

## Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2022

### September

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

### October

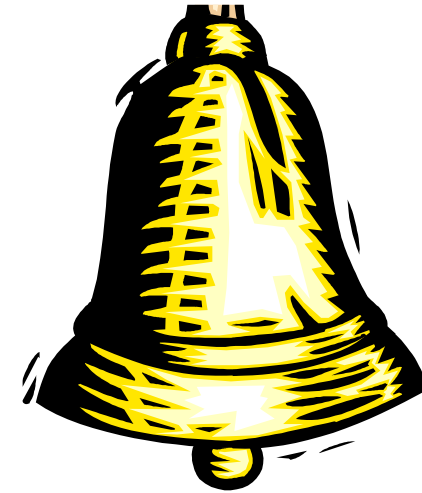
- 7<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Compton Verney
- 17<sup>th</sup> Bikeability Week
- 20<sup>th</sup> Open morning and evening for prospective families
- 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Half Term

### November

- 7<sup>th</sup> Parent teacher meetings
- 17<sup>th</sup> Parent teacher meetings
- 14<sup>th</sup> Anti bullying week
- 18<sup>th</sup> Children in Need

### December

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



Southam Primary School

*Where Getting Better Never  
Stops*

Penguin Class

Autumn Term 2022

Dear Parents,

We have a very exciting term planned for the children. Our topic during this term is **Into the Forest**.

Through this topic the children will be taught about habitats, woodland creatures and food chains using forest school style skills. We shall also undertake art projects using sculpture and learn about the celebrations of Halloween, Bonfire night and the Christmas story.

Our topics will support our English studies, which will include story writing using the influence of woodland themed books, writing fact pages about woodland creatures and creating celebratory themed poetry.

In Maths, we will focus on number, place value, addition and subtraction.

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

### **PE**

PE lessons will be every Monday for this term; therefore, children should come to school wearing their PE kit, including their blue school jumper on this day. PE kit is: plain coloured t shirt (green, red or blue depending on your child's house team), white/grey/black plain, coloured track suit bottoms/leggings/shorts, depending on the weather.

<https://www.southamprimary.com/parents/uniform>

### **Spelling/Phonics**

In Year 2, some children will continue to work on the Read, Write, Inc Phonics Programme before moving on to learning the Year 2 Spelling Rules. The children will have daily practise of phonics/spellings in class and sound/spelling lists will be sent home each Friday to consolidate at home.

### **Handwriting**

During Year 2, we have a focus on presentation and handwriting. All children will be taught how to join their letters correctly using the letter join programme. This will be used in class and you may wish to encourage your child to use the joined handwriting style at home.

### **How You Can Help Your Child At Home**

#### **Homework**

Each Friday, children will bring home their spelling book which will include the spelling lists from that particular week. Children will need to practise and consolidate this in preparation for a spelling quiz the following Friday.

On occasion we may ask the children to complete additional topic activities which we will post on our class dojo page when necessary.

#### **Reading**

Ensure your child is reading at least five times a week for fifteen minutes and that this is logged on GoRead. 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, we would like to provide additional support at school. We 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 either of us or Miss Longworth a message stating 'Handle with Care' on Class Dojo. Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let us know that your child may need extra time, patience or help during the day.

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