

Leopards' Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable half term. This half term we have an exciting topic of Space to learn about as well as our residential to Norfolk Lakes just before Easter.

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.

Kind regards,
Miss Saunders

Topic/Science

Our topic for this half-term is 'Is there life in the universe?', which is based on the science objective 'Earth and Space'.

Children will learn what our Solar System is comprised of and will learn about the relative sizes of the planets. They will compare this to what the universe looks like and will begin to comprehend the vastness of the known and unknown.

Children will learn about the relationship between the Earth, Sun and Moon. They will learn how day and night occurs and will learn about the phases of the moon.

Children will also learn about astronauts and will find out what it takes to be an astronaut. They will also consider the possibility of space tourism and future space exploration.

Alongside this, children will complete several space themed pieces of art.

Maths

For some maths lessons this half-term, Year 5 and 6 children will be split to support SATs preparation in Year 6. Year 5 children will be taught by Miss Bailey and Mrs Halmshaw.

Year 6 children this half-term will revise many of the areas taught so far this year as well as learning factors, multiples, square and cube numbers, algebra, pie charts and calculating the mean.

Year 5 children will learn factors, multiples, square and cube numbers and long multiplication. They will also revise areas they have found difficult such as rounding, area and perimeter, time and fractions, decimals and percentages.

If you would like to ask any more questions about this, please don't hesitate to come and speak to me.

English

In English this half-term, the children will be focusing on writing to persuade and discuss. This will be based on the text Macbeth by Shakespeare. Children will spend some time getting to know the text and characters, performing drama and learning some Shakespearian quotations. Children will then write in the character of Lady Macbeth, persuading Macbeth that he should be king. Children will then discuss the questions 'Should Macbeth kill King Duncan?' and 'Who is responsible for King Duncan's death?'

Class cover

Monday PM: Mrs Halmshaw
Miss Bailey

Wed PM: Miss Bailey
Mrs Halmshaw

e-Safety

On Monday 19th February, the children had a talk from a local policeman regarding staying safe online. The children were very impressive with their mature and sensible attitude.

Further guidance for helping keep your child safe online can be found here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/esafety-leaflets-resources/>

School Website

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.

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

P.E.

This half-term the Leopards will have one P.E. lesson a week on a **Monday and Wednesday** afternoon

Please make sure your children have their P.E kits in school on this day. If your child cannot take part in PE, please ensure they bring in a note explaining the reason.

Homework

As last year, the children will 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.

For Year 5 children, maths homework will be given each Friday and should be completed by the following **Thursday**. Maths homework will be linked to the learning the children have done each week and will primarily have a focus on investigations and games.

For Year 6 children, maths homework will no longer be given out and instead children should work through their *CGP* revision books.

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 Day	8:55 - 9:00	9:00 - 9:20	9:20 – 10:30			11:00 – 11:20	11:20 – 12:15		1:15 – 3:15	
Monday	REGISTRATION	SPELLINGS	MATHS	BREAKTIME	ASSEMBLY	VCOP/ GRAMMAR	ENGLISH	LUNCH TIME	1. PE (SB)	1. PSHE (RH)
Tuesday			MATHS			VCOP/ GRAMMAR	ENGLISH		Guided Reading	TOPIC
Wed		Singing Assembly	MATHS		SPELLINGS	VCOP/ GRAMMAR	ENGLISH		1. PE (SB)	1. Reading for pleasure (RH)
Thursda y		SPELLINGS	MATHS		ASSEMBLY	VCOP/ GRAMMAR	ENGLISH		Guided Reading	TOPIC
Friday			MATHS		VCOP/ GRAMMAR	ENGLISH	TOPIC		Assembly	