

Puddletown Church of England First School

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Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fun summer and managed to enjoy the sunshine. Below is some information you may find useful for the half term ahead.



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- **Topic** - Our topic this half term will be Volcanoes. We will be geographers, looking at how volcanoes are formed, different types of volcanoes and where they can be found. Our English learning also ties into this, where we'll be looking at the story of Pompeii and creating volcano fact files.

- **PE** - This half-term PE will be on a Wednesday and Friday.

- **Named clothing** - Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named with a permanent marker or iron/sew-on labels.

- **Snacks** - In KS2 children are no longer given free snacks so please make sure your child comes to school with a snack for break time.

- **Water bottles** - These should be taken home at the end of each day and returned the following morning refilled with fresh water. Please make sure these are named.

- **Home reading** - Your child should aim to read at home at *least 5 times a week*, preferably out loud to an adult and to gain a signature from that adult in their reading records each time this is done. Reading records will be checked weekly and children will receive a house point if this has been completed.

- **Home learning** - The children will be given home learning activities to complete over a half term which will be linked to our topic. Although this is not mandatory, this does help extend their learning and it's great if they can share what they've learnt with us in school. Please note that the activities on this sheet are suggestions only - you and your child may have another idea to support them in their learning!

- **Spellings** - These will be coming home with your child in a 'Next Steps' book. Spellings will be tested on a Monday. If your child is accessing the Little Wandle scheme, then this will not apply.

- **Times tables** - It is expected that children should know all the times tables by the end of Year 4. Therefore, we will be doing a lot of work on these this year, focusing on reinforcing the 2, 5 and 10s and learning the 3, 4 and 8s. Any support that can be given to learning these at home will benefit your child hugely as they underpin so many areas of mathematics. Each child has their own password to TT Rockstars which is a great way of making their times table learning fun at home.

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.
We look forward to getting to know you all.

Miss Bridge and Mrs Cooke



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