

Leopards' Class

Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Can you believe we are at the beginning of another new academic year? I hope you all had a fantastic summer and the children had the break they deserved! I know everything has seemed pretty crazy this year, but I am very positive that with all of our safety measures in place, we are going to have a successful time in Year 4. I am extremely excited to have been given the opportunity to teach your children this year, we have a fun year ahead! Mrs Newstead will be assisting us in the classroom 3 days a week with the occasional support from Miss Prince. We are very lucky!

Our style of teaching for the next half-term may look slightly different to before as we are conscious that anything that may have been missed, or not taught during the home schooling period, needs to be addressed before we can access their new year group's curriculum. We are going to be working extremely hard to ensure that not only will the children feel safe and happy returning to school, but that they are all given the opportunity to achieve all that they deserve and more!

Miss Jolland ☺

The Leopards' PE sessions will take place on a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday** this year with **Dellar Sports Coaching**, who we are delighted to be welcomed to our school. As I am sure you are aware, Year 3 & 4 normally go swimming during the Autumn term, but due to reasons relating to COVID, Leopards' swimming lessons have been postponed to either Spring or Summer term. I will be sure to keep you updated with this.

Please ensure your child has the following items in their PE bag and that each item of clothing is clearly **labelled** to ensure nothing is lost:

White T-Shirt

Black Shorts

Trainers / socks

Tracksuit top and bottoms (outdoor wear)

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

Homework

You will have seen that the children have been given a new, red homework book. This will have their homework tick sheet in, which lists the things that they need to be doing at home. Now that the children are in Year 4, I believe they can take real ownership of their homework, however, I do ask that you remind them to ensure it is done by the end of the week, along with your signature. I can't stress enough the importance of completing the home tasks to help reinforce and embed their learning in school. Their weekly spellings and the knowledge organisers for the current subject that we are studying will be in their homework books too. Please can I ask that you use their homework books to record anything you wish after hearing your child read? I know that you are all extremely supportive with the children's learning, so I thank you for this!

Our learning this term

On Tuesday afternoons, Mrs Doherty will be teaching Leopards RE and computing. The Leopards are also very lucky to have Miss Page teaching them French once a week, with her excellent language skills! Our other curriculum subjects will be taught in blocks over weeks, rather than weekly. We have some really exciting units coming up which include **Living things and their habitats, printing in art, creating a recipe in DT and Vikings and Anglo - Saxons in history**. Please keep an eye out on Dojo for photos of what we are getting up to in the classroom.

Extra notices

I will be posting on Dojo a suggested reading list of some books that the children could read at home. I have tried to link some of these to what we are learning in the classroom this half term. I believe communication is key for ensuring we achieve the best for your child, so if you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me on Dojo or catch me at the end of the day (as in the mornings the children will be walking themselves to their classroom). I really look forward to meeting you all over the upcoming weeks.