



## Spring Term 2022

### Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new term and a brand New Year! All of the Lower School Team hope that you had the most wonderful Christmas and Winter break! We hope that your child feels excited about returning to school and will enjoy the variety of learning experiences that we have planned for them this term.

### Our Spring Term Topic- Our Country

This term, our topic is entitled, 'Our Country' so we will be learning all about the United Kingdom and the four countries that make it such a fantastic place. From our classrooms, we will explore the United Kingdom, scouring the web and using maps to find out what makes us such a unique and fantastic country.

### Science

This term we will be focusing on Plants. We will become scientists, by carrying out a range of investigations and planning experiments to find out what exactly a plant needs to grow. In Science, we will also be observing the changes that occur over time with regards to the seasons. We will be studying weather and how that can also change as the seasons change. We will link this with Art and study the work of artists such as Monet, who was famous for his paintings of nature.

### Wider experiences!

Throughout this term we will be focusing on three key aspects; belonging, respecting differences and how, altogether, we belong to one nation. This term the children will be **ROYALTY!** We will be exploring Queen Elizabeth's home and walking in past and present royal footsteps when we visit Windsor Castle, dressed as royalty of course! It will be a day out to remember and an experience that will be remembered for a lifetime!

### Home-Learning

Home learning continues to be an essential part of your child's education. Homework will be used to consolidate the learning in school and prepare the children for future learning. Activities include; daily reading (at least 5 times a week), weekly spellings and regular practise of multiplication facts including the use of Times Tables Rock Stars.

We thank you for ongoing support.

*With best wishes for a successful term, The Lower School Team.*

### Other useful reminders

Please ensure that your child always has the following items in school:

- Coat (**named**)
- Water bottle (**named**)
- Full PE kit including plimsolls and an outdoor kit including trainers (**named**)
- Book bag or similar with reading book, reading diary.

### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 4th January 2022 - Non pupil day  
Monday 14th to Friday 18th February 2022 - Half term  
Thursday 10th March— KS1 visit to Windsor Castle  
Monday 4th April to Monday 14th April—Easter Holidays  
Thursday 26th May - Non pupil day  
Friday 27th May - Friday 1st June—Half Term  
Friday 22nd July—Last day of term

Remember that lots of useful information can be found on our website:

<http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/>

Our Calendar

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Our Newsletters

<http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/newsletter/>

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**'Love one another as I have loved you' (John 15:12).**