Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 25th September

Austria and U.K.Timetable

Forest School is on Wednesday. Please return the sign up sheet as we need more parent helpers to make the most of the opportunities available.

Miss Dunstall will take U.K. class every Monday afternoon and Austria class every Tuesday morning.

Rhymes will be taken home weekly this term.

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

Phase 1



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.

Phase 1 - The 7 Aspects

- 1. Environmental Sounds
- 2. Instrumental Sounds
- 3. Body Percussion
- 4. Rhythm and Rhyme
- 5. Alliteration
- 6. Voice Sounds
- 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 = optiment
 brain development
- Tuning in the rhythm of the language, patterns of sound (words and phrases)
- Repetition, repetition, repetition.

Phase 2

- Teach 19 letter shapes and 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 or whiteboards
- 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 sand, in paint, on each others' backs and, if appropriate, with a pencil.

Maths Resources

- 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.

■ From Monday 30th September all children are expected to line up in the playground before school and bring in their own bags.

They do not need to be in school before 8.45am unless you are changing their reading books with them.

Reading Books

- All of the children should now have a reading book from school. Please read with your children every night and write in their new reading log.
- They should also be encouraged to read 'real' books from home or the library. We will be organising library cards during our visit later this term. (forms will be sent home soon)



Reading Books

- Reading books can be changed any day, please feel free to do this with your children before or after school.
- 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 come and speak to us.
- At this early stage the focus is on talking through the pictures and developing the use of 'story book' language.
- Sign up to <u>www.oxfordowl.co.uk</u> for access to eBooks that we use in class.

Book Bags

- Please use these for books only.
- Last year we lost several books because of water bottles leaking on them or fruit going rotten.
- Need to bring these in everyday except Wednesday, this is due to Forest Schools.

St. Mary's cursive handwriting style

This is how we write our letters...

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

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, in 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 next 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.
Did you know?

News from home

Alternatively you can email us photos to illustrate these achievements; ehuntleyhart@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk lcallender@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Behaviour

- We follow the school Golden Rules at all times in U.K. and Austria class.
- 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 send children to Mrs Copus or Miss Gorecka to show special work and receive gold stickers!

Helpers 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 morning break in preference for a piece of fresh fruit.

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



Other bits.....

- Learning Journals from Nursery
- Pupil Premium
- Boxes, tubes, etc for making trolley
 TINS
- DBS checks
- WhatsApp, Class Dojo
- Early Birds and Jiminy's

Dates;

'Six week in' meeting Wednesday 23rd
 October

■ Flu Nasal Spray 23rd October – FORMs asap

Parents' Evening Wednesday 13th
 November

Thank you for coming.

Car parking and Walking Bus

■Grounds Working Party Saturday 26th October 10am-?

•Website – dates, Newsletters, class info,etc