

Jaguars' Class

Summer Newsletter

Dear parents,

We are so excited to be joining Jaguars class. We already have so much planned; there isn't a second to waste! High expectations will continue as we settle into our new routine. We will be working hard but there will be lots of fun along the way. We will be doing the Year 5/6 production as well as our class assembly (Friday 14th June). This doesn't include sports day and all the other summer term events. As always, please stay in touch. If you have any comments, questions or concerns we are both happy to meet with you to discuss them – just send a Dojo message or make an appointment. We will also be available for quick updates each morning on the playground. Mrs Harris & Mrs Riley

Maths

Each week, the children take an arithmetic paper. We will be embedding arithmetic skills to further improve our scores each week. Each day, we will start the lesson with 'remember it now' and 'apply it now' so all learning stays fresh in the children's minds. We will also be working our way through lots of 'problems of the day'. Units also covered include 'converting units of measure', 'calculating with whole numbers and decimals', '2D and 3D shape' and 'volume'.

English

We will have whole class guided reading sessions each week as well as English, spelling and handwriting time. In addition, children will have time for quiet reading across the week. We will be learning punctuation and grammar rules before applying them to independent writing. Units include 'Myths & Legends', 'Recounts', 'Plays' 'Discussion Texts' and 'Take One Poet'.

Science

This term's unit is 'Properties and change of materials'. Children will be comparing and grouping materials, separating and changing materials. They will have to give reasons for predictions and explain changes in experiments. The Knowledge Organiser will be shared in the first week and will be followed by weekly quizzing.

History

We will be learning lots about Settlers and Invaders this term; Anglo Saxons and Vikings. We will be sending home a copy of our Knowledge Organiser in the first week. From then, we will do weekly quizzing to practise retrieval of key facts.

Computing

This term will focus on programming using micro:bit and Sonic Pi. The children will be able to programme a pedometer and a scoreboard for a Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament! In addition, they will be programming to compose music for film using loops.

Music

Somewhere over the Rainbow will be the stimulus for our Dance Music unit, building up to remixing the song. We will also be learning about musical theatre in time for our production.

Art and Design/Design and Technology

We will be looking at colour, line, shape and form to be architects in Art, and designing and making a healthy Bolognese and sewing a stuffed toy in DT.

Other subjects taught throughout each week are RE, PSHE, French and PE. Please see the reverse to see an example weekly timetable.

Jaguars **PE** sessions will continue to take place on a Tuesday and a Friday this term. We have noticed an increase of other sports kit but children are expected to wear school PE kit, which is: a white t-shirt, black shorts and plain trainers. These all need to be named and children are expected to be responsible for their kits. No jewellery is to be worn in PE sessions for safety reasons.

Homework

Children are expected to read daily. This can be their accelerated reading book or a book from home. Either should be an appropriate level of challenge (i.e. within the correct band).

In addition, they should practice their times tables, using Times Tables Rock Stars if they like.

Spellings will be taught each week on a Monday with several chances across the week to practice them. Children should also learn them at home, choosing the level of challenge that is right for them.

We will be introducing the new Knowledge Organisers in Science and History this term. Please spend some time each week looking at these with your children.

In preparation for Year 6, we will be increasing the amount of written homework as the term goes on. We are also reviewing this as a whole school so will assess how we use Maths Mastery Books for homework.

	8.45-9.00	9.00-10.15		10.15-10.35	Break	10.55- 11.50	Lunch	1.00-1.25	1.25- 2.25	2.25-3.15
MON	Times Tables Rock Stars	Literacy	Spellings	Assembly		Maths		Accelerated Reading	Art	RE
TUES	Times Tables Rock Stars	Literacy	Hand writing	Assembly		PE (PPA)		French (PPA)		Science
WED	Times Tables Rock Stars	Literacy	Guided Reading	Assembly		Maths		Accelerated Reading	History	Computing
THUR	Times Tables Rock Stars	Literacy	Guided Reading	Assembly		Maths		Accelerated Reading	Music	Arithmetic
FRI	Assembly	Literacy	Guided Reading			Maths		Accelerated Reading	PSHE	PE