



Akrotiri School



Y4

USA, Brazil and Mexico Classes Summer 1 2021 - Information Guide

States of matter, clay bottles and Cyprus history

We will be starting off the half term by looking at states of matter; solids, liquids and gases and the properties of each. We will be comparing and grouping materials based on whether they are solids, liquids or gases before observing how some materials change state when they are heated or cooled.

After that, we will look at some local history. We will find out about King Evagoras of Salamis and how he brought Greek culture to the island. We will also learn about the Ptolemies and their influence on the island. Finally, we will find out about the Arab raids on Cyprus.

To finish, we will be looking at Cypriot clay bottles. We will draw the clay bottles, looking at the shapes of them and carefully observing tones and shade. We will then design our own clay bottle before making it out of clay using the coiling technique.

HOME LEARNING

In addition to reading, spelling and times tables, homework will be set via MyMaths.

READING

Children should aim to read a minimum of three times weekly. It is important that your child's reading book and reading record comes into school **every day**. Pupils will continue to complete the reading quizzes from Accelerated Reader when they have completed their books. These quizzes can now be done at home. Due to Covid restrictions, each class now has a set time slot to change their books. Your continued support with developing your child's reading is appreciated.

TIMES TABLES

It is important that your child practices their times tables. This can be done on TTRockstars. Daily short sessions of approx. 5-10 mins are more beneficial than longer weekly sessions. Please contact your child's class teacher if your child requires a login.

Additional information

Please label **ALL** of your child's clothes and belongings including trainers, hats, shorts, t-shirts, jumpers, cardigans and water bottles.

USEFUL INFORMATION

PE

Please bring your PE kits in on a Monday so they are in for the week. They will be returned on Friday.

Forest School

Please come appropriately dressed for forest school when it is your allocated day. Children must still come wearing sun cream and with hats and water bottles. Please ensure that children wear insect repellent and have waterproofs and a change of footwear.

Monday- Brazil and Mexico Class

Wednesday- USA Class

SeeSaw

Your child should have been issued with a QR code so that you can access SeeSaw. This platform will allow class teachers to share information with you. It will also allow you to contact your child's class teacher and see the children's learning.

Library

Your child will choose a library book to read for pleasure. Your class teacher will communicate with you the day in which they can change their books.

As the weather heats up, please ensure that children come to school wearing sun cream and with clearly named hats and water bottles.