

Key Dates for the Spring Term 2024

January 2024

8th Staff training day
9th Children return to school
15th Reception and Year 6 Height and weight check

February 2024

5th Children mental health week
12th - 16th Half term

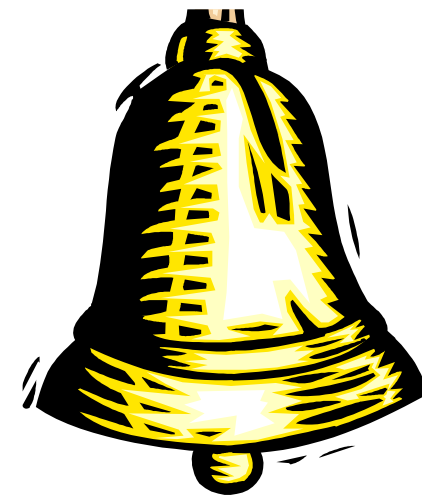
March 2024

7th Parent teacher meetings- face to face
11th Parent teacher meetings- online
22nd Reception classes celebration morning
25th - 5th April Easter holiday

April 2024

16th National offer day for primary schools

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



Southam Primary School

Respect Ready Responsible

Reception Class

Spring Term 2024

Dear Parents,

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

In our topics will be looking at the texts 'The Great Explorer', 'Emperor's Egg' and 'Winnie and Wilbur around the World' as a basis for our work. The children will also be learning to use non-fiction information books to find out facts about Winter, Polar animals, and maps/atlas/globes. If anybody has any resources which would support the children's learning in this topic and feels that they could lend them to us for a short period of time they would be gratefully received.

In maths, we will be focussing on subitising numbers 1-6 (e.g. recognising the amount of dots on a dice without counting), counting out objects from a larger group up to 15, selecting the correct numeral to represent the number of objects in a set 1-15, recognising, reading and ordering numerals to 15 and learning different ways of making 6, 7 and 8 (e.g. 4+4/5+3...etc). We will also be comparing and measuring capacity, weight, length and height.

Throughout the term we will be sharing the children's work with you via Class Dojo. We also have a celebration morning planned where you will be able to come in and share some work with your child.

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. Please ensure every item of clothing (especially their jumper) has their name in.

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

Welly Walk

This half term we will start going on our weekly Welly Walks every Monday morning, leaving at 9am. Therefore, children should come to school wearing their school uniform on their top half and the Welly Walks stuff on their bottom half (pair of old trousers and wellies). **Please send your child with their school shoes and trousers/skirt in a small bag ready to change into afterwards.**

How You Can Help Your Child At Home

Phonics and Spelling

When you are working at home, please only use the letter sounds with your child rather than the letter names as this is how we learn to read and write. We will be consolidating the children's letter formation this term with whooshes and flicks – please use lower case letters unless for the start of someone's name or sentence. For more information on formation and which sounds will be covered each week, please see Spring Term Phonics sheet.

Reading

Ensure your child is **reading five times a week** for fifteen minutes and that this is logged on Boom reader. 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 share a variety of texts – information books, recipes, instructions etc, this will give them a broad range of texts and help them understand different language used.

Book Bags

Please ensure that your child brings their book bag to school daily so that they can choose or change their picture books and put any letters or pictures in to take home. Please also ensure that your child's reading books and diary are kept in your their bookbag so we can access these at school too.

Please do NOT put your child's water bottle in their book bag as they have a tendency to leak and spoil our expensive reading books. Thank you 😊

Maths

Spending time playing board games, dice games and dominoes is a great way to encourage a bit of maths learning at home. Children are practising their counting skills, number recognition and mathematical vocabulary just by playing and talking with you (e.g. How many more do you need? Who has the most/fewest? How do you know who has won? How many do you have altogether?)

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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