

LEOPARDS, PANTHERS & LEMURS CURRICULUM LETTER - SUMMER TERM 2010



It's hard to believe but the Summer Term is here already and we have lots of exciting activities planned. During this term we will start to prepare our Year 6 children for secondary school which will involve visiting *George Spencer* or another school if your child is not going to go there.

As part of the end of year celebrations, Year 5 and 6 will be performing 'Grease' and there will also be a Prom on Friday July 16th for Year 6!

The children are busy preparing for their SATs which take place during the week beginning 10th May. Both Year 5 and 6 children will undertake their assessments during this week. Please be assured that although we are busy getting the children prepared for their SATs, we are still providing the children with a balanced curriculum. Here are some of the things Year 5 and 6 will be covering this term.

LITERACY

During the term we will be studying different forms of poetry, including limericks and nonsense poems. The children will be encouraged to offer their thoughts and opinions about different poems as well as write their own. In addition, we will be learning about different forms of non-fiction writing and learn how to identify their key features. To further their story writing skills, we will study how different writers use language for effect and then practise these skills in their own stories.

NUMERACY We are busy learning about finding fractions and percentages of amounts and then using this knowledge to help solve real life problems. Other areas we are focusing on this term are: ratio and proportion; short and long division; multiplying large numbers; data handling and problem solving. Those children who know their times tables inside out are much better equipped when tackling harder problems, therefore could you please encourage your child to keep practising their times tables.

SCIENCE We will continue developing our knowledge of fair testing and variables through experiments and investigations. The children will be encouraged to create investigations and make predictions.

ICT will be used across the curriculum, developing basic skills and looking at how best to use the internet for research. The children will also be learning about control technology.

TOPIC Most of the other curriculum areas will be based around our topic of the 1950s and 1960s. This will include jive dancing, pop art, history of rock 'n' roll, fashion, key historical events both in Britain and around the world during this time. If you have any memorabilia or have any family members who would be happy to come in and talk to our children, that would be fantastic. Please could you talk to one of the Year 5/6 teachers to arrange this.

Many thanks for your continued support and a special thank you to those parents who are able to help us when walking to the library on a Monday - it is very much appreciated.

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Some useful websites

www.askkids.com/ (children's search engine)

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/numeracy/multiplication/index.shtml

[www.teachingtables.co.uk /](http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/)

www.monkeyworld.org

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy

www.sciencenewsforkids.org