



Summer 2017 Class Newsletter USA

Class Teacher: Miss Turner

I hope everyone has had a relaxing holiday and a very Happy Easter. The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm for our exciting new topic 'Temples, Tombs and Treasures,' in our final term together.

Important dates for USA Class:

Monday 8th May - School clubs begin

Tuesday 9th May - Forest School Day

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - HALF TERM

Friday 23rd June - USA Class Assembly

Tuesday 27th June - Parents Evening 3:30-6:30pm

Wednesday 28th June - KS2 Sports Day

Thursday 29th June - Parents Evening 6:00-8:30pm

Thursday 20th July - New class visits

Friday 21st July - END OF TERM

PE: This term, Athletics will be taught on Wednesdays. We are fortunate to have the expertise of Mr Ruff working alongside Key Stage 2 classes this term. Please ensure that children's PE kits are brought in on a Monday morning and remain in school all week. All kit must be clearly named, long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed for PE sessions. Children should have PE shirts, shorts, outdoor shoes, long trousers and jumper or tracksuit for outdoors in their PE kits.

Swimming: Our Swimming sessions will take place on Tuesdays at 2:30pm and Thursdays at 9:00am. Earrings must be removed for Swimming lessons and girls with long hair will require a swimming hat. Verruca socks must be worn if required; these can be purchased from the local chemist or pharmacy. Please make sure that sun cream or hair gel are not applied before swimming. It would also be helpful if the children could have sun hats and raincoats to be worn at the poolside if needed.

We require written consent if you would like your child to wear goggles for our Swimming lessons.

NB. There will be no Swimming on Tuesday 9th May, as this is our Forest School day.

Homework:

- **Reading Logs:** Please ensure you listen to, or monitor, your child reading three times per week and this is signed and dated. This will form an important part of my assessment for reading, and is a key dialogue between home and school. Reading logs will be collected in every Monday but should be in school every day.
- **Spellings:** These will be sent home on a Monday and tested the following Monday.
- **Homework:** Please sign homework books weekly and indicate how much help/where help has been given or if it was simply too easy! This will really help me to gauge the children's understanding. Homework will rotate between literacy, maths and topic based work, and will be set on a Friday and due in by the following Tuesday. The children should spend no longer than one hour on their homework each week.

Theme for the term – Temples, Tombs and Treasures:

We have another exciting topic to explore this term, all about Ancient Egypt! We are looking forward to finding out about aspects of Ancient Egyptian life and culture, including mummification, famous Egyptian figures and how the pyramids were built. The children have returned to school with some impressive and informative holiday homework on our new topic and have produced some beautifully presented hieroglyphic cartouches this week!

Literacy:

Here are the main themes we will follow during the term:

- Explanation texts
- Newspaper articles
- Stories with historical settings
- Poetry

Numeracy:

Work will always be differentiated to suit the needs of the child.

- Measures
- Place value including decimals
- Addition and subtraction including money
- Multiplication
- Division
- Fractions

Miss Lyons will continue to teach aspects of geometry and statistics to the children during my PPA time on Monday mornings.

Science: Our topics for this term are Animals including Humans followed by Sound.

RE: Miss McElduff, Mr Coomber and I will continue to teach RE as a whole Y3/4 cohort this term. Our first unit will cover aspects of Hinduism, including the question 'How and why do Hindus worship at home and in the mandir?' After half term, we will be learning about the significance of signs and symbols in religion.

Computing: This term the children will be developing their word processing skills and learning various features for formatting text. They will then explore programming using Logo and Scratch, using commands and algorithms to create a series of movements.

Art: We will be creating a range of Egyptian themed art work relating to our new topic and some fabulous Egyptian themed silk paintings during Art Week after half term.

Music: This term, we will be continuing with our unit on Samba.

DT: We will be designing torches; this is linked to our topic work on archaeologists and explorers.

I hope this has been helpful. I have an open door policy so if you have any concerns please feel free to pop in and speak to me before or after school. Alternatively, ring the school on 01798 872007 or arrange an appointment at the school office.

Kind regards,

Miss Turner
USA Class Teacher