

Leopards' Class

Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I cannot quite believe we are entering the summer term and that we are coming to the end of our time in Year 4! This year has not been quite how we had hoped but I am, as always, incredibly proud of every single child in Leopards. They have demonstrated resilience, perseverance and so much determination. They really are a pleasure to teach and I am extremely excited for the upcoming final term. As you are aware, we are due to go on our residential trip to Whitwell Hall at the end of June, providing everything goes to plan! I know this may be daunting to the children (and some parents) but please try not to worry about it. It is an excellent opportunity and experience for the children and I can guarantee they will absolutely love it! We will arrange a meeting to discuss what the trip entails nearer to the time and I will continue to update you with any new information as and when I hear!

I would like to use this opportunity to thank you all for your hard work and support with the children's home learning during the recent lockdown. I was amazed at how well the children came back and how they were able to demonstrate and retain what they had learnt at home. So thank you all again, your ongoing support is invaluable!

As always, if you do have anything you would like to discuss with me, please send me a message on ClassDojo.

The Leopards will continue with their PE lessons on a Tuesday and Thursday morning, taught by our sports experts, Dellar Sports. **Please can you ensure that ALL of your child's PE kit and school uniform is named.**

Mrs Newstead will be with us full time for the upcoming term, which will be fantastic. Mrs Doherty will continue to teach the Leopards on a Tuesday afternoon - French as well as computing and RE this term.

Our learning this term

We have some very exciting units coming up this term, including **Ancient Egyptians, The River Nile and Amazon, Longitude/Latitude** and applying our knowledge from these units in diary writing, newspaper reports and third person adventure stories. In PSHE we will continue our learning about families and relationships and look further into **stereotypes** and **bullying**.

In maths, we are going to be revisiting some of our more difficult units that were taught in lockdown (**fractions**) and then begin our **2D shape and symmetry** unit.

We are going to be reading the fantastic '**The Boy at the Back of the Class**' as our class read this term as being read to is just as important as being heard reading.

Homework

Homework will all be put on Showbie this term, including the half-termly grid to show the tasks children are expected to do each week. Please can I highlight the importance of making sure that not only is the homework completed, but that you also tick and sign to show that the children have completed each task. At this point in the year, it would be great to see the children taking more ownership over their homework and knowing what tasks they need to complete and by when.

The tasks that I set for homework ensure the children practise previously taught skills to build fluency and confidence, which is extremely important. I have added weekly maths homework which will give the children the opportunity to practise and consolidate the methods we have been learning in class. We will also continue with our fortnightly arithmetic tests and these will be sent home for you and your child to have a look through and celebrate success and identify any potential mistakes.

If you do have any homework related questions, again, please message me on ClassDojo.