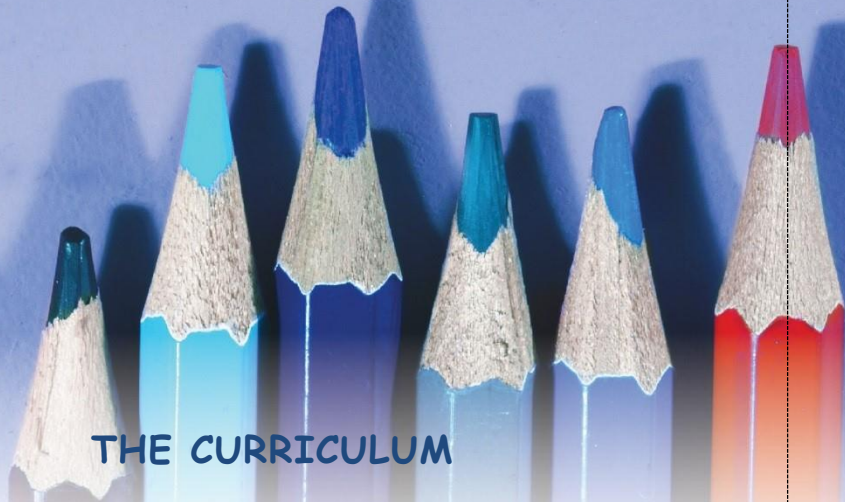


Leopards' Newsletter



DEAR FAMILIES

Welcome back to the spring school term. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. Our first term in the Leopards was very enjoyable; we learnt lots about Dinosaurs during our topic work and worked hard in all our lessons. This next term is just as packed with exciting activities and I hope this letter provides you with the information you need. If there are any questions please do not hesitate in coming to see me or drop me a note in your child's log.

PE will take place on Monday mornings with myself and Tuesday mornings 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, where they may need their kits, the children will be informed when they need to bring it in. 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!

THE CURRICULUM

In Literacy this term our focus Talk for Writing text is a fiction story; 'Monkey See, Monkey Do'. The story is a warning tale and the children will finish the unit, writing their own warning tales.

In Maths Mastery this term, we will be focusing on securing our multiplication facts and fractions.

Our new topic is 'Ancient Egyptians' where we will be learning about the lifestyles of the Ancient Egyptians, tombs and burials, the importance of the Nile and how the pyramids were built.

In PE Mondays' sessions, we will focus on Dance, which will be based around James Bond.

COMMUNICATION

Letters will continue to go out on a Wednesday, however, please check for any odd letters or notes that may go out after or before this day. Any reply slips should be handed in during registration.

Messages will still be written in the logs if necessary, so please check for any concerns or messages that I may have. We would still like to encourage you to write in the log your child's achievements and news from home, records of reading or any messages you may wish to pass on. If you write in your child's log, please tell them to place it on my desk in the morning, so that no communications are missed. If you wish to talk to me about any concerns, please do not hesitate to arrange an appointment after school.

HOME LEARNING

Home learning this term will be written down 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 Fridays 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. There may be occasion when it is more suitable to send homework out earlier in the week, if it is linked to specific lessons, which your child will be told about.

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 15th January - Y3 and 4 Drama Hut visit

Wednesday 17th January- Winnie the Pooh themed lunch

Thursday 8th February - Valentines themed lunch

12th - 16th February - Half Term week begins

27th February and 1st March - Parent consultations

Thursday 1st March - World Book Day themed lunch

Thursday 29th March - End of term.

OTHER AREAS YOU CAN SUPPORT

The children will be given spellings each week to learn at home. These spellings come from the Y3 and 4 list, specified by the National Curriculum. Five words are given each week and words will be repeated throughout the year.

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 in any spare time or quiet homework weeks. Your child should practice using the TT Rock stars website. The children also 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 or www.ictgames.com to practice in a fun way!



