



Welcome back everyone, I hope you have all had a wonderful summer! I am delighted to be teaching your child this year alongside our LSAs Mrs Newstead and Ms Telling. I hope that your child is excited to be coming back as a Leopard in Year 4, and to return to a more normal school life. We have a really exciting term ahead of us and I am sure it will be a very successful start to a fantastic year ahead.

Miss Bloomfield

### School day

Our school day times are to arrive between 8.35am - 8.40am and leaving between 3.15pm - 3.20pm.

### What are we learning?

**Reading** – This term we will begin by exploring the novel 'The Queen's Nose' by Dick King Smith, before concluding with 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q Rauf.

**English** – We will start by looking at adventure stories, before moving onto report writing alongside diary entries towards the middle of this term. This term concludes by focusing on poetry, persuasive writing and stories from other cultures - which link closely to our geography.

**Maths** – The autumn term starts by looking at four-digit numbers and how we can compare and contrast them. Towards the middle of this term we will be focusing on consolidating prior learning surrounding addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This will help us to examine how to read and interpret data, specifically through bar graphs, pictograms and tables, at the end of this term

**Wider Curriculum** – We have some excellent topics to delve into this term! In our weekly science lessons, our focus is around digestion and teeth, alongside looking at food chains at the end of the term. Geography this term concentrates on features of a river and recognising latitude and longitude on a global scale. Our history topic looks at Anglo-Saxon Britain. In DT we are starting by developing a recipe for cookies and building our own torches.

Finally, in art the children are looking at formal elements of art, specifically texture and pattern, using different methods and materials.

### PE

As you may already be aware we have swimming this term at Haverhill Leisure centre.

**Swimming** is on a **Monday** and children will need to come into school with swimming kit on **underneath** their uniform

**PE** is on a **Tuesday** - children need to **come into school** in their PE kit and will **stay in it all day**.

### Home learning

Home learning and spellings will continue to be uploaded via Showbie on Friday mornings and will be collected the following Friday morning. I will upload: an English task, a maths task, spellings and a curriculum knowledge organiser to revise. In addition to this, the children will be expected to read for approximately 20 minutes every evening and practise TTRS at least three times during the week.

It is very important that the children develop their organisational skills and ensure home learning is completed on time.

### Reading logs

In the first couple of weeks back your child will have a reading quiz in school, which will allow us to assess their reading level. Once these are assessed and have chosen a reading book in their band, it is very important that your child reads EVERY day! PLEASE encourage your children to continue reading and if you have a spare five minutes, give them a listen. The children will be required to bring their reading record and specific reading book into school every day. This will help to check their progress as well as hearing them read in school when we can.

### Messages and contact

I am available to contact via ClassDojo if you have any questions or queries, and will try to be in contact as soon as I can within my working hours.