

Leopards Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a relaxing half term and made the most of the few days of nice weather!

As stated in the letter that went home before half term, Miss Saunders will now be taking on the post of deputy head teacher. As a result, she will be teaching Leopards class Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning and all day Friday. The remaining time will primarily be covered by Mrs Cutler (see timetable below).

If you have any questions or concerns or would like ideas of how to support your child at home then please do come and see me.

Miss Saunders and Mrs Cutler

Topic

Our learning challenge question for this term is: 'Who were the Ancient Greeks?' This topic will have a history focus as children will learn about daily life in Ancient Greece and some of their greatest achievements. Children will also consider how the Ancient Greeks have affected life in the western world.

This will cover: the chronology of Ancient Greece; Greek Gods and myths; food, clothes and housing; wars; democracy; and slavery.

Maths

This term we will learn about: factors and multiples; ratio and proportion; and averages. The rest of the half term will be spent revising content already studied and helping children prepare for their SATs.

Although we are not currently doing weekly times table tests, I would like to encourage you to continue practising these with your child at home as this knowledge is invaluable for their maths work.

English

In English this half term, the children will be looking at a retelling of the classic text *The Odyssey*. Children will learn about the historical context of the story and will gain an understanding of events surrounding the story (e.g. the Trojan War). The children will also learn about Greek myths and will compare these to *The Odyssey*. Children's understanding of the story will be enhanced through drama and art activities.

The children will practise their fiction writing through detailed descriptions of characters and settings and by writing their own myth. Children will also enhance their non-fiction writing skills through letter writing and explanation texts.

Science

This term the topic covered in science will be 'Electricity'. Children will learn how to construct series circuits, how to repair these when they go wrong and they will learn the correct scientific symbols for these. They will investigate enquiry questions (e.g. 'Can you make a buzzer louder?'), conduct fair tests and will record these accurately in their books. They will then put their learning into practice by making 'steady hand testers'.

Class cover

Monday PM (one hour): Mrs Billinghamurst
(one hour): Mr Kelly and Mrs Halmshaw

Thursday PM (half an hour): Norfolk Music Service

(half an hour): Mrs Halmshaw
(one hour): Mrs Billinghamurst

PE

Leopards will continue to have two P.E. lessons a week: one on a Monday afternoon and one on a Thursday afternoon.

Please make sure your children have their P.E kits in school on those days.

School Website

<http://www.kenninghallprimaryschool.com/>

Please check our school website regularly to find out what the Leopards have been learning in class. I update our class page weekly with photos and videos.

Music Tuition

Leopards will continue to learn the P-bone (plastic trombone) with Norfolk Music Service every **Thursday afternoon**.



PSHE

This half term in PSHE, the Leopards will learn about peer pressure. They will learn what this means, how they might come across it (including in reference to drugs and alcohol) and strategies to manage peer pressure.

They will also learn about democracy, democratic institutions and the civil and criminal law in England.

Homework

Spelling homework will be given out on Mondays and spellings should be practised for a test on the following Monday.

Maths homework will be given each Friday and should be completed by the following Thursday. Maths homework will be based on the learning that the children have completed that week. **Maths homework will now be based around the online Mathletics program.**

For the last two weeks of each half term, children will receive a **learning log** homework linked to the topic.

Reading Records

Please ensure that reading records are brought into school every day so that I can move children up on their reading challenge board.

Time	8:55 - 9:00	9:00 - 9:20	9:20 - 10:30			11:00 - 11:20	11:20 - 12:15		1:15 - 3:15		
Day											
Mon	REGISTRATION	SPELLING TEST	MATHS (with Mrs Cutler)	BREAKTIME	ASSEMBLY	Guided Reading (with Mrs Cutler)	ENGLISH (with Mrs Cutler)	LUNCH TIME	French and Music (Mr Kelly; Mrs Halmshaw)	PE	
Tues		SPELLINGS	MATHS		ASSEMBLY Circle groups	VCOP	ENGLISH		GUIDED READING	TOPIC (with Mrs Cutler)	
Wed		ASSEMBLY	MATHS		SPELLINGS	VCOP	ENGLISH		GUIDED READING	TOPIC (with Mrs Cutler)	
Thurs		SPELLINGS	MATHS		ASSEMBLY	VCOP	ENGLISH		Music - P-bones	PSHE (Mrs Halmshaw)	PE
Fri		HANDWRITING	MATHS			VCOP	ENGLISH		SCIENCE		Assembly