

LEOPARDS PANTHERS & LEMURS CURRICULUM LETTER - SUMMER TERM 2011

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 *Bugsy Malone* and there will also be a Summer Ball for our Year 6 children on Friday July 15th!

The children are currently busy preparing for their SATs which is during the week beginning 9th May. Both Year 5 and 6 children will undertake their tests during this week. 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 focusing on using imagery for effect. 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 more about different forms of non-fiction writing and to further their story writing skills, we will study how different writers use language for effect and then use 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; pi; 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 during our topic areas on water and micro-organisms. The children will be encouraged to create investigations and make predictions.

ICT will be used across the curriculum to create databases and graphs. The children will also be developing their skills in control technology. A big thank you for your support with the launch of Fronter (our school intranet site) which most of our children are using to support their learning.

TOPIC Most of the other curriculum areas will be based around our topic of water. We have arranged for a special visitor to come into school from the educational centre at Carsington Water and hopefully we will be going on a trip to a local river.

Please note that the library dates for the Summer Term will be in your child's organiser.

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

Kind regards

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