

Bysouth Class – Summer updates

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a wonderful half term break! We are now in the final half term before the end of the school year, this year has gone by so quickly. As ever, we have lots of exciting things planned for this half term, including our trip to Southend!

On Tuesdays, Mrs Wittich will continue to teach the class PE. Mrs Wittich will also teach Art/DT on Thursdays. Mrs Dear and Mrs Cottenden will also be teaching the class music and RE on Fridays during Jackson's and Layton's Forest School sessions.

Please find below an overview for what we have planned for this half term:

English:

Writing: We will continue to write for a wide range of purposes in our writing lessons. You may wish to support your child at home with their writing by providing regular opportunities to write, including writing letters, their own stories, writing simple sentences and so on!

Reading: Children will be reading regularly at school. As an important part of your child's home learning, they **should be reading at home every day**. The children should be reading with or to an adult. When they are reading, please make use of the activities and questions in the covers of the book. By reading the book and working on reading skills, the book will be kept for at least two days. Comments on their reading and skills should be recorded every day in the Home School Communication book. Comments are used as part of my reading assessment for each child. Our library day will continue to be every Friday.

Spelling: Spellings will be given to the children every Friday and tested the following Friday. Spellings will either be focussed on a specific 'rule' or on a set of statutory words. **Weekly spelling words will be sent home in the Home School Communication books.** Please also ensure your child is learning our common exception words, these are words the children need to know by the end of Year 1 and 2.

Maths: In Maths, year 2 will continue their learning on fractions, time, statistics and position and direction. Year 1, will be learning about fractions, position and direction, and time.

Times Tables: Children in Year One and Two will have two, five and ten times tables and related division facts to learn. These will be set and tested regularly. The activities will be set on *Times Table Rockstars*. This can be accessed online on a laptop or a tablet.

Please ensure your child completes the maths homework set each week. These activities will be set weekly in the Home School Communication book. **Parents are expected to sign to show completion of tasks.**

Science: We will continue with our Science topic on 'Living things and their habitats'.

Topic (History): After our Geography topic, we will move on to our History topic on 'super heroes don't always wear capes'.

Topic (Geography): We will continue our Geography learning on India.

Art/DT: We will be designing, making and evaluating puppets in Design Technology and then using our local area to inspire our art work.

Computing: We will continue to use Chromebooks in our Computing lessons. We will be creating pictures, using spreadsheets and develop our understanding of coding.

PE: On Tuesdays, the children will be continuing to increase their fitness and focus on athletics to get ready for sports day!

On Wednesdays, the children will be doing yoga. Please ensure your child has the correct clothing and footwear for PE, please also ensure these are labelled. **If your child has earrings, you will need to either provide medical tape** to cover them or if possible come to school on PE days without earrings. This is part of the expected health and safety procedures of primary PE requirements.

PSHE: Our next Jigsaw topic for this term is: 'Changing Me'. Year One will be having their Jigsaw lessons with Miss Wilson and Year Two with Ms Bryan.

R.E: We will continue to learn more about Christianity and Judaism with Mrs Cottenden on Fridays.

Music: Mrs Dear will continue to teach our music lessons, during Jackson's Forest School session.

Forest School: Our Forest School sessions will continue to take place every Friday. Please ensure that children come to school dressed in their PE kit. Please also ensure your child has their wellington boots and a waterproof coat (with a hood) in school.

Reminders:

It is important that your child has a **named water bottle in school every day**. This will need to be taken home at the end of the day, washed and refilled.

Please ensure you name all items of clothing (including footwear) clearly. Any earrings should be small plain studs. Please make sure socks and tights are in line with our expected uniform.

Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school each week.

Please ensure your child is completing their home learning each week, this includes any activities set on purple mash, Mathletics and so on.

Please ensure your child is read with at least 5 times a week and comments regarding their reading have been recorded. Comments are also used as part of my reading assessment for each child, alongside any other homework set (for example, a maths activity).

Home learning: Please check the Google classroom and stream regularly for announcements and home learning. Please also comment on posts uploaded. Instructions around home learning will continue to be explained in the Home School Communication book. This book should be used and tasks completed, signed and commented on five times a week. **We will monitor the home learning completed and use your comments to help assess progress.**

If you need to contact me at all, please write a message in the Home School Communication book, or send an email to a.wilson@reed.herts.sch.uk. Of course, I will also be on the playground each morning and afternoon. Please note that emails may not get a response straight away, and any emails sent in the evenings and over a weekend/holiday may not be answered until the next school day.

If you wish to come into class after school to look at your child's learning, then please feel free to email me or talk to me in person. Please let me know beforehand due to after school commitments.

Thank you for your continued support. I am looking forward to an exciting half term!

Yours sincerely,
Miss Wilson

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