



# Spring 2021 Class Newsletter Year 6



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We hope that everyone is keeping safe and well at this difficult time. We are missing you and looking forward to being back together when it is safe.

Thank you for the amazing effort that you have put into your home learning via Google Classroom so far. We enjoy looking through your work and will aim to provide feedback on core curriculum learning within 48 hours. Remote learning will consist of daily English and Maths. In addition to this, Science, RE, Topic and Computing will be set weekly. Miss Bell and Mrs Burbidge will be setting Spanish learning and PE challenges on Thursdays and Fridays.

We understand that most of you are having to juggle supporting home learning with your own jobs to maintain, and the task is never easy. Please ensure that you set up your own timetable that balances screen time with activities off-screen as well.

If you are struggling with any aspects of home learning, useful information and links can be found on the school website. Please see the following link for details:

[https://www.st-marys-pulborough.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/remote\\_learning\\_january\\_2021/530193](https://www.st-marys-pulborough.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/remote_learning_january_2021/530193)

Here is a brief outline of the topics and areas we will be covering during the coming term. Obviously some of the content refers to teaching conducted in school which may not apply to you whilst you are home schooling.

## **Important dates for Japan and South Africa Classes:**

- Inset Day - Friday 12th February
- Half Term - Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February
- Fairtrade Fortnight - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March
- World Book Day - Wednesday 3rd March
- Parents Evenings - Tuesday 17th March (3.30 - 6:00pm) and Thursday 19th March (3.30 - 6:00pm)
- Red Nose Day - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March
- Easter Eucharist - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April
- Last day of term - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

## **Theme for the term - Explorers and the Land of Neverbelieve:**

We will be discovering lots about habitats and environments, famous explorers and how the Earth has developed over time. Much of our learning will be based around the amazing book 'The Land of Neverbelieve'.

### English:

- Non-chronological reports (*inform*)
- Fantasy character description (*entertain*)
- Adventure story opening - scene setting (*entertain*)
- Newspaper reports (*inform*)

### Maths:

We will continue to follow the White Rose scheme of learning. The Maths learning set will often include a White Rose video link - these have been working really well and explain new concepts in a clear and visual way. In addition to this, there will be regular opportunities for development of arithmetic skills and problem solving.

- Fractions

- Geometry: Position and Direction
- Number: Decimals, Percentages and Algebra
- Measurement: Conversion, Area, Perimeter and Volume
- Number: Ratio
- Statistics

Science:

This term we will cover the themes of 'Living Things and their Habitats' and 'Evolution and Inheritance.'

RE:

Our topics this term are 'Gospel' and 'Salvation.' These will build on the children's previous learning on these areas using the Understanding Christianity scheme.

Computing:

This term we will be developing our programming skills once again using Purple Mash. We will also be learning to use Google Classroom.

Topic, Art and Music:

We will be learning to interpret maps to learn about physical geography, including climate zones, biomes and rivers. In addition, our coverage of human geography will include: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links. This will be enriched by learning about and listening to different music from around the world. In Art, we will begin with creating portraits of Ernest Shackleton and will then paint landscapes and learn about perspective.

PE: We are posting challenges at this moment through Google Classroom - do make sure your child tries to participate.

If your child is in school, please ensure that children's PE kits are brought in on a Monday morning and remain in school all week. 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.

Home Learning:

The children have all been provided with passwords to access online learning platforms of MyOn, TT Rockstars, My Maths and Purple Mash (Computing). Please let us know if you have any problems regarding access to these. Spelling Shed is an excellent app to support the teaching of spelling and provides ideas for learning spellings in a multisensory way.

Important Information:

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

We hope this has been helpful. Please do contact us via the class email addresses below if you have any questions. We look forward to checking in with the children at the weekly Google Meet sessions and seeing the learning that they complete during this school closure period.

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Kind regards,

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