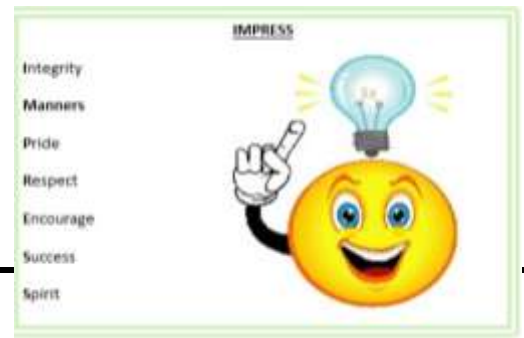




Leopard Class

Spring Term 3 Newsletter



Happy New Year!

We hope you have had a relaxing break and had an enjoyable Christmas. 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. This term, we will be welcoming Miss Newcombe-Garner to Year 2. She is currently in her final year of her BA Hons Degree in Education and I know that she is very excited to support our wonderful children with their learning!

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 – Explorers

This term, our topic is 'Explorers'. We will be exploring the history of famous explorers as well looking at where their adventures took them. We will be researching the significant people involved in famous explorations such as Christopher Columbus, Amelia Earhart and Robert Falcon-Scott. In Design and Technology, we will be designing and constructing our own moving vehicles. We will then test them to see if they work!

Homework Competition!

We are asking the children to produce a model of an explorer on a journey or a model of different explorers! We will then have a special judge who will gift the winner with a prize for the best model! Don't forget to write a little bit about an explorer of your choice. Your models will look fantastic on our shelves! Please bring your models into school by **Friday 11th January 2019**. We can't wait to see them!

What is happening this term?

18th January – Year 2 Assembly. Year 2 parents welcome.

21st January –Martin Luther King Day

27th January – Holocaust Memorial Day

28th January – 1st February – National Story Telling Week. How many stories can you tell during this week?

1st February – NSPCC Number Day

12th February – Safer Internet Day

13th February – Class Photos

15th February – Whole school assembly. Parents of children who are receiving awards will be invited.

15th February – Last day of term

25th February – Back to school

Autumn Term Learning

English This term, we will be focusing on longer narratives, biographies, poetry and newspaper reports. We will continue to focus on a wider range of punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks. Alliteration and adverbial sentence openers will also be introduced to the children.

Maths This term, we will be focusing on multiplication and division. We will be looking at groupings and sharing and we will 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.

PHSE: In Jigsaw this term, the children will be focusing on 'Relationships'. In Year 2, our focus will be friendships and what it means to be a good friend.

Science – 'Everyday Materials': We will continue with our topic of Everyday Materials which 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 used in Tudor England, especially during the time of the Great Fire of London.

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 booklet.

Reading

Children are expected to read their school reading books every day for at least 10 minutes and parents are expected to sign their reading record. Reading records are checked daily. It is useful to record any information that your child said about the book they read. Reading every day will support pace and comprehension which will support children with their learning at school.

Reading and Writing Challenge: We are reading *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers. I am challenging you:

- Write a postcard home.
- Create a missing poster for the penguin.
- Write a letter to the penguin.

Last Term's Best Bits:



- The fire engine visited year 2! We learnt all about the special uniform that the firemen and firewomen wear and we even got to spray some water!

- Aladdin pantomime – it was hilarious!
- African drumming – the children were fantastic!
- Our wonderful parents joined us for Christmas crafts!