



China Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021

Welcome back!

I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to the new school year. I am very excited to be working with your children in China class. I know that both you and your children will be adjusting to returning to school after a long time away so, if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at china@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk.

Here is a brief outline of the learning we will be covering this term, along with some useful points to note. Our topic is '**Earth and Space**' -for which lots of the children have already shown enthusiasm! Then after half term we will be changing our topic to **Peasants, Princes and Pestilence** - more information will be given about this topic at a later date.

Maths

This term in Maths we will be focusing on:

- Number and place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Statistics
- Multiplication and division

English

In English this term we will be looking at:

- Short story narratives
- Non-chronological reports
- Biographies
- Poetry

Science

After studying Earth and Space we will move on to look at Forces.

Computing

We will be using Purple Mash to help deliver our Computing curriculum. This term we will look at coding, online safety and spreadsheets.

R.E.

This term we will study Christianity by considering the questions 'What does it mean if God is Holy and Loving?' and 'Are Science and religion complimentary or contradictory?' These units of work are thought-provoking and the children will be encouraged to link Christian values to real life examples.

Art

Our artist is Peter Thorpe who created abstract space-themed paintings. We will also be learning skills such as sketching and pastel techniques.

Design Technology

In keeping with our Science this term, we will be looking at designing re-entry vehicles and parachutes which we will relate to Forces.

Music

This term, we will be studying Gustav Holst masterwork 'The Planet Suite', to look at contrast and dynamics. The children will have the opportunity to perform their own compositions.

P.E.

The children will have two P.E. sessions a week, one Gymnastics lesson taught by myself and an outdoor session delivered by Mrs Burbidge on a Friday. Whilst the weather is still good, the children will continue to have swimming on a Monday with Mrs Treadwell. Gymnastics will begin when these sessions end.

Please remember that the correct P.E kit should be in school at all times and that children need to have outdoor trainers. No jewellery is to be worn, please ensure that all earrings are removed.

Spanish

Senorita Bell will continue to teach the children Spanish every Friday and the children will be focussing on numbers up to 100 and over and time.

Relationship and Health Education

Relationship and Health Education is now statutory in Primary schools. This will be delivered once a week on a Thursday. This term we will cover 'growing up and changing'. If you have any questions or concerns then do let me know.

Homework

Homework grids can be found on Google Classroom. We would like the children to complete one piece of homework each week. **Please upload any pictures or documents onto Google Classrooms for marking and feedback.**

Reading Logs

Reading logs will be collected in each Monday and sent back marked on a Wednesday. Please keep in mind that the children must read for at least 10 minutes, 3 times a week at home. This can be done independently, but if you have time to read and discuss their book with them that would be brilliant. Educational research shows that reading can be the biggest contributing factor to academic success - so do get reading. If your child needs recommendations for texts then do email me.

Spellings

Children will be given new spelling lists each Monday. They will stick their word lists in their orange spelling books, which will remain in school. Spelling word lists will then be accessible on Google Classroom. Tests will be completed in their orange books the following Monday.

Times Tables

Please continue to encourage your children to learn their times tables at home - little and often is the best way! Having confidence with their multiplication and division facts has an amazing impact on their Maths lessons.

Class Dojo

Whilst I will be sending out parent invitations to Dojo in the next week, this will primarily be for sharing what the children are getting up to at school via our Class Story. If you need to contact me, then you are more than welcome to email me at my class address.

Important Dates

Non-school uniform day - Friday 17th September

Individual school photographs: Tuesday 28th September

Planetarium visit for Year 5 - Wednesday 29th September

Meet the teacher Zoom: Wednesday 29th September at 3.30pm

Half term: Monday 25th - Friday 29th October

Inset Day: Monday 1st November

Parents' Evening Zoom: Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th November 3.30 - 6pm

Last day of term: Friday 17th December

Nut free school - A reminder that we are a nut free school due to nut allergies.

Thank you in advance for your support and I look forward to getting to know you and your children as the year progresses.

Kind Regards,

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