



St Sebastian's Primary School Newsletter

Yearly Newsletter

Elephants—2026/27

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 have moved into Year 5 and look forward to helping your child learn and develop.

Thank you 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! If at any point you are wanting to get in contact, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Please reach out by email or telephone via the school office. Mrs Liversidge



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 then in history—Vikings.

In Science, our topic 'Earth and space' will allow us to discover more about our solar system. In R.E. we will be learning how different people worship and use their senses in their worship.

In Maths, we will mainly be focusing on place value, arithmetic and basic number operations. In English we focus on the books 'Cosmic' and then 'The Present'.

What's happening in Spring Term?

Over the Spring term we will start with Geography; we will be exploring Brazil including the Amazon river and rainforest. Our English links to our geography topic, reading the book: The Explorer. Our History about Greeks will link to the book 'Who let the Gods Out?'

In Maths, we will mainly be focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages and how we can convert values between all three. In Science, we will learn about '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 start with Geography, 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. Our English will link to this, focusing on the book: Street Child.

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

PE

PE days — Tuesday and Wednesday

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.

If your child wears earrings, it would be helpful if they were removed before coming to school on P.E. days, for safety reasons.

Rewards

We always do our '**best**' to receive:

Verbal praise & stickers

Showing our work to other adults

Values Points & Class Credits

Shine Awards

Reading

Children will also be expected to read regularly at home and quiz on these books on accelerated reader at school. The minimum expectation is to successfully quiz on one book a fortnight 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 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 and The Nowhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie.

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. 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 videos via email.

Spelling

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

Children will also be sent home with 5 or 6 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

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