

Leopards' Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had an amazing summer holiday and that you are feeling nice and refreshed! I would like to welcome the new Year 5's to the Leopards class and welcome back the Year 6's. I am looking forward to the year to come and starting our first topic, 'Were the Ancient Egyptians ahead of their time?'

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

Topic

Our learning challenge question for this term is: 'Were the Ancient Egyptians ahead of their time?' Relating to the history curriculum, children will learn: to place the Ancient Egyptians chronologically and geographically; what Ancient Egyptian life was like for its people; the significance of the pharaohs and the pyramids; the beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians; and the discovery of the famous archaeologist Howard Carter.

Science

In science lessons we will be learning about the human body. They will learn about the heart, the lungs, the circulation system and the effect of exercise on the body.

Maths

In maths this half-term we will be learning: place value (including decimals), rounding, negative numbers, mental and written addition, mental and written subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions (ordering, comparing and equivalence).

The work we do in school is based around three principles: fluency, problem solving and reasoning. Children are expected to be confident in all areas and the work the children do in school will reflect this.

All children have log in details for Times Tables Rockstars. Children are expected to regularly use this to improve their times table knowledge and speed of recall.

<https://trockstars.com/>

English

In English this half-term children will be reading the contemporary historical novel *Secrets of a Sun King* by Emma Carroll. For the whole half-term children will be focusing on developing their fiction writing skills. They will do some focused writing on describing characters and settings. They will also have the opportunity to write some narratives of short film extracts. Finally, they will use the skills they have learnt and developed to write a short adventure story.

Class cover

Monday PM: Mrs Halmshaw (PSHE)
Miss Bailey (PE)

Wed PM: Miss Bailey (PE)
Mrs Halmshaw (Music)

PSHE

In PSHE lessons this half term, children will learn about fixed and growth mindsets. They will discuss how to be good learners and how their brain works.

They will then move on to discussing 'What makes me special?'

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 year Leopards will have two P.E. lessons a week: one on a **Monday** afternoon and one on a **Wednesday** afternoon.

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

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. In addition to the weekly maths homework, throughout the year there will be a strong focus on recall of **times tables** (it is expected under the new curriculum that children know all of their times tables up to 12x by Year 4).

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. Reading for pleasure/ PSHE (RH)
Tuesday			MATHS			VCOP/ GRAMMAR	ENGLISH		Guided Reading	SCIENCE
Wed		Singing Assembly	MATHS		SPELLINGS	VCOP/ GRAMMAR	ENGLISH		1. PE (SB)	1. Music (RH)
Thursda y		SPELLINGS	MATHS		ASSEMBLY	VCOP/ GRAMMAR	ENGLISH		Guided Reading	TOPIC
Friday			MATHS			VCOP/ GRAMMAR	ENGLISH		TOPIC	Assembly