

Jaguars' Newsletter

SPRING

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PE KIT

Can you please make sure your child has the following items in their PE bags:

- White T-Shirt
- Black Shorts
- Tracksuit bottoms
- Tracksuit top
- Trainers
- Socks

PLEASE REMEMBER NO JEWELLERY IS TO BE WORN IN PE

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break - I know I certainly did. A big THANK YOU for all of my lovely gifts, it really is very thoughtful of you all and very much appreciated.

There really is no time to waste and so the Jaguars will hit the ground running as soon as they return. Continue reading this newsletter to find out what the Jaguars will be learning in their lessons.

Although the Jaguars do receive the occasional extra piece of homework, their

main homework focus will continue to be their times tables, spellings and reading. Please could you work with your child to learn these.

Accelerated Reader

We had a very successful start to accelerated reading in September and hopefully this will continue this term.

If you do have any questions please do come and ask me.

PE

It is extremely important that your child's PE kit is in school for their lessons.

PE lessons take place on a Monday and Tuesday PM. This is the same as the Autumn term, so there is no change to the routine.

We appear to have many items of 'lost' clothing already in our classroom cupboard. Please could you, or your child, make sure their clothes are clearly labelled with their names. Unfortunately, the 'sniff test' doesn't appear to be working on all items (and nobody is offering to sniff the smelly socks!).

What are we learning this half term?

Topic

The previous two topics have been a huge success, with the class showing a keen interest in History.

Our Topic this term is a Geography unit, where the children will learn all about North and South America.

The aim of this unit is to

teach children how to name and locate key features in the USA including states, lakes, rivers, mountains, deserts and settlements.

They will also learn about geographical similarities and differences across the different places within the USA.

We will also learn to use an

atlas to locate key features, learn about the physical features of the Grand Canyon and develop an awareness of the distribution of the human population across the USA. Phew!

After all this amazing work, after half term we will be comparing features of the USA to our own country.

English

Now we are more experienced with using Talk for Writing, we have slightly adapted the way that we teach.

Each term has a focus text where we spend more time really focusing on the techniques the author uses.

This half term our text is a beautiful book called 'The Lost Thing' written by Shaun Tan. It is a story about a boy who finds a 'lost thing' and tries to get it back to where it comes from.

Our focus will be to learn the structure of a finding tale, but also how to build characterization into our stories.

The writing expectations for Year 5 are very high now, so it will be something we will be working hard at this term.

Maths

Due to the change in curriculum, Maths in Year 5 has increased in difficulty. The Jaguars definitely found that last term was harder for them than previous years. However, I have found that this class are the most confident class in Maths I have ever taught. No challenge is too much and our overall results for our Maths assessments were extremely high. Jaguars you should be very proud!

This half term we will begin with multiplication and division. The children will be learning how to use the formal written methods for multiplying and dividing. They will by the end of the unit be able to multiply up to 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers, divide with remainders and apply these skills through reasoning and problem solving.

Later on in the half term, our topic will be fractions. They have already warned me that as a class we hate fractions, but I am hopeful that our attitudes towards fractions will change!

If you feel your child is finding something difficult, please make an appointment to come and see me before or after school.

Photo Gallery

