

Jaguars Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had a very enjoyable half term. We would like to welcome Mrs Stewart who will be taking over Mrs Meek's teaching while she is away on maternity leave.

I know the children enjoyed our last topic and they impressed us with their map skills which they put into practice in our exciting treasure hunt in the last week of term. We are looking forward to a new half-term in which we be learning about the exciting new topic, the Ancient Greeks.

As ever, please do come and see us if you have any questions or concerns.
Mrs Stewart and Mr Kelly

Topic

Our learning challenge question for this half term is, 'Who were the Ancient Greeks?' Although we only have a short half term, the children will be busy looking at Ancient Greek culture: important events; significant people; and religion. They will also learn about the geography of modern day Greece.

They will have opportunities to develop their artistic skills by investigating and drawing inspiration from the art of ancient Greece. They will learn about the importance of ancient civilisations to our world today and will examine their legacy of democracy.

English

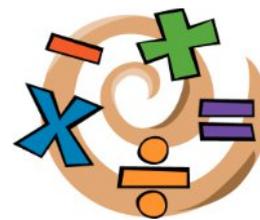
In English this half term, the children will be working on a new book, *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. We will examine the style and techniques of the author and use these as a basis for our creative writing. We will look at telling the story as a recount and writing the events that take place as a newspaper report. The themes and moral issues in the book will allow us to practise our debating skills. The strong images he creates will inspire the children and lead to some interesting art work. Towards the end of term, we will compare and contrast the cartoon film version, 'The Iron Giant' with the book.

Maths

This half term in maths with Mrs Stewart, the Jaguars will be learning about adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions. Later, we will be looking at percentages and towards the end of the term, we will be learning how to write equations.

With Mr Kelly, children will learn about identifying angles which are multiples of 90 degrees. We will estimate and compare acute, obtuse and reflex angles. Later, we will draw given angles and measure them in degrees

Every Tuesday children will do their 'Big Maths' lesson, which focuses on developing mental and written methods for calculation.



P.E.

The 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.

If any child unable to take part **must bring in a letter** to explain this.

French



This term we will be learning about health including parts of the body in French and saying what is wrong if we are ill. We may go on to look at sport, activities and diet.

Science

In Science, we will continue to study life cycles. We be looking at flowering and non-flowering plants and hopefully growing some flowers and vegetables. We will take a closer look at the life cycles of mammals, birds and amphibians and compare them.

Music Tuition

The Jaguars have been making excellent progress with their P-bone lessons and will continue to have these lessons every **Thursday afternoon**.



PSHE

This half term in PSHE, the Jaguars will learn about peer pressure. They will learn what this means, how they might come across it (including in reference to legal 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.

School Website

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

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

Homework

Children will continue to receive weekly spelling and maths homework.

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

After receiving excellent feedback about the use of **Mathletics** last half term, children will continue to receive weekly homework on a **Friday** using this programme. This should be completed before the following **Thursday**. We would also encourage children to regularly take part in *Mathletics Live* and the problem solving activities to further develop and apply their skills.

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 we can move children up on their reading challenge board. Congratulations to those children who have already reached 100 reads!

	8.55-9.20	9.20-10.30	10.30 - 10.45	10.45- 11.00	11.00- 11.20	11.20-12.15	12.15- 1.15	PM		
MONDAY	Spellings Mr Kelly	Maths Mr Kelly	Break	Assembly	VCOP Mr Kelly	English Mr Kelly	Lunch	1.15-2.15 PE Mrs Billinghurst	2.15-2.45 French Mr Kelly	2.45-3.15 Music Mrs Halmshaw
TUESDAY	Spellings Mr Kelly	Maths Mr Kelly	Break	Assembly- circle groups	VCOP Mr Kelly	English Mr Kelly	Lunch	1.15-2.00 Guided Reading Mr Kelly	2.00-3.15 Science Mr Kelly	
WEDNESDAY	Singing Assembly	Maths Mrs Stewart	Break	Spelling Mrs Stewart	VCOP Mrs Stewart	English Mrs Stewart	Lunch	1.15-2.00 Guided Reading Mrs Stewart	2.00-3.15 Topic Mrs Stewart	
THURSDAY	Spellings Mrs Stewart	Maths Mrs Stewart	Break	Assembly	VCOP Mrs Stewart	English Mrs Stewart	Lunch	1.15-2.15 PE Mrs Billinghurst	2.45-3.15 Instrument tuition Norfolk music service	2.15-2.45 PSHE Mrs Halmshaw
FRIDAY	Spellings Mrs Stewart	Maths Mrs Stewart	Break	Handwritin g Mrs Stewart	VCOP Mrs Stewart	English Mrs Stewart	Lunch	1.15-1.45 Guided Reading +Library Mrs Stewart	1.45-2.45 Topic Mrs Stewart	2.45-3.15 Celebration Assembly