

RHINE CLASS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 1 2022



Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year in Rhine class. We hope you enjoyed a lovely summer break and that the children are refreshed and ready for an exciting term's learning. Rhine class have lots to look forward to this term including a trip to watch Joseph at the theatre next week.

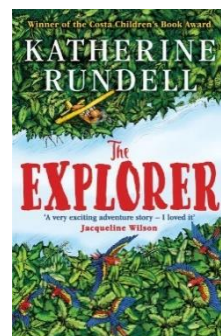


Back to school- Whole School Focus

For the first two days of term, we join the rest of the school learning about all things carnival ahead of taking part in Malmesbury Carnival on Saturday 3rd September. We shall be exploring the book 'Bisa's Carnival' and taking part in a samba workshop.

Topics

We start the year with our first geography inspired topic, 'Colour'. During the term we will learn about South America and Rainforests. We will be reading and using the text 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell, you child may like their own copy to read.



Class Teachers

There are two teachers in Rhine Class

Monday & Tuesday: Mrs Matthews

Wednesday - Friday: Mr Carter

Mrs Mackenzie will be supporting in class every day

Mrs Weston will be teaching Year 3 Maths

Moving into Rhine Class

In Rhine Class, children continue to develop a love of learning in a nurturing environment. We help each child to use their imagination, discover their talents, challenge themselves and try new things. There is an emphasis on developing and deepening their learning and asking questions.

As the children move into Key Stage 2 they are also encouraged to take more responsibility for their own learning, behaviour and progress. This helps them to become more independent and prepares them for the next stage in their learning. Rhine class children have the opportunity to contribute to the wider school community and take on key roles within the School. This could include becoming a buddy to the new children in Darling class, an assembly monitor, Sports leader or a House Captain.

Specialist Teachers

We continue to use specialist teachers for PE and music to enrich and extend their learning and take part in tournaments and concerts. This term the children will be taught Lacrosse by Mr Roberts who is the South Central Regional Officer/Education & Skills for Lacrosse England and Mr Jonathan Dunn for music.

Other areas of the curriculum that will be covered

English	Information sheets on Brazil & the Amazon Journey entry as one of the children from The Explorer Persuasive letter to save the rainforest Daily grammar and spelling Story using the structure of the explorer and how you would survive on an island
Maths	Y3: Numbers to 1,000 Addition and Subtraction methods Y4: Numbers to 10, 000, Addition and Subtraction within 10, 000 Y5: Numbers to 1,000,000 Addition and Subtraction methods Y6: Numbers to 10 Million, Four Operations
Science	The Earth & Space
History	Not this term
Geography	South America, Brazil and Rio
Art and DT	Colour and self portraits & Global Food

Music	Ukulele & Reggae
RE	Inspirational People
PSHE	Me and My Relationships
PE	Lacrosse &
Computing	Word Processing and Typing Skills
MFL	Presenting Myself and Family

Home learning

Children will receive regular home learning in Reading, Spelling and Maths. They may also be given additional projects or tasks to support a class topic or other area of learning. These will be posted on Seesaw.

Reading

Reading is an incredibly important skill that feeds into every aspect of your child's education, prospects of success and future life. It is therefore extremely valuable when children are supported and encouraged to read at home once a day. We understand that life can be busy, however we appreciate your support by reading daily with your child.

We have made a few changes to make it easier – your child will have a reading bookmark which we ask you to just initial and date. This will replace the reading records previously used.

Spelling

Your child will be given weekly spellings to practise and these will also be posted on Seesaw and Spelling Frame.

Maths

Children in Year 6 will be given a SATs practice book. Children should complete one section only a week and return to school the following Monday. All children have a Times Tables Rockstars account which they can access at home and school to practise and maintain fluency.

Weather ready/PE

Children should have a named coat in school at all times as we will go outside in most weathers. Gloves are a good idea for when it gets colder especially when holding a lacrosse stick. PE will be on a **Monday and Thursday** and children can come into school in their PE kit on those days.

Pencil Cases

We provide the children with all the equipment they need. However they are able to bring in a SMALL pencil case with a pencil, pen (this should be blue ink, no biros are allowed), rubber, small ruler, pencil sharpener – NO SHARPIES or felt tip pens please. All stationery should be named.

Snacks and Water bottle

It is very important that children are kept fuelled and hydrated throughout the day so your child will need a named water bottle in school every day.

We also recommend that have a healthy snack at break time to keep them going till lunchtime. Please ensure any reusable snack pots are named. No crisps, chocolate or other sugary snacks should be brought into school for morning break.

How to contact us

The best way to contact us is to use the class email: rhineclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk

We will do our best to reply but we will be teaching in the day so cannot guarantee a response during this time. For urgent messages please call the school office on 01666 837602.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead and hopefully seeing you at the Welcome Meeting next Thursday.

Mrs Matthews, Mr Carter and Mrs Mackenzie