

# Jaguars' Class

## Summer Newsletter

**Time most certainly does fly when you're having fun!** Our second year together will soon be coming to an end, which I don't think I'm quite prepared for. It has been really fantastic to teach this class again, and to see how they have developed into such amazing young learners. Their enthusiasm for everything we have learnt about is highly contagious and I look forward to watching their learning take them even further next year. The expectations for the current curriculum are extremely high for our primary school children, but we have battled through like fierce warriors this year. Every single Jaguar has pushed and challenged themselves, and the hard work is paying off. I hope that you are as proud of their hard work and effort as I am. They are going to make fabulous Cougars next year.

### Topic

I have been looking forward to our next topic since our first day in September! From now until July our topics will be World War 1 and 2. We have already started to think about WW1 through our English unit, where the children had to use their empathy muscles to write a diary entry from the viewpoint of a German soldier. The final writing produced was outstanding and the children are very excited to start their new topic. This half term we will learn the reason why World War 1 started and what life was like during the war. Some areas the children will learn about are: school life, weapons and technology used, food and communication. We will also spend time learning about key figures from this war.

**Many children have already said they would like to bring in some belongings from home. This would be brilliant, but if items are delicate or precious please do let me know so we can take care of them. It would also be lovely to have some visitors in to talk about their life during the war, although I have told the Jaguars it is much more likely to be World War 2!**

### PE

I don't usually write about PE on newsletters, but I have been so impressed with the sporting ability in our class that I feel I have to comment. Last term we were working through a gymnastics unit. I felt as if I was watching Olympic gymnasts – fantastic! Our next unit is rounders, so hopefully we will have some lovely weather so we can get outside and enjoy some excellent games.

### Helping at home

I have had a few requests asking how you can help your child at home. The Jaguars are **very** good at their times tables, but this is a skill to keep practising. Times Tables Rockstars is an excellent resource and I would really encourage the children to use this regularly. As a teacher I have seen a huge difference in their general Maths learning now they are fluent with their times tables. Another Maths website we have recently signed up for is [www.mathsframe.co.uk](http://www.mathsframe.co.uk) The children have used this website in class so they should know the login details. If they're unsure please let me know so I can write it down for them. On this website there are many games and activities for all areas of the Maths curriculum. Reading with your child continues to be an excellent way to support them. Even though they are now excellent independent readers, reading out loud and answering questions about the text will really help your child's understanding.

### Reminders

As we are so busy trying to remember everything we have learnt, sometimes we are quite forgetful when it comes to other things. Can I just remind you all that PE is on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon, so please make sure your PE kits are in school for these days Jaguars. All PE kit and school uniform should be clearly labelled with your name. We have had many items of clothing left around the classroom. If your child has lost any, please do come in and have a look through our pile.

### Maths

The children will be very relieved to hear that our fractions unit is nearly finished! Even though the Jaguars found fractions very tricky, they made fantastic progress and never gave up. For the next few weeks we will be learning about decimals including: adding and subtracting decimals within 1, adding and subtracting decimals with a different number of decimal places and multiplying/dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. Following this we will start our geometry unit where children will learn to use a protractor to measure and draw angles accurately (one of my favourites!).

### English

Our text type this half term is a warning tale called 'The Canal'. This story is about two boys who are warned to stay away from the old canal. However, they choose not to listen and then get into trouble! The children will learn the story and then use this to explore vocabulary, descriptions of different settings and through questioning deepen their understanding. Using this model we will then work together to write a class version, before the children move on to writing their own warning tale.