



Welcome

We would like to warmly welcome you back again after Christmas and wish you a happy new year. Thank you very much for your kind gifts and messages. We hope that your children settle back happily, and we can get back into the routines we had established before Christmas. We are looking forward to an exciting and busy term. Please note the following dates:

Y6 Support and Transition Meeting: We will be holding a meeting to give Y6 parents information about the Y6 SATS in the school hall on **Thursday 23rd January at 5pm.**

Y6 will be visiting Lifeskills on **Tuesday 25th March.** More information to come.

Mr Styles

Maths

Our first Maths focus will be using ratio and solving problems using ratio language. These are the kinds of questions we will be looking at:

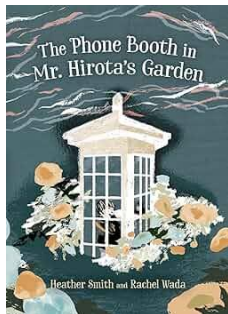
- If there are 3 blue counters and 5 red counters, how can you describe the relationship between these numbers?
- What does the : symbol mean in the context of ratio?
- What does 2:3 mean?
- How can you compare the relationship between three quantities?
- Are the ratios 2:3 and 3:2 the same?
- How else can you write the ratio 2:4?

We will also be looking at fractions, decimals and percentages later in the term, as well as algebra and perimeter, area and volume.

English

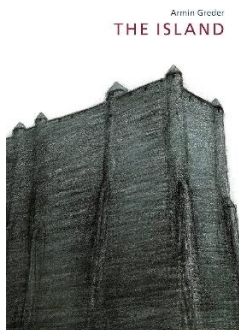
In English, we will be consolidating many of the grammatical skills we have looked at so far this year. We have two engaging texts to base our work on. The first is:

The Phone Booth in Mr Hirota's Garden



We will be looking at clause structures, verb tenses and dialogue while writing a new chapter and a report on tsunamis.

In Term 4, we will be basing our work around:



During this unit, we will look at verb forms and persuasive features.

Foundation subjects summary

In Science we will be looking at classification, evolution and inheritance, focusing on the work of taxonomists and how they classify the millions of species of animals and plants. We will research Carl Linnaeus and explain the importance of his work. In History we'll examine the role of children in Victorian society and in Geography we will identify patterns of temperature and rainfall from different biomes. In Art we will be using mixed media to form collages.



Reminders

- PE is on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning.
- Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school. Water only; no squash or juice please.
- The school policy on snacks is to ensure that they should be a healthy option. If you would like your child to have a mid-morning snack, we encourage them to bring in fresh fruit or vegetables. Please do not send in any foods containing nuts.
- Book bags should be brought to school every day and books will be changed every Monday. Reading records will also be checked. **Please could you ensure that your child reads at home for 20 minutes each day.**
- Maths homework is given out on Tuesday to be marked the following Tuesday and we also ask that children complete 30 stars per week. English homework is given out on Thursday and marked the following Thursday.
- Please can all hair be tied neatly, with only small clips and elastics to fasten them. Please see our uniform policy in the office section of the website for further information. <http://www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/>

Please turn over for this term's timetable >>

Timetable

Saltford Primary School KS2 – Ash Class (NS)

| Gate shuts at 8.50am In class by 8.45am | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 8.50 – 9.00 | Register taken at 8:50 am | Register taken at 8:50 am | Register taken at 8:50 am | Register taken at 8:50 am | Register taken at 8:50 am |
| 9.00 – 9.30 am | VIPERS | VIPERS | VIPERS | PE Outdoors | VIPERS |
| 10.15 – 10.45 | English | English | English | VIPERS 10.30 – 10.45 am KS2 Phase Assembly | English |
| Break 10.45 – 11.00 am | | | | | |
| 11.00 – 12.00 noon | Maths | Maths | Maths | English | Maths |
| Lunch break 12.00 – 1.00pm | | | | | |
| 1.00-1.15 | ERIC/Reading | KS2 Phase singing assembly (1.15 – 1.30 pm) | Class Assembly 1.00 – 1.15 pm | ERIC/Reading | Whole School Assembly (1.15 – 1.30 pm) |
| 1.15-2.15 | Geography / History | PSHE | PE Indoors | Maths | Art/DT |
| 2.15-3.15 | French Whole School Assembly (2.45 – 3.10 pm) | Computing Story time 3.00 - 3.10pm | Science | RE Story time 3.00 - 3.10pm | Music Story time 3.00 - 3.10pm |