

Key Dates for the Spring Term 2022

January

- 4th Staff training day
- 6th Year 2 Animated Toys workshop
- 11th Reception information meeting for parents- maths focus
- 19th Key Stage 1 Story Night
- 20th Ian Bland, poet in school
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- 27th Year 4 Selly Manor

February

- 8th Safer Internet Day
- 16th – 18th Year 6 Residential trip to Robinwood
- 21st – 25th Half term
- 28th Children return to school

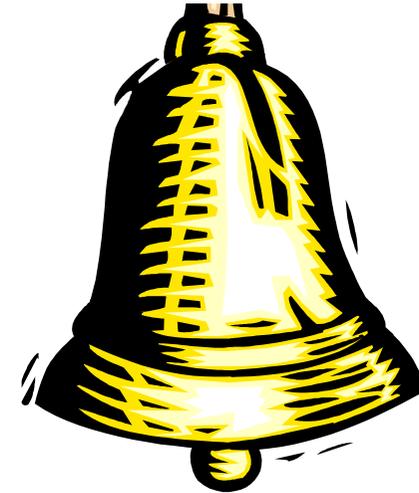
March

- 10th Parent teacher meetings
- 14th Science/ STEM week
- 17th Parent teacher meetings
- 18th Comic Relief Red Nose Day
- 24th Parent teacher meetings

April

- 1st Year 6 Netball workshop and tournament at Warwick School
- 5th Reception and year 6 height and weight check
- 8th Last day of term
- 11th – 22nd Easter holiday
- 25th Children return to school

<https://www.southamprimary.com/parents/term-dates>



Southam Primary School

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Class

Spring Term 2022

Dear Parents,

We have a very exciting term planned for the children. Our topic during this term is Living and Growing. Through this topic the children will be taught about the season of Winter, how to keep warm and writing a fact file about Penguins. Next half term we will be looking at Jack and the Beanstalk and growing our own bean seeds.

Our topics will support our English studies, which will include instruction writing, fact file writing, leaflets, retelling traditional tales and story writing. In Maths, we will focus on place value to 50, addition and subtraction to 50 and measuring lengths, heights, weights and volumes. We will also be learning how many days are in a month learning. Throughout the term we will be sharing some of the children's work with you via Class Dojo.

PE Lessons: This half term the children will be taking part in 2 PE lessons per week: Thursday and Friday. On a Thursday class teachers will deliver PE lessons and Onside Coaches will deliver PE on Friday. Children should come to school wearing their PE kits on both days.

PE kit: White shorts or tracksuit bottoms, plain coloured t shirt linked to your child's house (no football shirts), sweatshirt, trainers and socks if your child wears tights. **Friday PE needs to be joggers and no shorts because Onside coaches take the children outside.**

Forest School: We will be taking part in one Forest School session every Monday. Children should wear their uniform on top. On the lower part they may come into school in leggings and/or joggers. They should bring wellies/trainers if appropriate and a coat/ waterproof that you do not mind getting muddy. Please make sure that your child has a coat in school everyday as aside from playtimes, we also access the Year 1 Outdoor Classroom daily and in all weathers, so a light waterproof is needed at all times.

Spelling and Phonics:

Homework will continue to consist of phonics and spelling homework in Year 1. The sounds your child is learning will be posted on Class Dojo every Thursday for your child to practise over the weekend/ week. They will need to be able to sound out and read words with these sounds in them and to spot words with the same sound when reading with you or being read to by you. They should also practise sounding out and writing these words as spelling is most important in Year 1. They need to do both each night.

Handwriting: We follow the Letter Join handwriting scheme and you can practise writing letters and words at home using the login information below. Please do not encourage your children to join their letters just yet as we want to focus on individual letter formation until at least the end of the Spring Term.

www.letterjoin.co.uk

Username: ak58293

Password: home

How to help at home: Children will also have the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities. Each month a maths challenge is set- copies of the challenge can be found on the school website and outside Miss Longworth's office. Details of the tasks will be posted on the school website and newsletter. Children will be encouraged to take part in as many tasks as they wish during the half term and then bring their completed tasks in to school before the half term break, when their work will be celebrated. As well as supporting your child in completing their homework you can also support their learning by: reading with your child each day and asking them questions about the texts that they are reading. Children will have a reading book provided weekly by school but should be encouraged to read aside from this e.g. posters, leaflets, computer information. They should also be read to as often as possible to model good expression and how to read around punctuation.

Handle with care

If your family is experiencing difficulties at home, I would like to provide additional support at school. I understand that you are not always able to share details and that is okay. If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning, or weekend, please send myself or Miss Longworth a message stating 'Handle with Care' on Class Dojo. Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let me know that your child may need extra time, patience or help during the day.

Please do not hesitate to ask me if you have any queries or questions. I will be available via the online parents evening to answer further questions.

Kind regards

Miss Gill

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