

RHINE CLASS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2 2024



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. It's set to be a very busy and exciting term with lots of opportunities including a multiskills event for year 4, a football festival and hopefully lacrosse matches with St Margarets. We will also be taking part in Hardenhuish's outreach programme on online safety, a dumba workshop and music miniatures will be visiting for a special concert.

We are very much looking forward to visit to the 'Real Outdoor Experience' and hope that this will foster children's personal development by emphasising teamwork, problem-solving and communication skills. I am sure it will be an unforgettable experience.

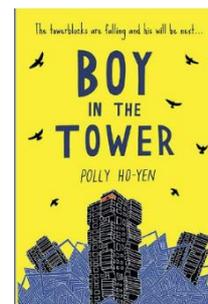
Topic

We continue with our geography inspired topic, 'Extreme Earth' but this term we will be learning about earthquakes and meteorological disasters such as cyclones, tornadoes and wildfires.

In English we will be reading a selection of books some of which are linked to other areas of the curriculum. This term we will be reading and studying 'Boy in the Tower'. Your child might like their own copy as we will be reading this together.

Other areas of the curriculum that will be covered. For more details visit the Curriculum section on our website.

English	Writing – a formal letter, leaflets, short apocalyptic story Grammar: modal verbs, complex sentences Weekly spellings
Maths	Y4: Multiplication & Division Y5: Division & Word Problems Y6: Fractions, Decimals & Percentages
Science	States of Matter & Properties of Materials
History	Not this term
Geography	Earthquakes
Art and DT	Still Life Drawing
Music	Ukulele (Year 5 & 6)
RE	What are the deeper meanings of festivals?
PSHE	Valuing Difference
PE	Gymnastics & Football
Computing	E-safety & Programming
MFL	Quel Temps Fait-il? (Weather)



Home learning

Children will continue to receive regular home learning in Reading, Spelling and Maths. They may also be given additional projects or tasks to support a class topic or other area of learning.

Reading

Reading is an incredibly important skill that feeds into every aspect of your child's education, prospects of success and future life. It is therefore extremely valuable that children are supported and encouraged to read at home once a day. We understand that life can be busy, however we appreciate your support and recording on their bookmark. **If your child is not reading frequently enough at home, this will be discussed with you.**

Children will also receive a weekly comprehension to complete at home and return the following week on a Tuesday.

Spelling

We follow a spelling programme in school, and we ask that you support your child to learn the common exception words which they have in their spelling books. We will be testing them on them this term.

Maths

Children should complete one section only a week and return to school the following Tuesday.

Weather ready/PE

PE will be on a **Monday and Friday** and children can come into school in their PE kit on those days. Children should have a named coat in school at all times as we will go outside in most weathers.

All clothing should be clearly named.

Pencil Cases

We provide the children with all the equipment they need. However, children are able to bring in a SMALL pencil case with a pencil, pen (this should be blue ink, no biro's are allowed), rubber, small ruler, pencil sharpener – NO SHARPIES or felt tip pens please. **All stationery should be named.**

Snacks and Water bottle

It is very important that children are kept fuelled and hydrated throughout the day so your child will need a named water bottle in school every day. We also recommend that they have a healthy snack at break time to keep them going till lunchtime. Please ensure any reusable snack pots are named. No crisps, chocolate or other sugary snacks should be brought into school for morning break.

How you can support your child & contacting us:

Your child's education is a partnership and we look forward to developing a close relationship with you.

We ask that you:

- Support your child in his/her learning through practice at home and promoting positive attitudes
- Encourage personal independence by making sure your child has the correct things they need each day
- Support the school's policies, including home learning
- Make sure your child is in school and on time
- Make sure that you have given us the updated permissions and contact information

Please don't hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions or queries. Please see information sent at the beginning of this term outlining how to contact us should you have any questions. The best way to contact us is to use the admin email admin@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk For urgent messages please call the school office on 01666 837602.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead.

Rhine Class Team