

Leopards' Class

Summer Newsletter

Welcome back to the final school term. I hope you all had a fantastic Easter break. Our previous term in the Leopards was very exciting; the class really enjoyed our Ancient Egypt topic and produced some super work. They also did a fantastic job in our production of Mermaids Vs Pirates and I was very proud of their hard work! This next term is an exciting one for our class; we will be heading to Whitwell Hall! This is sure to be a great experience and I know we are all going to have so much fun ☺ Mrs Williams.

PE will take place on Monday mornings with myself and Tuesday morning with Mr Taylor.

The children should have their PE kit in school on these days and if we ever have any special events taking place. Could you please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit including: white polo shirt, black PE shorts, and trainers. Please remember that for health and safety reasons, the children will be expected to remove earrings, independently, for all PE sessions. It is hugely helpful if all kit is clearly named. Thank you!

This term our IPC topic is **Active Planet**. During this topic, the children will learn all about how volcanoes and earthquakes are caused, where in the world they have happened and how they have affected people's lives. We will also look at how to make earthquake proof structures and be planning what to do if our local area was hit with a similar event. The class will also be making instructional videos on how earthquakes and volcanoes occur and complete art based on eruptions.

Dates of the diary:

7th May - Bank Holiday Monday

18th May - School Disco

28th May - 1st June- Half Term

25th June - Open Afternoon

9th - 11th July - Y4 Residential

24th July - End of Term 1:30pm

This Half-Term's focus

Literacy	The focus of Literacy this half term will firstly be a fiction (wishing) story based on the Talk for Writing text; The King of the Birds. This will be followed by eyewitness account.
Numeracy	The main areas of Maths we will be covering this half term will be; Area and Perimeter and solving money and measure problems.
Science	Science will be taught in Summer 2 and our topics will be Physics based; investigating sound and understanding electrical circuits.

Times Tables

The National Curriculum also expects Year 4 children to know their timetables to 12X by the end of the year. It is advisable that the children go over these at home. Your child should practice using the TT Rock stars website. The children have three weekly practice tests on tables in class, the focus tables are generated by the TT Rock stars website, and it is beneficial for the children to regularly practice them.

You may also wish to visit www.multiplication.com

Home learning

Home learning will be stuck in your child's learning log. Home learning continues to be completed in your child's Maths Mastery booklet and is usually a game activity that requires adult support. Home learning will continue to go out on Friday and will be expected to be in the following Wednesday, if it is still not handed in by Friday, then your child may lose their Discovery Time. Children should also aim to read their school book for 20 minutes a day and depending on the length of their book, be taking weekly/fortnightly, or for a very thick book, monthly, quizzes. Spellings are set weekly and tested on Fridays.