



Jaguars' Class

Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents,

After a very successful first term the Jaguars are now looking forward to the rest of the year and making the most of the time we have together. This term there are a few small but exciting changes, most notably the introduction of a weekly arithmetic test (which I'm sure the children will be delighted about!) and our new Science and curriculum topics. I now know how keen you all are to get involved in school activities ☺ and your enthusiasm for this has been an enormous support to the class! If any of you are interested and feel you could help in any way with any of these topics please let me know and I will try get you involved. Thank you, Mr Andrews.

Jaguars' PE sessions will continue to take place on a Tuesday and a Friday this term. Please ensure your child has the following items in their PE bags at all times:

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

Please remember that no jewellery is to be worn in PE.

Maths

TT Rockstars will take place every day except Tuesday where the children will complete a 45 minute arithmetic test containing SATs style arithmetic questions.

Maths this term will be:

Fractions (3 weeks)

- comparing and ordering fractions;
- equivalent fractions;
- read and write decimal numbers as fractions [for example, $0.71 = \frac{71}{100}$];
- recognise mixed numbers and improper fractions and convert from one form to the other;
- round decimals with two decimal places to the nearest whole number and to one decimal place;

Followed by:

Angles (2 weeks): To estimate and compare acute, obtuse and reflex angles; identify and draw different angles.

Fractions and Percentages (3 weeks): To solve problems which require knowing percentage and decimal equivalents.

Transformations (2 weeks): To identify, describe and represent the position of a shape following a reflection or translation.

Science

This term's topic is Earth and Space. We will learn about the Earth's movement in space, the solar system and the history of astronomy. After the Easter Holiday, we will learn about movement, forces and magnets and investigate air resistance.

English

This term's English will cover:

Recognising and using nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs and pronouns.
Paragraphing, including devices to build cohesion within a paragraph.
Relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that.
Linking ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time [for example - later], place [for example - nearby] and number [for example - secondly] or tense choices [for example - he had seen her before]
Punctuation - full stops, commas, ellipses, exclamation marks, question marks, brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis.

Homework

Maths homework will now be sent every week with a minimum of 1 hour reading advised as English homework. TT Rockstars is now to be done every week. Additional homework may be set.

Dates for your diary

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February - Half Term

Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th February - Parents' Evening

Friday 5th April - End of term