



India Class Newsletter

Spring 2022



Welcome back! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for our lovely Christmas presents. We hope that you have had relaxing Christmas holidays and are ready to come back to school. These are some of the themes and units of work that we are tackling this coming term.

Overall Themes

This half-term our Topic is 'Memory Box' and we will be linking our English and History learning to that theme alongside other curriculum areas. Our '**Memory Box Morning**' will be on **Tuesday 11th January 2022**. On this day, we would love for the children to bring in a named envelope or shoebox of memories to share with their class. This may include photographs, gifts, tickets, medals, toys etc. It would be lovely to see any parent/grandparent memories also! If you can, please include a picture of your child when they were a baby- we will start by trying to guess who is who from the baby photos. We would also love a grandparent to speak to us about their childhood on Zoom on this day. Please do get in contact with us if you know of a willing volunteer!

English

In English, we will be using a range of texts to delve further into our theme. We will start by writing Diary Entries from the perspective of characters from classic stories, such as Jack and the Beanstalk. We will then write recounts of memories and descriptions of artefacts from the past. In each unit we will develop our reading, writing and speaking and listening skills.

In Guided Reading sessions, children will continue to read texts that teach them inference, deduction, reading strategies, vocabulary and the content of fiction and non-fiction books. It will be based at their level and encourage progress within their reading.

*** Please write in your child's reading log three times a week and we will write in it once a week.**

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to work on the key principles of number including Multiplication and Division, Statistics, Shape and Fractions. We will have a real focus on the application of these skills to solving new problems.

*** Please continue to encourage your child to use My Maths and Numbots/ Times Table Rockstars to develop their fluency.**

Science

This term, children will explore plants and trees! They will be learning some common names for plants, flowers and trees and they will learn about evergreen and deciduous trees. The children will also learn what plants need in order to grow well, taking part in the planting of some bulbs and seeds.

PE

There are two PE sessions each week. Your child needs the correct drawstring bag with named PE kit for indoor and outdoor sessions. The PE kit should be in school every day, then taken home on Fridays to be washed and ready for the following Monday. Please check PE footwear regularly for sizing!

Class Worship & Religious Education

Every day we include an interactive Class Worship, a prayer or elements of learning taken from the new statutory curriculum subject: Relationships & Health Education curriculum (previously named PSCH). Occasionally, class worship will be led by Father Paul or by Mr. Holloway. In RE this half term, **Judaism** is the focus of our study.

Art & Design

The children will complete a topic called, 'Fabulous Faces' during which they will analyse some famous self-portraits and complete their own self-portraits using basic proportions. They will also have a go at doing portraits of others, applying their learning about the dimensions of a face.

Computing

We will continue to use Purple Mash as a comprehensive educational learning tool; your child will be using it to create documents and digital artwork, as well as learn the rudiments of Coding. The principles of online safety will be integral throughout.

RHE

Relationship and Health Education will continue to be a compulsory part of the curriculum. We will be starting with **Physical Health & Wellbeing** and moving on to **Keeping Safe**.

Humanities

We shall focus on Geography this autumn by studying regional climates and the weather more locally. We will explore natural weather patterns by comparing two contrasting regions.

Important dates for India class:

- World of Work Day - Wednesday 16th February
- Half Term - Monday 21st - Friday 25th February
- Fair Trade Fortnight - Monday 21st February
- INSET DAY - Monday 28th February
- World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March
- Red Nose Day - Friday 18th March
- School Reports - Friday 25th March
- Parents Evenings - Tuesday 29th March (3.30-6pm) and Thursday 31st March (3.30 - 6pm)
- *online via the school cloud system
- Easter Eucharist - Thursday 7th April
- Last day of term and Easter Eggstravaganza - Friday 8th April

- **Reading logs** - Please note you can also access books remotely via the online website MyOn. Please write in the children's reading log each week at least three times.
- **Homework** - a new homework grid will be placed onto the class pages of Google Classrooms. It is school policy that EVERY pupil should be attempting to submit homework. We believe any form of homework to be beneficial in cementing your child's learning and it is great at building the relationship between parent and child. Thirty minutes is more than enough for a KS1 child and you may wish to split this in to two 15 minute blocks. The homework grid is designed to give your child the choice as to what they would prefer to tackle. Please do NOT bring homework into school but submit it via Google Classrooms. If there is something special you would like to share with the class, please email the school office or the class email address so that we may share it electronically.
- **Weekly spellings** - There are lots of fantastic apps which can help with this - Spelling Shed and Spelling Bee are recommended. I have also placed 'Bloom's taxonomy' spelling sheet onto Google Classrooms which gives you lots of fun ideas on how to learn your spellings. There are lots of play-type activities that the children could do writing outside with chalks, washing up liquid bottles for writing, writing in sand, magnetic letters or making letters from coloured pens or bits of outdoor materials.
- **Times tables** - Please ensure your child is practising their times tables at home each week. It is important that the children build on the EYFS experience of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. The school has signed up to a website called Times Tables Rockstars for which you should all have your individual login IDs and passwords. Please note that this website is designed to automatically move your child on once they have shown their recall time and accuracy are in line with recommendation. Any games for times table would be beneficial, so please make sure you are practising. There are YouTube songs to help that you could have playing as well.
- **Google Classrooms, My Maths, Accelerated Reader, MyOn and Purple Mash are also other websites the children can access to help with their learning.**

NOTICES

NUT-FREE SCHOOL - Just a reminder: please remember we are a nut-free school, so please do not pack anything that is a nut or contains nuts.

We look forward to working with you on the next step in your child's education and we urge you to get in touch if you have any problems or concerns, no matter how small and insignificant you think they are, either by phone or on the class email: india@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Kind Regards,

Miss Wilkins and Mrs Hatcher

India Class teachers