

PE lessons

PE in Term One will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Both sessions are led by our sports coach, Mr Hull.

Children should wear their PE uniform into school on these days. Please ensure that children wear the correct sports kit, with **no logos except the school logo**. Children not wearing PE uniform will be told to change and long hair must be tied up during PE.

Reminder of school expectations

- Please email the school office if your child is permitted to **walk home by themselves**. Sea Turtles finish at 3:30pm.
- Children are **not allowed to have mobile phones** nor watches that take photographs or connect to the internet in school.
- **No jewellery** other than **single stud earrings** should be worn in school. Children will be told to remove any other jewellery, including hoop earrings, rings, bracelets and necklaces.
- Please could all children bring a pencil case into school. This should be **small enough to fit in a drawer**, NOT a large Smiggle-style case. All other stationery will be provided.
- **No toys** should be brought into school, **including fidget toys** – these will be provided for children with additional needs who require them by our SENCO.
- **Small backpacks** only, please, with a maximum of **one keyring** per bag (broken keyrings have caused great upset recently).
- Fruit or vegetable (unprocessed) snacks only for breaktimes, please; it is also important to remember that we are a nut-free site.
- On non-PE days, **plain black footwear** must be worn.

Thank you for your support in ensuring we maintain our consistent and fair standards across the school.



Sea Turtles



2026-27 Term One

Date	Event
Tuesday 1 st September	INSET – no children in school
Wednesday 2 nd September	All children back in school
Tuesday 29 th September to Monday 5 th October	Book Fair
Tuesday 29 th September	Book at Bedtime, 5:30pm-6:00pm
Friday 2 nd October	Harvest Festival, 1:30pm at St Mary's
Friday 16 th October	Singing Square
Sunday 11 th October	Marshfield Mudlark
Tuesday 20 th October & Thursday 22 nd October	Parents' Evenings
Thursday 22 nd October	Last day of term
Friday 23 rd October	INSET – no children in school

Marvellous Maya

Our first topic next year is 'Marvellous Maya'. We will learn how Maya civilization changed over thousands of years and still exists today, despite the mysterious disappearance of this progressive people from their city states circa 1200, and the arrival of the Spanish conquistadores in the 16th century. The children will use primary sources to identify Maya beliefs and learn about advances made in mathematics, engineering and astronomy.



This will lead beautifully into our science lessons in which we will learn all about our solar system including its planets, what causes day and night, and the phases of the moon.

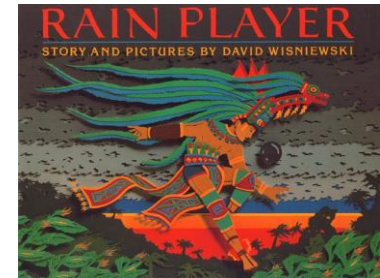
Music

Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful PTA and some local benefactors, the school now has their own class sets of flutes and recorders. Year 5 will, therefore, be transitioning from fife to recorder (on which it should be easier to produce a sound) in lessons led by Mrs Bolt, whilst Year 6 will be moving onto flute with Mr Looker-Jones. Lessons will take place in year groups every Monday afternoon.



English

In narrative, both Year 5 and 6 will be focusing on selecting precise vocabulary, using expanded noun phrases to add detail, avoiding ambiguity with hyphens and accurately using inverted commas for direct speech. In non-fiction, we will be writing instructions: Year 6 will be learning to punctuate bullet points, use dashes between clauses and apply question tags for a more informal style; Year 5 will focus on using imperative verbs, writing in the second person and expressing degrees of possibility using both adverbs and modal verbs. All of our writing will be inspired by the picture book *Rain Player*, an ancient Maya tale retold by David Wisniewski.



Reading

Our first 'Just Read' book is *Wolf Brother* by Michelle Paver which tells the story of Torak, a young boy in a prehistoric world who sets out with a wolf cub to defeat a powerful evil threatening the land and uncover the truth about his destiny.

Maths

We will be starting the year by recapping place value and ensuring our understanding of this is entirely secure. We will then use these skills to start converting between different metric units, and will also be looking at rounding, working with negative numbers, and column addition.