

# CURRICULUM LETTER FOR LEOPARDS, LEMURS & PANTHERS

## SPRING TERM 2011

Happy New Year 2011!

We hope you all had a great Christmas and are looking forward to the Spring Term and some warmer weather! We have some exciting days ahead of us this term with lots of fun packed activities.

Here are some of the things we will be covering this term:

**LITERACY**- We will continue developing writing skills in different genres including; writing an extended myth story, persuasive writing and debates. To prepare the children for writing, they will read examples of the text type, take part in speaking & listening and drama sessions as well as work in guided writing groups. We are strongly encouraging all of our children to join up their handwriting to help aid the flow when writing.

Many of our children find reading comprehension difficult so will be learning different strategies to help answer those trickier questions. To further help the children, a lot of this term's homework will be based around reading comprehension.

**NUMERACY**- The children will be extending their strategies for solving problems using all four operations. (Addition, subtraction, multiplication & division.) They will also be carrying out activities to help secure their knowledge about fractions, understanding of shape, data handling and measures including converting from one measurement to another. It is essential at this stage that the children know and are confident with their times table facts.

**SCIENCE** - We will continue to carry out lots of practical activities and look at presenting their findings using data handling. The children will be encouraged to create investigations and make predictions about the possible outcome.

We will be looking at forces and green plants during this term.

## **TARGETS**

To help all children achieve their best and to help move them onto their next level, we will be giving each child a target for reading, writing and maths.

Each target is differentiated to meet the needs of individual children. Please ask your child what their target is and what they need to do to achieve it. If you have any queries about your child's learning, please contact one of us who will be more than happy to help.

**TOPIC** - During this term the children will be learning about Ancient Egypt and we will endeavour to incorporate other curriculum subjects around this topic, such as art and PE. We are also arranging for a special Ancient Egyptian day to support this topic.

For the Year 6 parents, there will be a meeting on Wednesday 9th February about the SATs preparation. A letter will be coming out shortly with further details.

The children will continue to go to the library every 3<sup>rd</sup> week so if you can spare an hour to walk with us it would be very much appreciated. These are the dates for the next three visits and it will continue in this order during the term: Panthers 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, Lemurs 24<sup>th</sup> Jan, Leopards 31<sup>st</sup> Jan.

A big thank you for encouraging your children to complete their homework on time - we have seen a fantastic improvement with both the quality of work and the amount they are doing! We look forward to seeing you on Parents' Evening to discuss your child's progress but please contact us before if you have any concerns or queries.

Many thanks and happy New Year!

Mrs Shipley

Miss Baggley

Mr Reeves