



Autumn 2020 1st Half Term – Year 4

Team Adventure News

Hello and welcome back! We hope you've had an enjoyable and restful summer and are ready for the exciting year ahead. Firstly, we would like to welcome Miss Hughes into Team A. She has had two very impressive years in Team E and so we are very excited about welcoming her to our team. She will be in Secret Garden with Miss Simpson in our Year 3 class. We also welcome Mr Openshaw who will be completing his teacher training at Hilltop throughout the school year in Ocean class.

The classes in Team Adventure are as follows:

Ocean (Year 4) – Mr Morgan, Mr Butler, Mrs Woodward and Mr Openshaw

Island (Year 3/4) – Mrs Johnson, Mrs Glaves and Mrs Kinsman

Secret Garden (Year 3) – Miss Hughes and Mrs Simpson

English

- ★ **Writing** – The children will be looking at a variety of genres whereby they will be encouraged to include the new grammatical techniques and punctuation skills they have been learning. We will be using the text *Egyptian Cinderella* to help us explore setting and descriptive language.
- ★ In **SPaG**, we will begin the year ensuring that the children fully grasp all the different word classes, namely: **nouns (inc pronouns), adjectives, adverbs (fronted adverbials), prepositions, connectives and determiners.**
- ★ **Reading** – We will spend some time assessing where the children are at with their reading. It will be important to ascertain exactly where they are in terms of both their book bands and their comprehension skills.
Reading at home for a minimum 4 days a week is expected.
- ★ **Spellings** – Your child will again be given a 'Spelling Wall'. This was started last year and we are continuing in the same vein this year. Please encourage your child to practise their new words each week.

Maths

- ★ We will begin the year by looking at two units that were not covered in the previous academic year – **Time** and **Geometry**. We feel it is important to plug any gaps in the children's learning that may have developed due to the school closure.
- ★ **Place Value**- We will extend their knowledge of larger and more complex numbers including decimals ensuring that they understand the value of each digit and are able to order and compare different numbers.
- ★ **Number**- We will be introducing Roman Numerals and looking at rounding numbers to varying degrees of accuracy. After that, we will be focusing on Addition and Subtraction techniques.



Foundation Subjects

- The children are excited to be learning about the Ancient Egyptians this term. We have begun by learning a little about who the Ancient Egyptians were, and when and how they lived.
- ★ In **Art** this term the children will begin to develop their own drawing and sketching skills through building a deeper understanding of line, tone and texture. Children will use a range of media such as pencils and charcoal.
 - ★ In **History** and **Geography**, children will research both historical and geographical features of the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. Including timelines of the major events, Pharaohs, Gods and Goddesses, the importance of the River Nile and the mummification process.
 - ★ In **Science**, we are going to look at **Forces** and **Magnets**. In particular we will be experimenting how different surfaces can alter the amount of resistance in the form of friction that is generated. We already have some interesting investigations lined up for this topic.

Team Adventure reminders for this half term

- ★ Welcome back to Mrs Toulorge who will be teaching French to Year 3 and 4 each week.
- ★ P.E. days are as follows:
Ocean - Monday and Thursday
Island - Monday and Wednesday
- ★ Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school on their PE days. Children must wear plain black trainers on these days and NOT plimsolls.
Mr Morgan (DHT), Mrs Johnson, Mrs Glaves, Mr Butler and Miss Hughes ☺