Key Dates for the Spring Term 2023

January
3rd Staff training day- children not in school
4th Children return to school
10th Information meeting for reception families- maths focus
(Teams)
19th Year 6 Celebration afternoon with families
25th- 27th Year 6 Residential trip to Robinwood

February
10th Freshwater theatre Group – year 3
16th Year 2 Road safety assembly
17th Staff training day- children not in school
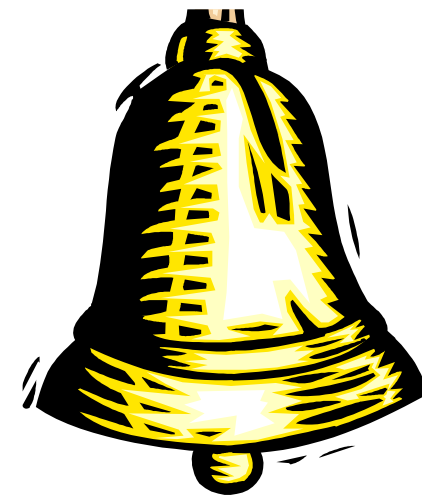20th- 24th Half term
27th Children return to school

March
24th Year 5 Netball workshop and tournament at Warwick School
31st Last day of term

April
17th Children return to school

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

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Puffin Class

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Dear Parents,

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

Through this topic the children will be taught about the history of toys and the development of their technology from Victorian times to modern day. We will look at toys from around the world and apply our maths learning to set up a toy shop. We will also look at the artist Wassily Kandinsky and use his colourful artworks to inspire our own painting. Finally in PE we will create dances in the style of different toys such as soldiers and jack in the boxes.

Our topics will support our English studies, which will include handwriting time throughout the week.

In Maths, we will focus on multiplication and division, symmetry, fractions and telling the time.

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.
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Spelling/Phonics

These will be set on a Friday, for testing the following Friday. The lists will be in your child's home spelling book. Please can the children bring these books to school every day as we often refer to them during the week.

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

Although we do not set weekly maths homework, children will be expected to spend time every week learning their times tables (2/5/10s). Those children with good times table knowledge have a definite advantage in different areas of maths too. We will often share links or activities on our class dojo page to help with this.

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.

SATs

As you may be aware, Year 2 children are required to complete SATs tests (Reading and Maths) in May. We will be hosting an information session about this closer to the time so please keep a look out for the date.

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 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.

Mrs Boylan (Mon/Tues/Wed)   Mrs van Rensburg (Thurs/Fri)

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