

Leopards' Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our topic for this half-term will be 'What do Christians and Muslims believe?' As well as this, we will be busy preparing for the summer play and the Year 6s will begin their transition to high school.

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

Our topic for this half-term is 'What do Christians and Muslims believe?' During this topic we will cover key beliefs and key figures of each religion. We will learn about their holy books and how they worship. Also, we will learn about key religious festivals and the stories behind these.

PSHE

During PSHE lessons this half term, children will be learning about drugs and their effects on the body. They will learn about what drugs are legal and the negative effects of tobacco and alcohol. They will learn about how peer pressure can affect people and strategies to deal with this. Year 6 children will also learn about illegal drugs.

Maths

For maths lessons this half-term, Year 5 children will begin learning some of content required in Year 6 such as finding percentages of amounts and using long division, including how to interpret remainders. Year 5 children will also revise the content taught this year which they have found difficult, such as area and perimeter; fractions, decimals and percentages; and negative number.

Year 6 children will learn how to add and subtract negative number as well as complete a range of investigations to deepen their understanding of number and calculation.

English

This half-term children will be studying the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. They will begin by creating some pieces of drama to help them understand the story and empathise with the characters. Then they will write a newspaper report about the death of the Highwayman and Bess.

After this, they will debate which character is most to blame for Bess's death and we will hold a class debate. They will use this information to decide which character they think is most to blame and will write a persuasive letter to King George stating who they think should be held accountable.

Children will then research the history of highwaymen in Britain, including famous highwaymen, and will create a non-chronological report to present their findings.

Class cover

Monday PM: Mrs Halmshaw/Mrs Ocal

Miss Bailey (PE)

Wed PM: Miss Bailey (PE)

Mrs Halmshaw

French

During French lessons, children will continue to develop their mastery of basic French phrases and practise holding basic conversations with their peers.

They will practise learning French greetings, numbers, seasons, food items and parts of the body.

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. Music (RH)
Tuesday			MATHS			VCOP/ GRAMMAR	ENGLISH		Guided Reading	PSHE/Science
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	