St Sebastian's Primary School Newsletter

Yearly Newsletter

Elephants—2025/26

Welcome to back to a new school year which I know will be full of fun, hard work and success.

I am very excited to be back and look forward to seeing the children looking smart and ready to learn.

Thankyou to all the parents and carers for the time and effort that is put into helping with reading, homework projects and spellings at home — it really does make a difference!



What's happening in Autumn Term?

Over the Autumn term we will be covering a variety of different topics. Starting with Geography, we will be focusing on natural resources and how they help shape the planet we live in today. In Maths, we will mainly be focusing on place value, arithmetic and basic number operations. In Science, our topic 'Earth and space' will allow us to discover our solar system with moon diaries, school trip experiences and more. In R.E. we will be delving into Hinduism in more detail and looking at the bright and beautiful culture that can be found.

What's happening in Spring Term?

Over the Spring term we will be covering a variety of different topics. Starting with Geography, we will be exploring all the amazing things that can be found in Brazil including the Amazon river and rainforest. In Maths, we will mainly be focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages and how we can convert values between all three. In Science, our topic 'Properties and changes in materials'. We have already looked at how materials can change and now we will focus on how we can separate a variety of materials. This will include many practical experiments and scientific observations.

What's happening in Summer Term?

Over the Summer term we will be covering a variety of different topics. Starting with Geography, we will be exploring coastlines across the UK and how they can be protected from erosion through a range of strategies. In Summer 2, we will transition into our final History topic where we will look at the Industrial Revolution. In Maths, we will mainly be focusing on measurement, volume, area and perimeter. In Science, our topic 'Forces' will continue with an in-depth look into water resistance accompanied by some interesting experiments.

PE

PE days — Tuesday and Thursday

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their school uniform on both days. They will then get changed in school.

We will be trying our best to get outside for PE so please make sure your child has kit that is weather appropriate.

Rewards

This year, we are excited to continue celebrating our pupils' efforts, progress and achievements in a range of fun and motivating ways. Children can earn *Values Points* for showing our school's core values, with special rewards given at every 25-point milestone. Pupils will also collect *Class Credits* which contribute towards access to an exclusive class reward when they reach 100—attendance at this event will be based on each child's behaviour throughout the year. In addition, children who pass five Accelerated Reader quizzes will earn a prize from our *Magic Box* or receive a Pokémon card reward! There will also be regular opportunities for children to proudly share their fantastic work with other classes and staff members across the school.

Reading

Children will also be expected to read regularly at home and quiz on these texts on accelerated reader at school. The minimum expectation is to successfully quiz on one book a month and reading clubs will be taking place at breaktime for those children that may need additional support.

Autumn—Through our English, Whole Class Reading and Class Novel, we will be reading: 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce as well as other exciting texts.

Spring—Through our English, Whole Class Reading and Class Novel, we will be reading: The Explorer by Katherine Rundell, The Thought Fox by Ted Hughes and Who Let the Gods Out? By Maz Evans .

Summer—Through our English, Whole Class Reading and Class Novel, we will be reading: Street Child by Berlie Doherty ,The Nowhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie and The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes.

Homework

From week one of term, your children should have a 'Homework Bingo' grid with a range of homework activities. Both a paper copy and an electronic copy (via the website) has been provided. Please complete one homework project each fortnight if possible. Your child can still bring in any homework crafts, projects etc that they have done at home as we love to see them! You can always send any homework photos or

Spelling

Spellings will be taught daily via a method called 'Active Spelling'.

Children will also be sent home with 5 statutory spellings from year 3,4,5 or 6 to practice. These spellings will be tested on a weekly basis. Practicing these spellings is very important and will also help children make huge strides in their reading and writing.

Website

Link to class page

Our website contains a wealth of information that you may find helpful.

On your child's class page, you can find:

- Homework grids
- Knowledge organisers
- Photo updates
- Spellings

On our main website, you can find information about our:

- Policies and reports
- Term dates
- Newsletters
- School information
- School meals
- SEND

