

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

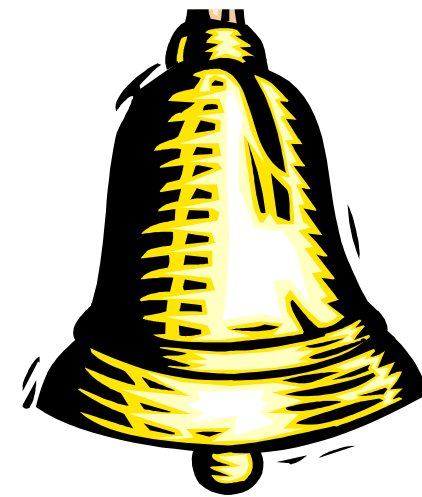
March

- 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>



Southam Primary School

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Owl Class

Spring Term 2023

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

PE

PE lessons will be every Thursday and Friday for this term. On a Thursday class teachers will deliver PE lessons and Onside Coaches will deliver PE on Friday. The children should come to school on Thursdays and Fridays wearing their PE kit, including their blue school jumper.

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

Forest School: We will be taking part in one Forest School session every Tuesday. 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 every day.

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 Friday 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 highly important as the progress throughout the year.

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 You Can Help Your Child At Home

Maths

Each week we will post on Dojo what your child has been learning in Maths that week.

Reading

Ensure your child is reading five times a week for fifteen minutes and that this is logged in their online 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.

Please do not hesitate to ask me if you have any queries or questions.

Kind regards,

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