



France Class

Notes for Parents
Autumn 2020

Welcome back! We hope that you are well and have enjoyed being back at school. Below are some of the themes and units of work that we are covering this coming term.

Overall themes

This term our Topic will be 'Superheroes' and we will be linking our English and Art lessons to that theme alongside other curriculum areas.

English

We will be using a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to delve further into our theme, including stories, descriptions and poetry. In each unit we will develop our reading, writing and speaking and listening skills.

Children will be given new phonic sounds each Monday. They will be stuck into their orange spelling books which will remain in school. The phonic sounds will be emailed to you so the children can practise them at home. These will be starting from next week.

Each child will have their reading log which should be written in three times in the week and I will write in it at least once a week. These will travel to and from school in a named plastic wallet. This may be based on their reading scheme book or other reading that we have done in class. Guided reading will happen and in these sessions children will be reading texts that teach them inference, deduction, reading strategies, vocabulary exploration and the content of fiction and non-fiction books. It will be based at their level and encourage progress within their reading.

Maths

We will continue to work on the key principles of number including the place value, four operations, fractions, data handling skills, shape and space, measures, calculator skills and number problems. We will have a real focus on the application of these skills to

solving new problems. We are aware that some of our methods of teaching maths may not be the same as yours, but we will try to include working examples to demonstrate.

We will be using the Numbots part of TT Rockstars, which will help the children learn their number bonds - the username and password for this will be sent home with your child. To help with consolidating some of the Maths learning in class, we have signed up to MyMaths. Here the children will be able to access some more learning. The password and username will be sent home for this also.

PE

This term, outdoor PE will be on a Tuesday and indoor PE will be on a fortnightly basis, on a Thursday. Please ensure your child has the correct, named PE kit for indoor and outdoor sessions. The PE kit should be in school every day and will be sent home on a Friday for washing and it needs to be brought back to school on a Monday.

Art and Design

In Art the children will be looking at Superheroes. They will be drawing, painting and sculpturing to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination. They will also develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space. They will make their own superheroes and backgrounds.

Religious Education

The children will be studying 'God' as our first RE theme this term and will then be moving onto celebrations and festivals including Christmas. The children will attend acts of worship in the classroom and Father Paul and Mr Holloway will be visiting us.

Computing

The children will be working on Coding using our new scheme of work, 'Purple Mash'. They will be introduced to coding and learn to make blocks of code, move characters and write programs.

RHE

From this year, Relationship and Health Education will be a compulsory part of the curriculum. We will be starting with Healthy Eating and moving onto Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Homework

Homework books - Homework Books will be sent home on Friday. These will contain a homework 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. If you can photograph or scan the children's homework tasks and email them to me via the class email address france@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk, this would be fantastic.

Reading. We would love for you to read with your child at least 3 times a week and make notes of this in their reading log, using direct quotes if possible. We would like you to continue using the staged books from our library but would also encourage reading a book from home for 'pleasure', reading through recipes, newspapers or any other forms of reading that you come across. These are all worthy and relevant forms of reading that we'd love you to be doing with your child. I will write in the log once a week, please be aware that we will quarantine the books for 48 hours during the week.

Maths. We will be focusing on learning times tables. These will be $\times 2$, $\times 5$, $\times 10$. We will also introduce $\times 3$. We will set different challenges for tables each week and we will start on the $\times 2$ s to begin. For year 1 children we will be focusing on doubling to start with, but if you feel your child is ready then please start counting in different steps.

Just a reminder: Please remember we are a nut-free school so please do not pack nuts in the children's lunch boxes.

I urge you to get in touch if you have any problems or concerns, no matter how small and insignificant you think they are. I look forward to working with you on the next step in their education. There will be an opportunity for you to 'Meet the Teacher' to address any issues that have developed. More details will follow later in the term.

Kind Regards,

Miss Sleat

Dates to remember

Meet The Teacher (zoom) - Wednesday 4pm 23/9/2020

Individual school photos - Tuesday 29/9/2020

Inset day - Friday 23/10/2020,

Parents' Evening (zoom) - Tuesday 3/11/2020,

Wednesday - 4/11/2020,

Thursday 5/11/2020

Week	Theme this week
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number and Place Value
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number and Place Value
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number and Place Value
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addition and Subtraction
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7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addition and Subtraction
HALF TERM	
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measurement: Money
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10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiplication and Division
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiplication and Division
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessment
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessment
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shape linked to Christmas activities

Literacy

Week	
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stories
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11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poetry
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