



# Thailand Class

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Notes for Parents

Autumn 2021

Welcome back! It is wonderful to know the school is full again and to hear the buzz of class life once more! Mrs Ansell, our class TA, and I are so pleased that the children have settled quickly and appear to be enjoying being in Thailand Class. Below are some of the themes and units of work that we will be covering.

## Overall Themes

Our Topic for the first half term will be '**Sensational Senses**'. More information about our next Topic will follow in due course.

## Phonics & English

We will continue to increase the children's phonological awareness and phonics knowledge through varied, multi-sensory activities that support their reading, spelling and writing skills. In Phonics, your child will continually re-visit, learn, practise and apply their learning according to our new, bespoke Phonics scheme. To inspire your child's love of words, the reading experiences will be many and varied; we will share a range of stage-appropriate fiction and non-fiction texts to delve further into our theme and beyond. Chosen texts will develop the children's awareness of the different reasons for writing and we will talk regularly to reflect on an author's imagination and intent and explore this for ourselves when we write. Also, we shall act! We shall delve deeply into many, many texts to extend your child's vocabulary and show them just what is possible through the written word.

- **Reading Records:** I would love for you and your child to read and enjoy books together every day! I appreciate it won't always happen...but please try to make that your goal. **The reading scheme books are a fundamental stepping-stone to secure your child's confidence as a reader.** Reading scheme books and reading records will travel between school and home in named, plastic wallets as well as a picture book for you to share with your child. I would ask that you write in your child's reading record **at least three times a week** and I or my TA will make my comments once a week.
- **Spellings:** Children will be given new spellings every Monday to learn and the list will come to you via Google Classroom. Your child will have the opportunity to recall their learnt spellings at some point during the week.

## Mathematics

Children will learn new mathematical concepts by using physical equipment (manipulatives) and pictorial representations in order to embed and apply new mathematical language and abstract constructs to solve mathematical challenges. Your child will learn the key principles of number (to 20), to include counting, place value, addition and subtraction and comparing numbers. Children will also learn to identify the characteristics of 2D and 3D shapes. Numbots and MyMaths programs will be made available to all pupils. Please await log in details.

## Science

Children will explore what it means to work scientifically within the unit: **Animals, including Humans.**

## PE

There are two PE sessions each week. Your child needs the correct drawstring bag with a 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 also ensure that your child's footwear fits and each item of clothing is named.

## Class Worship & Religious Education

Our days begin either with an interactive Class Worship, a prayer or elements of learning taken from the new statutory curriculum subject: Relationships & Health Education curriculum (previously named PSHE). Occasionally, class worship is led by Father Paul or by Mr. Holloway. In RE this term, **God** is the subject of our first theme, followed by Celebrations & Festivals in the lead up to Christmas.

## Art & Design

The children will develop their knowledge and appreciation of 'tactile art' by studying the textural techniques of Henri Matisse. As they draw, paint, sculpt and apply different media, they will develop skills and techniques that use colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.

## Computing

We will continue to use Purple Mash as a comprehensive educational learning tool where your child will be using it to learn the rudiments of Coding to take them on a journey from learning how to move a single character to writing a program that contains several characters that move within the context of a story scene. 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 onto **Keeping Safe**.

## Humanities

We shall focus on Geography this autumn by studying seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles.

## Homework

A homework grid will be available via Google Classroom. We ask that your child completes one activity or a piece of work each week. Depending on the task, we ask that you upload completed work onto Google Classroom or bring it into class.

## **NOTICES -**

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

We urge you to get in touch if you have any problems or concerns no matter how small and insignificant you think they are. We look forward to working with you on the next step in your child's education.

Kind Regards,

Miss Rees

### Dates to Remember:

Non-school uniform - 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Senses Day - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 - non-school uniform

Forest School starts for Y1 - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Meet The Teacher (zoom) - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm

Individual school photos - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021

INSET day - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

Parents' evening (Zoom) - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November & Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021