



Bishop Pursglove Church of England Primary School

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Sapphire Class Newsletter

I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

We have had a wonderful start back and I am excited about the year ahead!

In Sapphire Class, I, Mr. Sheppeck, will be leading the classroom alongside our dedicated team of teaching assistants, who will assist with both lessons and targeted interventions. Mrs. Bingham will cover one session per week during my PPA time, and Mrs Branch will cover on a Thursday afternoon.

Sapphire Class consists of all Year 3 and 4 students, with a total class size of 30. We are located at the far end of the school, in the spacious room nearest the football pitch and astro-turf.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything on the newsletter, and for future reference, I can be contacted via email at r.sheppeck@bishoppursglove.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Key Information

PE: Sapphire Class PE days are Wednesday & Thursday, until later in the term. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather and their footwear is suitable for outdoors. If your child wears earrings, they should bring plasters/tape to protect their ears.

Swimming: All Year 3 and 4 will start swimming on Thursday 19th September.

Times Tables: In Year 4, children will sit the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). Please help to support your child by practising times tables at home. The sooner this becomes a habit, the higher chance of success. Even simply 5 minutes per day can have a huge impact.

Reading: Reading is a vital part of a child's education; therefore, we expect children to read at home, both independently and with an adult. A school reading book, a reading for pleasure book and a reading diary will be sent home daily, and children must bring this back into school every day. Please use the reading diary to record reading at home – I check reading records weekly, and I love seeing all the reading and the comments you write.

Parent Meeting: There will be a parent meeting after school on Wednesday 24th September at 15:40. I will be outlining expectations for the year and giving you an opportunity to ask any questions. It would be great to see many of you there.

Outdoor Learning: Sapphire Class will be doing outdoor learning on a Tuesday afternoon. Children can wear school uniform, with shoes suitable for potentially muddy conditions and a waterproof coat. Outdoor learning happens in all weather conditions.



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Autumn Term

Maths

Children will work with numbers to 1000, finding, comparing, ordering, and rounding four-digit numbers. They will begin to use a range of strategies to add and subtract four-digit numbers. Children will learn about the concept of area as the amount of space taken up by a two-dimensional shape or surface. They will also explore multiplication and division, using visual representations to understand concepts such as grouping.

English

English lessons will consist of a mix of Transcription, Handwriting, Spelling, Guided Reading and Reading for Pleasure. Lessons will cover a range of Fiction and Non-Fiction topics, and Poetry.

Creativity

Our creativity topic for the Autumn term is **Through the Ages**. In the Through the Ages project, your child will learn about three different periods of British prehistory: the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They will discover terminology relating to time and sequence dates to make a timeline. They explore the changes to people, homes and lifestyle throughout the different periods and investigate examples of prehistoric settlements, monuments, burials and artefacts in detail. They will also study how technology improved over time, including how the discovery of different metals changed the way that people lived.

Science

In the Animal Nutrition and Skeletal System project, your child will learn about the importance of nutrition for humans and other animals. They learn about the role of a skeleton and muscles and identify animals with different types of skeleton.

RE

Our RE topics for the Autumn term are "What is it like for someone to follow God?" and "What is the Trinity and why is it important for Christians?"

Further Projects

Children will also have a mix of Geography, Art & Design, Design & Technology, Computing, Music, PE, French, PSHE and E-Safety projects, that make up our wide and varied curriculum. Visit the Sapphire Class page on our school website to find out more about the topics we will cover.