



Summer 2021 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 topic this term and more learning outside.

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 started making hieroglyphic cartouches this week!

Important dates for USA Class:

- 22nd April - Vashti Hardy Author visit
- 23rd April - St George's Day Eucharist
- 30th April - Non - Uniform Day
- 4th May - Athlete visit
- 25th June - Reports sent home
- 29th June and 1st July- Parents' Evenings - please book via the School Cloud

PE:

This term PE will be as follow:

Wednesday - swimming

Thursday afternoon - outdoor games 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 Wednesdays. 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. Please complete the Google permission form for your child to wear goggles.

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 which will remain in school. A procedure has been put in place to ensure books returned and borrowed from the library are sanitised properly. Reading logs will be collected in every Monday but should be in school every day.

- **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 practice 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.
- **Homework** - A new homework grid has been uploaded to Google Classrooms and a paper copy sent home this week. This term, 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. Please can you email in the learning each week and we will share their learning on Fridays. The first piece of homework should be handed in on Thursday 29th April.
- The children should spend no longer than one hour on their homework each week.

English:

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

- Explanation texts
- 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'.

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 using spreadsheets and then moving on to Animation.

Art:

We will be creating a range of Egyptian-themed art work relating to our new topic using a variety of media.

Music: This term the children will be learning how to play the tenor horn. Lessons will take place on Tuesday mornings and will take place in the Large Hall.

DT: We will be designing Egyptian headdresses.

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

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 either 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.

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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