



28th January 2025

Dear parents/guardians,

Spring Term 2025

I would like to start by thanking you all on behalf of Miss Glen and I for our Christmas presents, it was so kind of you and much appreciated. I hope you all enjoyed the festive season; however, it does seem like a very distant memory. Please read on to find out what the Spring Term brings.

We have a brand-new topic this term called 'Turrets and Tiaras'. We are hoping to visit both Arundel and Cowdray Castles this term and will celebrate our learning with a 'Fantastic Finish'. Here is a brief outline of our areas of study for this topic and term:

Science: We will explore 'Plants.' We will continue to observe Seasonal changes.

Geography: We will explore seasons and weather and become meteorologists.

History: We will explore 'How we used to live, 'and this will include castles and the people who lived or worked inside.

Design Technology: We will design, make and evaluate a salad and children will begin to think how they can present this and explore what nutrition a body requires.

Art: Children will explore using pencils for sketching and study the work of Quentin Blake and create a piece of art in his style.

Religious Education: This term we will explore and compare different religions in particular 'Judaism' and in the second half term we will return to 'Christianity' and 'Salvation'.

Computing: We will continue to discuss 'internet safety', 'Lego builders' and 'coding'.

Music: Using our music scheme, 'Charanga,' we will learn to play the 'glockenspiels'.

Physical Education: In school children will have Games with Aspire coaches, Tuesdays and gymnastics with me, Thursdays. (PE kit to be worn to school on both days, ears taped and long hair tied back please)

Phonics: The children will have regular phonics lessons, as well as other opportunities to practise reading skills by reading to adults in school.

Homework:

Reading: Please continue to hear your child read as often as possible, ask them relevant questions about the book and support them until they are confident. I will send more information about the forthcoming phonics screening which will take place week commencing 9th June 2025.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-information-for-parents>

We will change the books regularly, once children are confident with their books (normally three reads) however, please ask your children to pop them in the book changing box if we have forgotten.

Maths: This term we will be reviewing place value of numbers to 50 and relative addition/subtraction sentences. We will begin to explore measures in a variety of ways, and I will send more details on how you can support with this on Seesaw.

Seesaw: I will use this to attach links to some useful games to support learning and any reminders.

We are very lucky to have Miss Fayter (Chichester Uni Student Teacher) with us this term, she will be teaching your children alongside me. As always Miss Glen and I will greet the children in the mornings and return them to you at the end of day, please communicate any changes for afterschool pick up so we can write them on our board. If you have any concerns or questions, please catch one of us afterschool. I look forward to discussing the progress of your children at parents evening in March.

It will be a very busy, action-packed Spring term.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Hurrion

Dates for your diary

Cowdray Castle Visit – TBC (weather dependent as we will sketch the castle- after February half term)

Arundel Castle Visit- Tuesday 2nd April (more information will follow on a separate letter after half term)

Fantastic Finish- Thursday 3rd April pm (this is new and further details will follow along with an invite from your children to join us for the end of our topic- we will be dressing up in costumes linked to our topic- Lords, Ladies, Knights, Kings, Queens, Jesters, Princesses, Maids etc-)