- Reports Home – Friday 25th June
- Parents Evening – Tuesday 29th June
- Parents Evening – Thursday 1st July
- New class letters Home – Monday 19th July
- Class Transition Afternoon – Wednesday 21st July TBC
- Last Day of Term – Thursday 22nd July

Overall Themes

The Summer term 1 topic is '**Our Wonderful World**' and we will be linking our English outcomes to our learning in History and Geography. Across other curriculum areas, our topic will also be a stimulus for our Art pieces and support our development of scientific inquiry and the creation of DT products. In Summer term 2, our topic will be '**Towers, Tunnels and Turrets**' and, again, this will be linked to our English outcomes and our learning in History and Geography.

English

In English, we will focus first on poetry, descriptive writing and narrative. We will then turn our attention to information texts and instruction writing. Each of these units will help us to develop our reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills.

We will continue to focus on our phonics and sentence construction and we will focus on learning how to spell high frequency words and common exception words (tricky words). Informal testing is conducted frequently through Phonics and English lessons. See the list of words at the bottom of this newsletter.

Please continue to read with your child at least three times a week and record this in their reading log. Please make use of myON and Oxford Owl for access to many free online books.

We would also encourage you to read as many picture books as possible to your child. Bedtime is a great time to cuddle up and share a book together.

Maths

Teaching and learning in Maths will cover multiplication, division and an introduction to fractions, which will take us to half term. On our return, we will extend the children's knowledge and use of number beyond 50 (up to 100), applying their knowledge to money and time to further their mathematical skills and understanding. Position and direction, which falls under Geometry, will also be studied.

Please continue to encourage your child to use My Maths and Numbots/Times Table Rockstars to develop their fluency.

Computing

During the Summer term, we will be focusing on gathering information and presenting it as Pictograms, then moving onto Lego builders where the children will be focusing on following and creating simple instructions on the computer. Pupils will begin to use spreadsheets then, finally, learn the basics of digital animation.

Science

This term we will be exploring how to work scientifically in greater depth. We will be considering ideas and raising suggestions as part of scientific enquiry and testing. The children will develop their skills of observation, the correct use of equipment and they will apply their knowledge around gathering and recording data learnt previously in Maths. This important practical feature of Science learning will provide an opportunity for pupils to consolidate their understanding from previous terms' Science topics: Plants, the Uses of Everyday Materials, Animals including Humans.

Religious Education

Our final unit 'Gospel' is centred on the question 'What is the good news Jesus brings?' Knowledge that pupils will acquire includes:

1. *Christians believe Jesus brings good news for all people.*
2. *For Christians, this good news includes being loved by God, and being forgiven for bad things.*
3. *Christians believe Jesus is a friend to the poor and friendless.*
4. *Christians believe Jesus' teachings make people think hard about how to live and show them the right way.*

PE

Pupils enjoy two PE sessions a week - Outdoor Athletics on a Monday and Dance in the hall on a Tuesday. Please ensure that PE kits are in school on these days and that your child's kit is a comfortable fit. In Athletics, pupils will learn movement skills and techniques for running, jumping and throwing, applying these within the context of friendly competition, where an attitude of good sportsmanship is nurtured so children recognise this as being an essential feature of sports participation. In Dance, pupils perform basic dance skills in response to topic-related stimuli and relevant-themed music and they develop observation and appraisal skills to appreciate dance as an art-form.

Homework

Homework this term will take the form of a Homework Grid and is on the Google classroom. The grid contains a wide range of activities for the children to choose from. Please support your child to complete one activity per week and send a photograph of their learning to us via the class email address.

Other Important Information

Allergies - we are a nut-free school. We politely request that you ensure your children do not bring nuts into school either as a snack or in their packed lunches. This includes any food item that may contain nuts.

Suncream and warm weather - As the weather gets warmer, please think about applying suncream before your child arrives at school. We cannot apply sun cream to your child. Please also ensure that you send a sun hat.

I hope this has been helpful and if you have any further questions or concerns, no matter how small or insignificant you think they are, I urge you to call me via the school office on 01798 872007 or email me at thailand@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Kind regards,

Mrs Hubble

Year 1 Common Exception Words

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says
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were
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by
my
here
there
where
love
come
some

one
once
ask
friend
school
put
push
pull
full
house
our

100 High Frequency Words

the	we	mum	get
and	can	one	just
a	are	them	now
to	up	do	came
said	had	me	oh
in	my	down	about
he	her	dad	got
I	what	big	their
of	there	when	people
it	out	it's	your
was	this	see	put
you	have	looked	could
they	went	very	house
on	be	look	old
she	like	don't	too
is	some	come	by
for	not	will	day
at	then	into	made
his	were	back	time
but	go	from	I'm
that	little	children	if
with	as	him	help
all	no	Mr	Mrs
an	saw	off	called
so	make	asked	here