



Summer 2022 Class Newsletter USA

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We hope you have all had a nice Easter break and are ready for our Summer Term. We are looking forward to our new topics this term and more learning outside.

Forest school dates

- Thursday 28th April
- Thursday 5th May
- Thursday 12th May

Summer 1 - Rumbles - Geography focus

This project teaches children about the features and characteristics of Earth's layers, including a detailed exploration of volcanic, tectonic and seismic activity.



Important dates for USA Class:

Summer 1

- Monday 2nd May - BANK HOLIDAY
- Wednesday 4th May - Lions book giveaway
- Saturday 14th May - Grounds working party 2pm-4pm
- Friday 27th May - Jubilee Street Party
- Friday 27th May - LAST DAY OF FIRST HALF OF TERM



Summer 2 - Traders and Raiders (a focus on Vikings) - History focus

Meet the bloodthirsty Vikings from Scandinavia - never before had such terror swept the land. Learn about where the Vikings came from, their daily lives and their beliefs. A chance to compare them to the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. Are you ready to shine a light on the dangerous and deadly Dark Ages?

Important dates for USA Class:

Summer 2

- Monday 6th June - Return to school
- Tuesday 7th June - Year 4 Multiplication check
- Thursday 9th June - Class photos
- Monday 13th June - whole school photo on the field
- Friday 17th June - KS2 SPORTS DAY 1pm -3pm
- Thursday 30th June - USA CLASS ASSEMBLY
- Monday 4th - 7th July - Art Week
- Tuesday 5th July and Thursday 7th July PARENTS' EVENINGS 3.30pm - 6pm
- Monday 11th July - New class letter
- Monday 18th July - Move up afternoon
- Wednesday 20th July - LAST DAY OF TERM
- Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd - INSET DAYS

PE:

This term PE will be as follow:

Monday - swimming

Friday morning - Netball and Cricket with Mrs Burbidge

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:

Please ensure that children's swimming kits come in on Mondays. Earrings must be removed for swimming lessons and children 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.

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

Homework:

- **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 library system up and running and whilst in school children will be selecting their own reading books.
- **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 that could help that you could have playing as well.
- **My Maths, Accelerated Reader, MyOn and Purple Mash** are also other websites the children can access to help with their learning.

English:

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

- Biographies
- Newspaper reports
- Stories with historical settings

Maths:

Continuing our learning with Fractions

Working with Decimals

Addition and Subtraction including Money

Multiplication and Division

Geometry - Shape, Space and Measure

Measures including Time

Science:

Our topic for this term is Animals including Humans. We will describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans and identify the different types of teeth in humans and their functions.

RE:

This term's topics are 'Kingdom of God' and 'People of God.' These units will focus on developing the children's awareness of the links between the Day of Pentecost and the Christian belief about the Kingdom of God on earth.

Computing:

This term the children will be continuing to use Purple Mash to develop their skills of using Spreadsheets and then moving on to Animation and some consolidation of touch-typing.

Art and DT

We will be looking at ammonites to link in with our Earth-based topic for Summer 1 and then we will move on to a DT focus with our Viking topic, designing, making and evaluating our own Viking 'relics'.

Music: This term the children will be learning about Gospel music. We will learn gospel in its historical context ie from Beethoven to slavery, Elvis to the Urban Gospel of Beyoncé and different choirs like the London Community Gospel Choir and analysing performance.

Spanish: Miss Bell will continue to teach our weekly Spanish lessons on Fridays

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 wearing 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 a written request from you and acceptance from the school.

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

Kind regards,

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