



China Class Newsletter

Summer Term 2022

Welcome back! I hope you have had a lovely Easter holiday and are looking forward to an exciting Summer Term. This newsletter contains a brief outline of what we will be learning as well as some useful points to note.

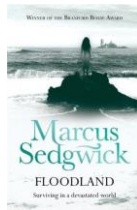
Topic

In the first half of the term our topic is 'The Waves' which offers exciting opportunities to look at creatures of the deep and different facts about the Oceans of the world. The second half of the term our topic will be 'The Titanic'.

English

In English this term we will be looking at:

- Narrative - Dilemma based on Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick.



- Guided reading - based on our class read: Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson.



- Ballads - Whales sounds focusing on Oracy
- Persuasive letter on oil spills
- Diary entry

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about:

- Decimals
- Properties of shapes including angles.
- Units of measurement

We will also revisit previous learning on place value and the four operations. Some lessons will have an arithmetic, times table or problem solving focus.

Science

During the first half term, we will be continuing to look at 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will then move on to 'Animals including Humans'. This unit will cover areas such as the gestation period, growth of babies, puberty and life expectancy.

Art and Design Technology

We will continue to improve our mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing and painting with different mediums. We will start the term by learning about the Japanese artist Hokusai and create our own 'Great Waves'.

In D&T, we will be creating a pop-up book based upon 'The Titanic'. This will allow the children to experiment with different skills, including cutting, joining and creating mechanisms.

Computing

We will be using Purple Mash to help deliver our Computing curriculum. This term we will look at spreadsheets, databases and game design.

Music

We will be looking at a unit of work called 'Classroom Jazz' which focuses around two tunes and improvising Three Note Bossa and Five Note Swing.

Spanish

Spanish will continue to be taught to the children once a week on a Thursday by Miss Bell.

R.E

This half-term we will focus on how Muslims show their submission and obedience to Allah. We will then be looking at the People of God in Christianity.

Relationship and Health Education

This term we are covering:

- Domestic Violence
- Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco
- Borrowing and Earning Money

Please contact me if you would like more information regarding these areas.

P.E.

The children will have two P.E. sessions a week: swimming on a Wednesday with Mrs Treadwell and outdoor games with Mrs Burbidge on Thursdays.

Please remember that the correct P.E kit should be in school at all times. Children need to have trainers and an outdoor kit which is suitable for the warm summer weather. No jewellery is to be worn so please ensure that all earrings are removed.

How can you help?

- 1) **Reading** - As part of their weekly homework the children must read for at least 10 minutes, 3 times a week at home. The logs will be marked each week on a Monday. However, please ensure your child brings in their reading book and log every day. It would be lovely if you could listen to your child read and discuss what they have read. However, I appreciate this is not always possible and your child might sometimes prefer to read independently. If this is the case, encourage them to record what they have read in their reading log, along with their thoughts on what they have read. There are some questions at the front of the Reading Records. Please ask your child to answer at least one of those a week in their books.
- 2) **Walking home** - we will require a written request from the parent/carer submitted to the School Office should you wish a child to walk home after school on their own. Without this, we are not able to let your child leave school grounds unaccompanied.

- 3) **Homework:** Half-termly homework grids will be shared on Google Classroom once a week. Please ensure that your child gets into the routine of submitting one piece of homework from the grid each week. This should be up to 45 minutes in preparation for Y6 and secondary school.
- 4) **Weekly spellings** - Please ensure your children are practising their spellings at home each week. Spellings will be uploaded on Google Classroom on a Monday each week for a test on the following Monday. There are lots of fantastic apps which can help with this - Spelling Shed and Spelling Bee are recommended.
- 5) **Times tables** - Please ensure your child is practising their times tables at home each week. Please continue to use TT Rockstars. 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.
- 6) Google Classroom, My Maths, Accelerated Reader, MyOn and Purple Mash are also other websites the children can access to help with their learning.
- 7) **Mobile phones** - Should you require your child to carry a mobile phone when in school, they will be asked to hand it in to the Office where it will be stored carefully and returned to the child at the end of the day. Please note that St Mary's will not be responsible for any loss or damage to the mobile phone.

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Reminder: A reminder that we are a nut-free school and a healthy snack for breaktime is needed. No crisps or chocolate will be allowed at breaktime.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have a concern or need any further information. You can either email via my class address.

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Kind regards,

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