

CURRICULUM LETTER FOR LEOPARDS, LEMURS & PANTHERS

SPRING TERM 2012

Happy New Year - 2012!

We hope you all had a great Christmas and are looking forward to the Spring Term and some brighter 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 story using flashbacks, journalistic writing and poetry. 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 number facts, 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 extend our knowledge of fair testing and variables through experiments and investigations. The children will be encouraged to create investigations and make predictions.

We will be looking at humans and other animals and how we see and hear during this term.

TOPIC - During this term the children will be learning about The Tudors including the different monarchs who reigned during this time plus learn about the Spanish Armada. In Physical Education, the children will get the opportunity to carry out some Tudor dances!

For the Year 6 parents, there will be a meeting on Wednesday 8th 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 3rd week so if you can spare an hour to walk with us it would be very much appreciated. The dates for each class are in their diaries.

A big thank you for encouraging your children to complete their homework on time - we have seen a great 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!

Miss Jackson

Miss Baggley

Mr Reeves