

Puddlebridge Class Information 2022-2023

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I hope that you and your family have had an enjoyable summer break and that your child is looking forward to returning to school for the new school year. Miss Heritage and I are excited to be teaching in Puddlebridge again and we are delighted to welcome Miss Jayamohan to the class while she completes her teacher training.

With Year 5 being split across Danes and Puddlebridge, we are keen to ensure that they still feel like one year group. As a result, Mrs Branagan and myself will continue to work closely together to ensure their Year 5 experience remains as it usually would. Being some of the oldest children in the school means they will take on many responsibilities around the school, including being lunchtime monitors.

This letter provides information about the term/year ahead. If you have any further questions after reading, please just ask! I am usually available at the start and end of the day so please do come to speak to me outside the classroom door if you need anything.

Miss Pear

Staffing

Miss Pear – Class Teacher

Miss Jayamohan – Student Teacher

Miss Heritage – supports in class (M, W, Th, F)

Mrs Crowley – teaches Music on Tuesday afternoons

Mr Nash – teaches PE on Friday afternoons

Mrs Dean – teaches Computing on Friday afternoons

Arrival and Pick-up

Puddlebridge class will continue to enter and exit the building through the hall door. In previous years, we have allowed Year 5 and 6 pupils to leave the school site independently. If you wish for your child to make their own way home, please confirm this in writing.



We are very much looking forward to taking Years 5 and 6 to PGL from 17th – 24th October. More details to follow!



Seesaw Login Home Learning Codes

Your child's new login details for Seesaw are attached to this letter. Please **keep this safe** as your child will need to access Seesaw for their weekly English and Maths homework (Year 5 only).

Equipment

PE Kit

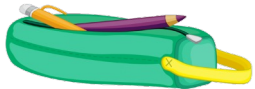


PE lessons will take place on **Fridays**. Please ensure appropriate kits are in school and items clearly labelled (this should include both shorts and long trousers).

Trainers will be needed **EVERY DAY** for the 'Daily Mile'.

Swimming

Puddlebridge Class will be taking part in swimming lessons from **13th September**. These will take place every Tuesday morning. Please ensure they have the appropriate kit.

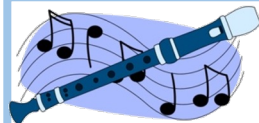


Pencil Cases

We ask that all Year Five pupils have a small pencil case which will fit easily into your tray. Year Fours may also bring in a pencil case if they wish (although this is not essential). This should contain the following items: 2 pencils, a rubber, a sharpener and a few coloured pencils. You may also wish to have a ruler, some scissors, a highlighter pen and a glue stick. It is important that children look after their equipment carefully.

Water Bottles

It is essential that all children bring a **named** water bottle into school each day and take it home to be washed daily. They will keep these next to their table for use throughout the day.



Recorders

All children will now need to have their own recorder in school every Tuesday. These are available to purchase from the school office.

Homework – All Pupils

Spellings should be practised daily in the spelling journal. Regular lessons will take place in school; children should practise words from these sessions and/or any personal spellings.

Times tables fluency should be secured by the end of Year 4. If your child is not yet confident with facts up to 12 x 12 then please spend a few minutes each day on **Times Tables Rock Stars**; it really does make a difference.

Reading should also take place every evening, with regular recording of this in reading records (to be signed by an adult).

Year 4 Only

Year 4 children are also required to complete one Science and/or History/Geography **homework project** each half term (see separate sheets for details).

Year 5 Only

Maths and English homework will be set on every Monday and should be submitted by Friday morning each week (commencing w/b 19th September). This will usually be set via Seesaw.

Year 5 children are also required to complete one **homework project** each half term (see separate sheet for details). These will link to our History/Geography and/or Science learning.

Homework is designed to be part of our home/school agreement, where children and parents work together to reinforce concepts learnt in class. In the final years of primary school, homework is also important preparation for the expectations of secondary school. Should your child experience any difficulties with their homework, please remind them that we are always happy to help them in school before the submission deadline.

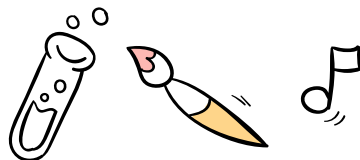
We're Wild about Reading!

It is very important for all children to maintain regular reading throughout the year. In school, regular guided reading sessions will take place and the children will also have opportunities to read independently. It is important that your child has their **reading book in school each day** as well as taking it home to **read every evening**. Please support your child by encouraging them to read independently as well as reading with them regularly and discussing their reading. Reading record books should be signed every day if possible. Children should be reading as widely as possible choosing books from a range of different genres and authors. Last year, we were delighted to stock up our book corner with a wide range of new titles.



Having regular access to a newspaper provides children with valuable reading practice as well as widening their knowledge of current affairs. **First News** is a newspaper written especially for children which they may enjoy reading.

Our Curriculum



Lots of our work this term will be based around our topic, '**The Awesome Egyptians**'. In our History lessons we will be learning all about this ancient civilisation. We will be visiting The British Museum in October to support our learning (details to follow separately).

English: Texts linked to our Ancient Egypt theme, report writing, writing instructions, and Poetry. We will be reading 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King as our class text.

Maths: We will continue to follow the National Curriculum.

Science: Year 4 will be learning all about 'States of Matter' and 'Electricity' while Year 5 will be learning about 'Forces' and 'Animals, including Humans'.

RE: We will be learning about Christianity, thinking about the question: *What do Christians learn from the creation story?*

Design Technology: Shadufs

Art: Pencil Sketches: Egyptian Artefacts

French: Core Vocabulary Revision

Computing: Coding; Online Safety; Spreadsheets

Music: Harvest and Christmas Songs; Play the notes B, A, G, C, D on the recorder; Saint Saens, Tchaikovsky

PSHE: Be Yourself; Digital Wellbeing

PE: Football, Tag Rugby, Basketball and Netball

Please see the school website to see our Long-Term Plan, showing planned curriculum coverage for the whole academic year.

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