

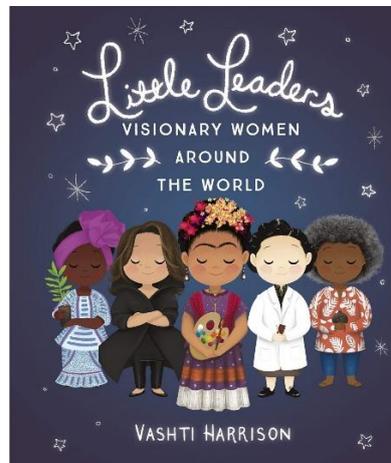
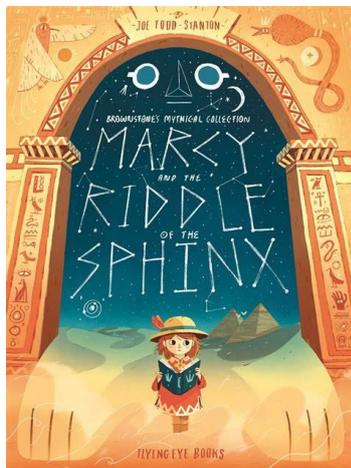
Class 2 Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope you've had a well-deserved and restful holiday and are ready for the Summer term. All the children have returned to school with a spring in their step and eager to learn all about their new topic... Ancient Egypt!

Our special focus questions this term are: "Is slavery still around today?" and "Have women in power changed over time?" We have also chosen four keys words to add greater depth to our topic: community, value, spirituality and oppression.

English:



Our main class texts for the first half term will be **MARCY AND THE RIDDLE OF THE SPHINX** by Joe Todd Stanton; Marcy has to overcome her fears of the dark if she is ever going to save her father from the belly of the Sphinx! After reading this and exploring additional input, the children will be attempting to create their own adventure stories, and with such vivid imaginations I'm sure they won't disappoint with what they produce!

The children will have the opportunity also to write autobiographies about famous Egyptian leaders and will take inspiration from our second book **LITTLE LEADERS: VISIONARY WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD**. This series of books is fantastic and is well worth a read at home too!

Maths:

In maths, we are continuing the White Rose Maths framework to support children's progress. We will be concentrating on the topic of shape. Within the topic we shall be investigating the properties of shapes, angle work and symmetry. TT Rock Stars will also be running alongside this and we encourage the children to take part in the practice at home. Please email Mrs Briggs if you need your child's login details.

Science:

Science will be split into two groups this first half term with Year 2's looking at materials and their properties, whilst Year 3 and 4 will be concentrating on light. We shall be deepening our scientific vocabulary and training our minds to hypothesise, predict, investigate and conclude our findings in a scientific manner.

Music:

We are very lucky to have Mrs Moulds back with us again to teach the children the exciting skills needed to play the violin. After the success of the ukuleles we can't wait to hear the children's end of block piece. If you would like your children to bring their violin home for further practice, please don't forget to sign and return the disclaimer letter.

P.E:

Class 2 will have P.E sessions on a Thursday (with Mrs Hall). Please could children continue to come to school in their P.E kits on this day. The first half term will focus on striking and fielding.

Additional activities:

If children would like to do any additional activities, we would recommend looking at Purple Mash, Times Table Rock Stars and Bug Club. These are valuable and fun online resources that help to reinforce the children's learning and they love using them. If you need a copy of your child's login details, please email Mrs Briggs.

Homework:

Your child can access their homework on **TEAMS**; this will consist of one piece of English and Maths homework per week which will be uploaded every Monday and expected to be returned no later than the following Monday. If your child would like to independently undertake any other research linking to our topic, we would also encourage this.

Please can you ensure that your child is reading regularly at home. Bug Club is a wonderful platform for this and our children thoroughly enjoy using it.

If there are any questions or queries about the online learning, access or logging onto websites, or any other aspect of school please contact us by emailing Mrs Briggs on admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk, or by posting a message on TEAMS and we'll reply to you as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Ms Edenbrow & Mrs Collins

Class 2 Teachers