



Leopard Class



BACK TO SCHOOL!

Welcome!

We hope you have had a lovely summer break and managed to relax and enjoy the holidays! Miss Celebicanin, Mrs Bradley and Mrs Windsor are very excited to welcome you into Year 2! We have an amazing term planned and we are going to have a brilliant year and I know that you will **IMPRESS**. 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.

Meticulous

Imaginative

Sincere

Silly

Calm

Energetic

Laughing

Encouraging

Bold

Inventive

Cheerful

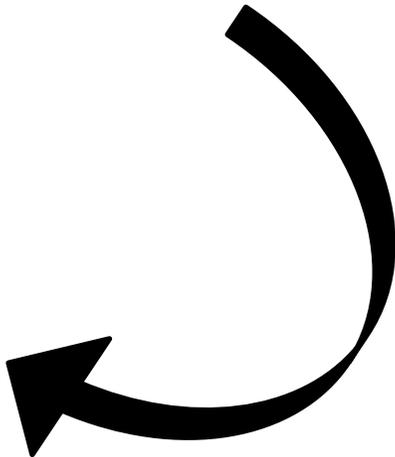
Active

Nurturing

Interested

Nutty

An acrostic poem to describe me.



IMPRESS

Integrity

Manners

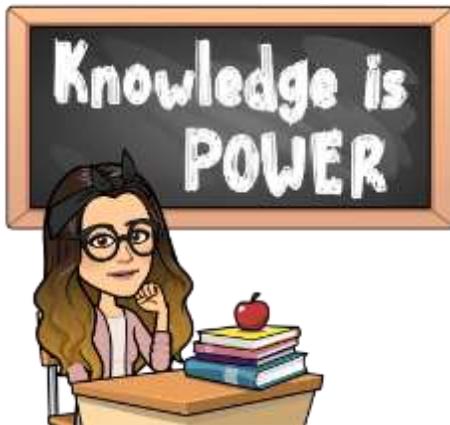
Pride

Respect

Encourage

Success

Spirit



Challenge!

Your challenge is to create your own castle that you can bring into school to display proudly in your new classroom! 10 smilies will be awarded for children who bring in their own castle and house points will be given to those who have also written about their castle!

A Knight in Shining Armour!

Our topic this term is 'A Knight in Shining Armour!' We are excited to be learning about castles and how they have changed since the medieval ages. **Don't forget about our Medieval Day on the Monday 9th September!**

Dress to IMPRESS



What is happening this term?

2nd and 3rd September – Teacher training day

4th September – School open for pupils

9th September – Year 1 and year 2 Medieval Day. It will be great to see your child dressed in traditional medieval wear.

12th September – Mindfulness Day

13th September – Roald Dahl Day

16th September – 20th September – HLA Sports Week and House Competition Week

16th September – Dogs Trust Visit

20th September (TBC) – Triathlon Event

25th September – National Fitness Day

26th September – European Day of Languages – special lunchtime menu

2nd October – Waste free lunch challenge

3rd October – National Poetry Day

7th October – 11th October – Arts Week

8th October – Year 1 and 2 trip to Rockingham Castle

14th October – 25th October – Parent Meetings

22nd October – Individual photos

25th October – End of term, Harvest Award Assembly, parents of children receiving awards will be invited

Reading and Writing Challenge: We are reading Small Knight and George and the Royal Chocolate Cake. I am challenging you:

- Write your own story about Small Knight and George
- Write a non-chronological report about a castle of your choice.

Developing confidence and competence through Homework

Reading: Please return reading book and **signed reading record every day**. Read for 15 minutes a day. This builds pace and knowledge of the text read. Ask your child questions on what they have read – ‘How do they know the character was upset?’ ‘Where did they go?’ Some of our books have set questions please use these.

Homework: Homework books are due in every Wednesday, completed and signed.

Spellings: 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. **Children must be able to read and write the words found at the bottom of this newsletter.**

Maths: Practise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables with your children at home. It is that they all know these by the end of the year.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Hit the Button is a great way to gain speed and accuracy with times tables.

Year 2 Recommended Reads:

- Fungus the Bogeyman by Raymond Briggs.
- Mrs Wobble the Waitress by Allan Ahlberg.
- The Adventures of Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey.
- Pirate School: Just a Bit of Wind by Jeremy Strong.
- The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me by Roald Dahl.
- The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton.
- George’s Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl.

Autumn Term Learning

English Our focus will be on narratives and non-chronological reports, using our knowledge of capital letters and full stops in our writing. We will begin to focus on a wider range of punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks. We will be learning about noun phrases too. We will be using Bug Club to set homework activities. A Noun phrase 'An old castle.' Expanded noun phrase 'An old castle with tall towers.' Children then incorporate these into their writing 'Finally, in the distance, the soldiers saw an old castle with tall towers.'

Maths Place value, addition, and subtraction. Multiplication tables, specifically the 2, 5 and 10 x tables. Please practise at home and add in other ones too once 2x, 5x and 10x have been learnt. As well as this, we will begin to learn all about different shapes and lines of symmetry.

RE: We will begin to learn about Christianity and discuss the questions "what did Jesus teach?" and "is it possible to be kind all of the time?" We will be finding out if past kings and queens were kind to others.

Science – 'Everyday Materials': This term, our topic includes learning about different materials. Children will learn about the different shapes that materials can make and they will begin to understand key terminology such as bend, stretch, twist, smooth, etc. The children will be looking at the materials, which were used in to build castles in the past and how they differ from materials used in the present day. Children will be conducting an experiment to find out which material is best to build a castle.

The year 2 common exception words are:

- door
- floor
- poor
- because
- find
- kind
- mind
- behind
- child
- children
- wild
- climb
- most
- eye
- could
- should
- would
- who
- only
- both
- old
- cold
- gold
- hold
- told
- every
- everybody
- even
- great
- break
- steak
- prove
- improve
- sure
- sugar
- pretty
- beautiful
- after
- fast
- last
- past
- father
- class
- grass
- pass
- plant
- path
- bath
- hour
- move
- parents
- Christmas
- whole
- any
- many
- clothes
- busy
- people
- water
- again
- half
- money
- Mr
- Mrs