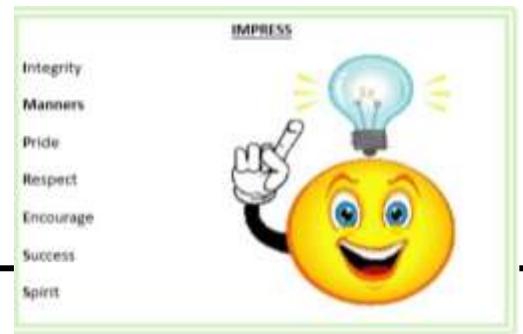




# Leopard Class

## Spring Term 4 Newsletter



### Welcome back!

We hope you have had an enjoyable half term break; the unseasonably warm weather was beautiful and we hope you managed to make the most of it! Miss Celebicanin, Mrs Bradley and Mrs Windsor are very excited to welcome you back. As always, we will be looking out for perfect uniform, great attitudes and children who strive to do their best at all times and never give up trying. Miss Newcombe-Garner will still be with us in Year 2 for a few more weeks. She is currently in her final year of her BA Hons Degree in Education and I know that she is really enjoying teaching our wonderful Year 2 children!

Homework will be set on Wednesdays and **we need all homework to be completed each week and children reading every day please.** Children are to bring in their reading books and reading records every day. P.E days are Wednesday and Friday and children will need their full P.E. kit in school. Thank you.

### Our World



This term, our topic is 'Our World'. We will be identifying the 7 continents in our world as well as exploring what life is like in other countries around the world. We will be developing our knowledge of fiction and non-fiction books in reading comprehension as well as using our reading gems to answer different styles of questions to support our reading. In Art, we will be focusing on texture and using the outside area to support us with our art work.

### Homework Competition!

We are asking the children research a country in our world and produce a model that relates to their chosen country! The children could make a model of a beach, a mountain or a city!

Remember, a prize will be given!

Thank you for supporting our creative and imaginative children at home. Their homework projects always look fantastic on display!

### What is happening this term?

- 1<sup>st</sup> March – Tom Pursglove (local MP) will be meeting with our Academy Councillors
- 4<sup>th</sup> March – 8<sup>th</sup> March – Careers Week
- 4<sup>th</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Parents Evening.
- 5<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm – Year 2 SATs information for parents in the school hall.
- 7<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Kid Lit Trip. The author we are going to be listening to is called Julie Sykes.
- 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day.
- 11<sup>th</sup> March – British Science Week
- 13<sup>th</sup> March – Whole School Writing Day with the Corby Cube
- 15<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> March – Bubbleworks Science Assembly
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – Sports Week
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – Extreme Bike Show to be delivered to the children in the school hall
- 21<sup>st</sup> March – World Poetry Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Football Development Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> April – Celebration assembly and last day of term
- 5<sup>th</sup> April – Teacher Training Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April – First day of Term 5

### Spring Term Learning



In Year 2, we love to celebrate writing! Here are some examples of writing that we celebrated last term!

**English** In English, we will be reading 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. We will be writing narratives, leaflets and letters. The children will be learning about subordinating conjunctions and past and present tense. We have a key focus on spelling in Year 2 and we continue to ensure that the children are confident of the spelling rules as well as the common exception words.

**Maths** This term, we will be identifying the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and identifying the lines of symmetry in 2D shapes. We will be learning about different fractions and understanding that  $\frac{1}{2}$  is the same as  $\frac{2}{4}$ . We will be learning about different measurements and we will be practising measuring throughout the term! Please keep practising the times tables at home (2x, 5x and 10x).

**RE:** We will be focusing on Islam this term and identifying what is important in Islam.

**PHSE:** In Jigsaw this term, the children will be focusing on 'Healthy Me'. We will be discussing how we can stay healthy at home and at school.

**Science – 'Everyday Materials':** We will be finishing off our materials topic by completing an experiment on which material is best to be used as an umbrella! After that, we will be focusing on 'changing world: growing up'.

## Learning at home:

**Reading:** Please remember to read every day and bring your reading books and reading records to school **every day**.

**Please remember to sign your child's reading record every day.**

**Homework:** Homework books are due in on Wednesdays. Please complete the books and bring into school.

**Spellings:** Please help practise spellings at home. It is essential that they are confident with the year 2 spelling rules and the **year 2 common exception words**. The spellings will be found in your child's homework.

Last Term's Best Bits:



NSPCC Number Day 2019



Constructing our moving vehicles with our grown-ups!

## Friendly Reminder - Reading

Please remember to sign your child's reading record daily. It is important that children take time to read for 5-10 minutes at home every day. This will build their pace and fluency and allow them to be able to answer questions about their book with ease.

Thank you

Thank you to all parents and guardians who came into school during the last week of term to help the children design and build their moving vehicles. It was a successful day! Once again, thank you.

### Reading and Writing Challenge:

We are excited to find out about the author Julie Sykes and read some of her books. I challenge you to:

- Create your own imaginary animal and describe it.
- Write a story about your creature.
- Write a book review.

### Recommendations:



We love reading, especially in our fabulous HLA library!



Northamptonshire Mental Health Awareness Day 2019