



Spring 2022 Class Newsletter Sierra Leone

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Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope everyone has enjoyed a restful and refreshing Christmas holiday. We have another exciting term ahead! Here is a brief outline of the topics we will be covering and some helpful points to note.

Important dates for SL Class:

- Monday 10th January – School clubs start
- Friday 4th February – SL Church visit
- Tuesday 15th February – Egyptian workshops for Year 4
- Wednesday 16th February – World of Work Day
- Mon 21st – Fri 25th February - Half Term

- Mon 21st – Fri 4th – Fairtrade Fortnight
- Monday 28th - Inset Day
- Wednesday 2nd March – Ash Wednesday Eucharist
- Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day
- Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day
- Friday 25th March – Reports home
- Tuesday 29th March 3.30pm – 6.00pm - Parents Evening – All years – via School cloud
- Thursday 31st March 3.30pm – 6.00pm - Parents Evening – All years – via School cloud

- Sunday 3rd April 10am Easter Play in Church
- Tuesday 5th April – 2:15pm Easter play to parents
- Thursday 7th April - Easter Eucharist
- Friday 8th April - Easter Eggstravaganza/Last Day of Term
- Monday 11th – Friday 22nd – Easter Holidays

PE:

Tuesday – for the first 2 weeks we will complete the line-dancing theme, followed by gymnastics.

Friday – Mrs Burbidge and Mrs Treadwell – volleyball and tennis

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.

Weekly Expectations:

- **Reading logs** – please continue to ensure you listen to, or monitor, your child reading three times per week and that this is signed and dated in their reading log. In Key Stage 2 we will encourage them to write in their reading logs as independently as possible. This will form an important part of my

assessment for reading and is a key dialogue between home and school. We have a wonderful Accelerated Reading library system up and running and whilst in school children will be selecting their own reading books which they can read in school and at home. A procedure is in place to ensure that the books borrowed from and returned to the library are sanitised properly.

- **Weekly spellings** – these will be scheduled on a Tuesday and tested the following Tuesday. Please ensure your children are practising their spellings at home each week. There are lots of fantastic apps which can help with this – Spelling Shed and Spelling Bee are recommended. I have also placed ‘Bloom’s taxonomy’ spelling sheet onto Google Classrooms which gives you lots of fun ideas on how to learn your spellings.
- **Times tables** – Please ensure your child is practising their times tables at home each week. By year 4 they should be practising ALL of their times tables and increasing their recall speed. Please use **Times Tables Rockstars** to practise as much as possible. Any games for times table would be beneficial, so please make sure you are practising. There are YouTube songs to help that you could have playing as well.
- **My Maths, Accelerated Reader, MyOn and Purple Mash are other websites the children can access to help with their learning.**

Theme for the term:

Spring 1: Temples, Tombs and Treasure.

Spring 2: Misty Mountain, Winding River

English:

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

- Explanation texts
- Newspaper Reports
- Diary writing

Maths – Work will always be differentiated to suit the needs of the child. Our themes for this term will be:

- Multiplication and Division
- Place value, including decimals (linked to money)
- Fractions
- Addition and subtraction, including money
- Measurement (Length & Perimeter)
- Measurement (Money), Statistics

Science:

We will be learning about States of Matter and the water cycle.

RE:

This term’s topics are Sikhism and Salvation. We will also focus on the Easter Story closer to Easter.

Computing: This term we will be using Purple Mash and becoming experts at using Logo to focus on our coding and programming skills and then animation.

Art and D&T:

We will be designing, creating and evaluating our own Egyptian Death mask.

Music: We hope to be making use of another scheme of work called Charanga. We will build on their skills of rhythm and beat with the unit that we choose.

MFL: Miss Bell will be teaching Spanish on Friday.

History: Temples, Tombs and Temples (Ancient Egypt)

Children will learn about the rise, life and achievements of the Ancient Egyptians.

Geography: Misty Mountain, Winding River (A new topic to Year 4 this year).

We will learning about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges from around the world, including a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them.

Other Important Information

School Uniform – When in school please ensure that your children are adhering to the school uniform. Trainers are not acceptable as school shoes; boys should wear dark socks (black or grey), and girls should not be sporting frilly, brightly-coloured hair accessories (black or navy hair bands only, please).

Allergies – we are a nut-free school. We politely request that you ensure your children do not bring nuts into school as a snack or in their packed lunches. This includes any food item that may contain nuts.

Written permission – written permission is required annually from you should your child be collected from school by an alternative adult, for example someone who would be picking up your child from school on an ad-hoc basis. This includes other parents with whom your child may be going on a play date. We do not allow siblings under the age of 16 to collect from school without written request by you and acceptance from the school.

I hope this has been helpful. If you have any concerns please feel free to speak with me, ring the school on 01798 872007 to arrange an appointment at the school office. Alternatively, email me on sl@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk .

Kind regards,

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