



Summer 2022 Class Newsletter Japan

Class Teacher: Miss Callender

Welcome back to everyone - we hope you had an enjoyable Easter break. We are looking forward to what promises to be a busy and exciting final term together.

Here is a brief outline of the topics and areas we will be covering during the coming term.

Themes for the term:

Summer 1 - Shakespeare

Summer 2 - Me, Myself and I

Important dates:

- Staff from The Weald to visit Year 6 - Tuesday 26th April
- Residential Information Meeting - Thursday 28th April 3:30pm
- May Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd May
- SATs Week - Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May - Breakfast Club will be running from 8:00am
- Residential Week - Monday 16th May - Friday 20th May
- Whole School Platinum Jubilee Street Party - Friday 27th May
- HALF TERM - Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June
- Class Photos - Thursday 9th June
- Whole School Photo - Monday 13th June
- KS2 Sports Day - Friday 17th June
- PTA Summer Fayre - Saturday 25th June
- Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral - Monday 27th June
- Weald Transition Day - Tuesday 28th June
- Art Week - Monday 4th July - Friday 8th July
- Parents Evenings - Tuesday 5th July and Thursday 7th July 3:30-6:00pm
- Summer Production - Tuesday 12th July 1:00pm and 6:00pm
- Leavers' Service in St Mary's Church - Thursday 14th July 2:00pm
- Summer Production - Thursday 14th July 6:00pm
- Summer Production - Friday 15th July 6:00pm
- Year 6 Summer Ball - Saturday 16th July 6:00-8:00pm
- Leavers' Assembly - Wednesday 20th July 9:30am

Swimming:

We are pleased to be resuming swimming lessons from week beginning 25th April. This term, we will be swimming on Fridays, with the Year 6 classes alternating between morning and afternoon sessions weekly. Swimming lessons will be taught by Mrs Treadwell and the children will swim in groups of approximately ten. Please note that earrings must be removed for swimming lessons and girls with long hair will require a swimming hat. Other useful items include deodorant (no sprays) and a hairbrush. Verruca socks must be worn if required; these can be purchased from the local chemist or pharmacy. Please make sure that sun cream or hair gel are not applied before swimming.

We require written consent if you would like your child to wear goggles for our swimming lessons.

English:

The units to be covered this term are:

- Newspaper Reports and Blogs (Romeo and Juliet)
- Balanced Argument (Macbeth)
- Playscripts (Summer Production link)
- Autobiography

Maths:

This term, we will be covering the following units:

- Algebra
- Ratio
- Geometry
- Statistics

We will continue to timetable mental maths, arithmetic and problem-solving activities regularly.

Science:

We will continue with our 'Evolution and Inheritance' unit. This will be followed by learning about the Circulatory System.

Relationship and Health Education:

This term's units are 'Identity, Society and Equality' (Human Rights) and 'Keeping Safe and Managing Risk.'

Computing:

This term we will be looking at spreadsheets, blogging and the interactive online game 'Text Adventures.'

History:

We will be studying the society and culture during the time that Shakespeare lived - the Elizabethan era. To supplement this learning, we will be looking at other significant monarchs in British history.

Geography:

During the second half of term, we will be focusing on geographical skills and fieldwork, including using maps, atlases, globes and digital mapping to locate countries.

RE: We will continue with our unit on 'Salvation' and will then complete the 'Kingdom of God' unit of work.

Art: We will use blending and shading techniques to create cityscape paintings using a variety of media. We will also design self-portraits in the style of the artist Romero Britto, combining elements of cubism, pop art and graffiti painting.

Music: Our Music this term will have a singing focus, as we learn and perform songs for our production!

Spanish: The children will be learning vocabulary for different types of food and phrases for ordering in a café. They will also have the opportunity to create books to introduce Spanish to children in Reception.

PE: The children will need to bring their PE kits into school each week. Outdoor PE lessons will be taught by Mrs Burbidge on Thursdays, who will be delivering cricket and athletics. Please ensure that children's PE kits are brought in on a Monday morning. They will remain in school all week and will then come home to be washed on a Friday. All kit must be clearly named, long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed for PE sessions. Children should have PE shirts, shorts, outdoor shoes, long trousers and jumper or tracksuit for outdoors in their PE kits.

Homework:

- **SATs Revision:** We have been so impressed with the children's commitment to revision at home over the past few weeks. Over the first two weeks of the Summer term, we will share final revision tasks for Reading, GPS and Maths on Google Classroom. As with our class-based revision, 'little and often' is best - please make sure that revision is interspersed with regular breaks and fun activities! Full details regarding the structure of SATs Week can be found on the class pages of the school website.

- **Reading logs:** Please ensure your child reads to you, or independently, weekly and that this is signed and dated. This will form an important part of my assessment for reading and dialogue between home and school. My expectation is three entries per week. Reading logs will be collected in on a **Monday**. Please encourage your children to complete Accelerated Reader quizzes when books are completed.
- **Weekly spellings:** We will continue to set spellings each Monday and test on the following Monday. Please note that there will be no spellings set during SATs Week or Residential Week.
- **Homework:** Half-termly homework grids will be shared on Google Classroom. Please ensure that your child completes one piece of homework from the grid each week. It is vital that they are familiar with the routine of submitting homework regularly in preparation for their transition to secondary school.
- **TT Rockstars and My Maths:**
We will be continuing to use TT Rockstars to support our times tables learning. Please do encourage your children to practise their times tables at home on a weekly basis - daily practice of even five minutes will quickly show improvements. MyMaths will be updated regularly with work related to our class-based learning and will enable the children to consolidate the skills that have been taught. This will include online revision of topics previously covered including Number and Place Value, Operations and Fractions, Decimals and Percentages.

Important Information:

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

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via telephone or via the class email address: japan@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Kind regards,
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