



Summer 2018 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 'Rise of the Robots,' in our final term together.

Important dates for USA Class:

Monday 30th April - School clubs begin
Monday 7th May - BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 18th May - Royal Wedding Celebration
Friday 25th May - Class Assembly
Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June - HALF TERM
Tuesday 12th June - Forest School Day
Friday 15th June - Lodge Hill Activity Day*
Tuesday 19th June - Forest School Day
Thursday 21st June - Trip to Winchester Science Centre*
Wednesday 27th June - KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 28th June - KS2 Sports Day (Reserve date)
Tuesday 3rd July - Parents Evening 3:30-6:30pm
Thursday 5th July - Parents Evening 6:00-8:30pm
Tuesday 10th, Thursday 12th and Friday 13th July - KS2 Production
Wednesday 18th July - New class visits
Friday 20th July - END OF TERM

* Further details about trips to Lodge Hill and Winchester Science Centre will follow in separate letters.

PE: This term, Athletics will be taught on Wednesdays. 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 1:30pm. 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.

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. I will continue to award dojo points and run a weekly 'Reading Raffle' to encourage the children to read regularly at home.
- **Spellings:** These will be sent home on a Monday and tested the following Monday.

- **Times Tables:** I had several enquiries about strategies for helping the children with learning times tables at Parents Evenings last term. Following on from this, I have attached a selection of activity ideas to help the children learn their times tables in an interactive and multisensory way. I hope these will be helpful - please let me know if you have any queries.
- **Homework:** A new homework grid has been provided in the children's homework books this week. We would like the children to complete five pieces of homework in the first half of term and six pieces of homework in the second half of term. The first piece of homework should be handed in on Monday 30th April. Please sign your child's homework book weekly to indicate how much help has been given and ensure that it is returned to school each Monday. The children should spend no longer than one hour on their homework each week.

Theme for the term - Rise of the Robots:

We will be finding out lots of information about robots this term; this will include exploring exactly what a robot is and how they can be useful to humans. We will be learning about the roles of different types of robots, where in the world they are produced and how they have developed over time. We will also find out about famous inventors and will have the opportunity to design and make our own robots!

Literacy:

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

- Poetry
- Explanation texts
- Stories set in imaginary worlds
- Recounts

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 afternoons. She will also be teaching Computing, focusing on programming and data handling.

Science: Our topics for this term are Plants followed by Light.

RE: RE will be taught by Miss Moore and I on Fridays. 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: The children will be using programs including Microsoft Excel to input data. They will learn how to create different types of graphs including branching databases to compare and analyse results.

Art: This term's Art will involve learning about the life and work of different artists and the materials and techniques that they used. This will be linked to our topic work on robots.

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

DT: Our focus is 'Moving Monsters;' the children will design and make their own robot with moving parts!

I hope this has been helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. The best time is usually at the end of the school day; I am available straight after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Alternatively, ring the school on 01798 872007 or arrange an appointment at the school office.

Kind regards,

Miss Turner
USA Class Teacher