



# Mexico Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020

Welcome back!

I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to the new school year. I am very excited to be working with your children in Mexico class. I know that both you and your children will be adjusting to returning to school after a long time away. If there are any concerns or questions you have please do not hesitate to contact me at [mexico@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:mexico@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk).

Here is a brief outline of the learning we will be covering this term, along with some useful points to note. Our topic is '**Earth and Space**' for which lots of the children have already shown enthusiasm!

## Maths

This term in Maths we will be focusing on:

- Number and place value, addition and subtraction, statistics, multiplication and division.
- We will be continuing to use TT Rockstars to support our Times Tables learning. This has shown significant improvements in the children's fluency and speed of recall. Please do encourage your children to practice their Times Tables at home on a weekly basis. At the end of last term, letters were sent out introducing My Maths, an interactive online program to support Maths learning. This provides the children with the opportunity to link homework activities to their class-based learning and enable them to consolidate the skills that have been taught. Please ask if you have any questions regarding this.

## English

In English this term we will be looking at:

- Short story narratives
- Non-chronological reports
- Biographies
- Poetry

## Science

After studying Earth and Space we will move on to look at Forces.

## Computing

We will be using Purple Mash to help deliver our Computing curriculum. This term we will look at coding, online safety and spreadsheets.

## R.E.

This term we will study Christianity by considering the questions 'what does it mean if God is Holy and Loving?' and 'are Science and religion complimentary or contradictory?' These units of work are thought provoking and the children will be encouraged to link Christian values to real life examples.

## Art

Our artist is Peter Thorpe who created abstract space-themed paintings. We will also be learning skills such as sketching, painting and pastel techniques.

## Design Technology

In keeping with our Science this term, we will be looking at designing re-entry vehicles and parachutes which we will relate to forces.

## Music

This term, we will be studying Gustav Holst's masterwork 'The Planet Suite', to look at contrast and dynamics. The children will have the opportunity to perform their own compositions.

## P.E.

The children will have two P.E. sessions a week, one Dance lesson taught by me and an outdoor session delivered by Mrs Burbidge on a Wednesday.

**Please remember that the correct P.E kit should be in school at all times** and that children need to have outdoor trainers. No jewellery is to be worn, please ensure that all earrings are removed.

### **Spanish**

Senorita Vaneiris will continue to teach the children Spanish every Wednesday.

### **Relationship and Health Education**

Relationship and Health Education is now statutory in Primary schools. This will be delivered once a week on a Thursday. This term we will cover 'Growing up and changing'. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this then you are welcome to contact me.

### **Homework**

Homework books have been sent home containing a grid for the whole of the Autumn term. We would like the children to complete one piece of homework in their homework book each week, **but keep their homework books at home. Please photograph or scan the children's homework tasks and email them to: [mexico@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:mexico@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk).**

### **Reading Logs**

Reading logs will be collected in each Monday and sent back marked on a Wednesday. Please keep in mind that the children must read for at least 10 minutes, 3 times a week at home. This can be done independently, but if you have time to read and discuss their book with them that would be amazing.

### **Spellings**

Children will be given new spelling lists each Monday. They will stick their word lists in their orange spelling books which will remain in school. Spelling word lists will then be emailed to you so the children can practise their spellings at home. Tests will then be completed in their orange books on the following Monday.

### **Times Tables**

Please continue to encourage your children to learn their times tables at home – little and often is the best way! Having confidence with their multiplication and division facts has an amazing impact on their Maths lessons.

### **Class Dojo**

Whilst I will be sending out parent invitations to Dojo in the next week, this will primarily be for sharing what the children are getting up to at school via our Class Story. If you need to contact me, then you are more than welcome to email me at my class address.

### **Important Dates**

Meet the teacher Zoom: Wednesday 23rd September 2020 at 4pm

Individual school photographs: Tuesday 29th September 2020 – full school uniform please

Inset day: Friday 23rd October 2020

Zoom parents evening: Tuesday 3rd - Thursday 5th October 2020

Thank you in advance for your support and I look forward to getting to know you and your child as the year progresses.

Kind regards,

Miss Callender