



Bishop Purglove Church of England Primary School

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Sapphire Class Newsletter

I hope everyone had a lovely summer and was able to enjoy some time to relax and recharge. It has been great to see the children settle back into school so positively. We have had a brilliant first few days in Sapphire Class and are looking forward to everything the new school year will bring.

This year, I, Mr Wilde, will be the class teacher, working alongside our fantastic team of teaching assistants. They will support children across the curriculum as well as delivering a range of targeted interventions. Miss Hudd will also work with Sapphire Class, teaching one lesson during my weekly PPA time as well as covering the class on Thursday afternoons. We have 25 children across Years 3 and 4. You can find us at the far end of the school in the large classroom next to the football pitch.

Throughout the year, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything relating to your child. I can be contacted by email at r.wilde@bishoppurglove.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Key Information

PE: Our usual PE days are **Tuesday and Wednesday**, although these may change due to swimming or sporting events. Please make sure children are prepared for the weather and have suitable footwear. Earrings should be removed or covered with plasters/tape. A sports coach from Peak Active Sport (PAS) will deliver one PE session per week.

Swimming: All Year 3 and 4 children will begin swimming on **Thursday 17th September**. Mrs Hall will be accompanying Sapphire Class throughout their swimming sessions.

Reading: Regular reading at home, both independently and with an adult, is really important. Children will bring home a reading book, reading-for-pleasure book and reading diary, which should all return to school **every day**. Please record home reading in diaries – these are checked weekly.

Times Tables: Building a regular times-table habit at home will really support children's progress. This is especially important in Year 4, when children complete the **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**. Even **five minutes a day** can make a big difference. Games, flashcards and resources on our class webpage are all useful ways to practise.

Snacks: Fruit is no longer provided in KS2, so children are welcome to bring a **healthy snack** for morning and/or afternoon break. Please avoid sweets, chocolate and crisps. If bringing a packed lunch, keeping snacks separate can help children know what is for breaktime.



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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, Writing Composition, 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 **Invasion**. In the Invasion project, your child will explore the effects of the Roman withdrawal and the chronology and geography of subsequent invasions. They will study the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in detail, examining their reasons for invading, their settlements and their everyday life. Your child will also look at monasteries and the Anglo-Saxon legacy. They will learn about Athelstan, an Anglo-Saxon king, and what happened after his death, before ending the project by learning about the Norman invasion of 1066.

Science

Our science project this term is **Food and the Digestive System** which teaches children about the human digestive system. They explore the main parts, starting with the mouth and teeth, identifying tooth types and their functions. They link this learning to animals' diets and construct food chains to show the flow of energy.

RE

Our RE topics for the Autumn term are "What kind of World did Jesus want?" and "For Christians, when Jesus left what was the Impact of Pentecost?"

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.