



Leopard Class

Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a lovely summer break and managed to enjoy the beautiful weather. Miss Celebicanin, Mrs Bradley and Mrs Windsor are very excited to welcome you into Year 2! 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. 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 Topic – Space

This term, our topic is 'Space' and we will be learning about our solar system. We will be exploring the history of space, including researching the great space race and finding out about the first man on the moon. In Art, we will be concentrating on colour and looking at how we can mix different colours. We will be looking at the primary and secondary colours as well as warm and cool colours.

Challenge!

I challenge you to find out about a planet of your choice. Can you write about it? Can you draw it thinking about the different colours of the planet? Can you make a model of it?

Is there life on your planet?

What is happening this term?

Friday 21st September – Jeans for Genes, wear Jeans to school for a £1 donation

Wednesday 26th September – European Day of Languages

Wednesday 26th September – Meet the Teacher

2nd October – School Photographs

Thursday 4th October – African Drumming TBC

Tuesday 9th October – Faith tour in Bedford

15th to 18th October Book Fair

18th October First Award Assembly, final day of Term 1

Thursday 1st November – Outdoor classroom day

Autumn Term Learning

English This term, we will be focusing on narratives and recount writing and 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 and conjunctions too.

Maths This term, we will be focusing on place value and addition and subtraction. We will also be practising and learning the 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.

RE: We will continue to learn about Christianity. We will learn about what Jesus taught.

Science – 'Keeping Healthy' In science, we are looking at ways of keeping ourselves healthy. In this module, we will consider the importance of eating a range of different types of foods as well as the importance of exercise. We will also learn about hygiene and practise washing our hands correctly. Linking science to our Space topic we will be finding out how astronauts keep fit and healthy in space.

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**. Children must be able to read and write the words below.

Year 2 Booklist:

- 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.

Reading and Writing Challenge: We are reading Aliens Love Underpants. I am challenging you:

- Write your own story or a poem or both about an alien.
- Write a non-chronological report about aliens.
- Write a riddle and ask somebody to guess what your riddle is about.

The Year 2 common exception words are:

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