

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

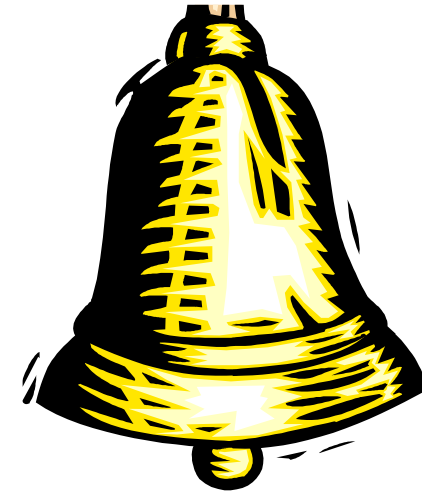
- 7th Year 3 Compton Verney
- 17th Bikeability Week
- 20th Open morning and evening for prospective families
- 25th - 29th Half Term

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



Southam Primary School

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Puffin 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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