

Bysouth Class – Summer Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter break! We are now in the final term before the end of the school year, I can't quite believe where the time has gone! As ever, I have lots of exciting things planned for this term, including our summer trip! Please find below an overview for what we have planned for this term:

On Tuesdays, Mrs Wittich will continue to teach the class PE. Mrs Wittich will also teach DT on Thursdays, to cover my PPA (planning, preparation and assessment time). Mrs Dear and Mrs Cottenden will teach the class music and RE on Fridays during Jackson's and Layton's Forest School sessions.

English:

Writing: We will continue to write for a wide range of purposes in our writing lessons. We will be focusing on poetry, reports and explanations.

To support your child with their writing at home please provide them with regular opportunities to write, including writing letters, their own stories, writing simple sentences and so on!

Reading: Children continue to read 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. 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, these can be found in your child's book.

Maths:

In Maths, year 1 will be learning about multiplication and division, fractions, position and direction, place value and time. Children in year 2 will be learning about fractions, time, statistics, position and direction.

Times Tables: Please continue to support your child with learning their times tables and related division facts. We encourage children to use TTRS regularly at home.

Science: Following on from our science topic on 'everyday materials', we will now be learning about the 'uses of everyday materials'.

Topic (History): Our new History topic is 'Mighty Mary'. We will be learning about Mary Seacole and all of the important work she did.

Topic (Geography): In Geography, we will be learning all about the country of Zambia. We will also continue to work on our fundamental geographical skills every day in early work.

DT: In Design Technology, the children will be exploring wheels and axles. They will be using this knowledge to design and make a vehicle linked to learning in other curriculum areas.

Computing: In Computing, we will continue to work on our sound and music topic. After this, we will move on to coding, and modelling and simulations.

PE: On Tuesdays, the children will begin by developing their racket and ball skills with tennis and then move onto athletics in preparation for sports day!

On Fridays, we will be focusing on improving our fitness and then we will move on to developing our yoga skills.

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

R.E: We will continue to learn more about Christianity and Islam with Mrs Cottenden on Fridays, where we will focus on learning about sources of wisdom, and justice and fairness.

Music: Mrs Dear will continue to teach our music lessons, during Jackson's Forest School session. We will learn songs linked to the theme of friendship.

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:

- **Please ensure your child is completing their home learning each week**, this includes any activities set on purple mash, Mathletics and so on. **We will monitor the home learning completed and use your comments to help assess progress.**
- 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. If your child has earrings, you will need to either provide medical tape to cover them, or if possible, your child comes to school on PE days without earrings. Please make sure socks and tights are in line with our expected uniform.
- Please check the Google classroom and stream regularly for announcements and home learning. Please also comment on posts and add posts too!

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 ask me beforehand due to after school commitments.

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

Yours sincerely,
Miss Wilson

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