

Term 1 - Window on the World

Term 2 - Incredible Journeys

We will start the term by thinking about where the children went during their summer holidays. There will be a focus on developing geography skills and language, looking at maps, and locating different places around the country and the world.

We will read and write about several texts linked to the topic - Coral Goes Swimming, Handa's Surprise and The Little Red Hen in particular, with the emphasis on food around the world.

The focus in Term 2 will be upon animals from around the world - particular texts will be Rosie's Walk, and information books about animals.

In addition, each child will be taught phonics, handwriting and reading skills on a regular basis.

In Maths, we will be looking at numbers and the number system and aspects of space, shape and measures. Each child will access the learning at their own level and build on their existing knowledge. The children will take part in practical activities that enhance their understanding of numbers and shapes, patterns etc.

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday.

It is lovely to have your children back again and a warm welcome to Mickel who is joining us in Acorn class this term.

Don't forget you can get in touch with us via phone calls to school 01672 513101, communication booklets in reading bags or email - mhowarth@marlboroughstmarys.wilts.sch.uk

Please read the main school newsletters for more information about what is happening at school and how you can get involved.

Our friends of St Mary's school rep is Donna Kirby. Please contact her if you would like to get involved with school fund raising opportunities.

Creative Development

The children will have many varied opportunities to develop creative skills linked to the topic themes, including 2d and 3d art work using a variety of media and materials.

We are very fortunate to have music sessions delivered by Susan Partridge who is the 'music with mummy' Wiltshire Co-ordinator. These sessions are excellent - hands on and noisy!!

We cook regularly - this term we will be focussing on tasting fruits and breads from around the world. If you have any cultural foods that you would be willing to cook or share with us during this 'world wide' topic then please let us know and we can arrange a time for you to come in and surprise us !!

School Values

Term 1 Fairness

Term 2 Respect

Physical development

There will be horse riding for the following children.

Term 1 - Alfie, Gavin, Devashish, Layton, Levi and Nikash

Term 2 - Shane, Nikash, Bradley, Mickel, Alfie and Gavin.

First riding session is 17-9-18 Last session is 10-12-18

Please ensure your child has wellies and gloves for riding. Send them to school in tracksuit bottoms on Monday morning with their school trousers in a bag to change into after the session. All children will ride on a rolling programme due to the number of horses so if they only have 1 term before Christmas they will have 2 later on in the year.

Children in Reception years do not swim.

Children in Year 1 and 2 will swim with their inclusion classes if appropriate. You will receive details of this nearer the time for your child's class.

Please can all children have PE shorts, T-shirts and daps as well as tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts as we will be spending PE time inside and outside on the playground. Most children will also access inclusion PE in addition to Acorn sessions.

Helping at home

- Please read with your child daily, or as often as you can.
- Practise the tag words your child may have. Say them with your child and then model them in a sentence - or use the tag words to make a sentence e.g. 'the dog is big'.
- If your child has speech and language targets please practise these 3 times a week. Let us know if you need any resources copied.

Curriculum Booklet



**"Mighty Oaks from tiny
Acorns grow."**

Mrs Howarth

Acorn Class

Term 1 and 2 - Autumn 2018