

Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2022

September

- 5th Staff training day
- 6th Staff training day
- 7th Children return to school
- 15th Year 5 and 6 Loudmouth Theatre Workshops
- 20th Photographer in school – individual photographs
- 23rd Optional parent teacher meetings- how children are settling in
- 30th Year 5 Hockey workshop and tournament at Warwick School
- 30th Year 3 Compton Verney

October

- 7th Year 3 Compton Verney
- 17th Bikeability Week
- 20th Open morning and evening for prospective families
- 25th - 29th Half Term

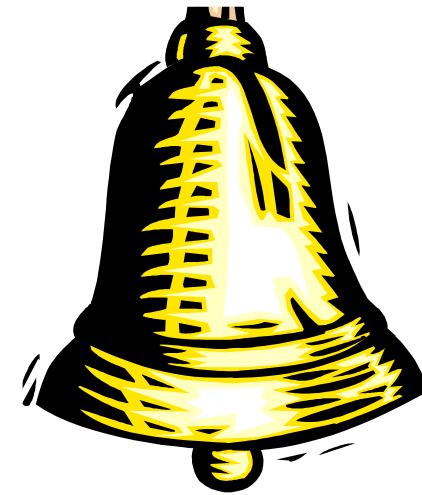
November

- 7th Parent teacher meetings
- 17th Parent teacher meetings
- 14th Anti bullying week
- 18th Children in Need

December

- 8th Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
- 12th Year 1 and 2 Christmas Party
- 13th Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party
- 14th Year 5 and year 6 Christmas party – afternoon
- 15th Year 5 and 6- RSC Theatre – A Christmas Carol
- 16th Reception Christmas Party
- 16th Last day of term

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Southam Primary School

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Flamingo Class

Autumn Term 2022

Dear Parents,

We have a very exciting term planned for the children. Our main topic during this term is Vikings and Anglo Saxons and our art, history, geography, music and DT will all be linked to this area of study. In Science we will be learning about light. We will learn about how shadows are formed and test which materials make good reflectors. In ICT we will be learning about the importance of e safety and looking at how to do simple programming. PSHE will help us to set goals for ourselves and look at how to be responsible members of the school and in RE we will be looking at why the Bible is important today. Children will also have the opportunity to work with County Music teachers.

Our topics will support our English studies, which will include writing adverts, non chronological reports, adventure stories, character and setting descriptions and recounts. We will have dedicated reading, spelling and handwriting time throughout the week.

In maths, we will focus on place value, addition and subtraction. Children will also begin to earn badges for times tables they have learnt. Children are expected to know all their times tables by the end of year 4.

Throughout the term we will be sharing the children's work with you via Class Dojo.

PE

PE lessons will be every Wednesday for this term; therefore, children should come to school wearing their PE kit, including their blue school jumper on this day.

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Swimming lessons will be on Monday afternoons at 2pm. Children will swim for half a term at a time, with the parallel class going in the second half term.

Spelling/Phonics

These will be set on a Friday, for testing the following Friday. The lists will be put on Class Dojo.

Handwriting

Children will be expected to have their handwriting neatly joined. We will be practising our handwriting each morning.

How You Can Help Your Child At Home

Maths Homework

Children will be expected to spend time every week learning their times tables. Those children with good times table knowledge have a definite advantage in different areas of maths too.

Reading

Ensure your child is reading five times a week for fifteen minutes and that this is logged in their reading diary. Reading with your child and asking them questions about the texts that they are reading is extremely important to ensure a secure understanding of the text. Children need to read a variety of texts – newspapers, blogs, recipes, instructions etc, this will give them a broad range of texts and help them understand different language used.

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.

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