



Leopards Term 1 & 2 Topic Letter September 2017

This term our topic is Cultures, Customs and Combat.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to Leopards Class and a new school year.

English:

At the start of each week the children will be taught a discrete spelling, punctuation and grammar lesson. We will embed these skills through a range of stories and lessons. Throughout the year we will be linking our English work with our topic. This term we will look at diary entries, letter writing, newspaper reports and poetry. Every week spellings will be sent home on a Monday and tested on a Friday. These will be based on your child's current level of ability. Please encourage them to practice at home.

DEAR Time (Drop Everything And Read):

Each afternoon we have DEAR time in Leopard Class. Pupils can bring in a book or magazine (age appropriate) from home if they wish as the emphasis is in reading for pleasure.

Maths:

To begin with we will be assessing and consolidating the children's knowledge and understanding of number. This will focus on place value work, rounding, ordering and comparing numbers. We will also be challenging the children to recall their multiplication facts before moving on to the formal written calculation methods. During the term, there will also be work on geometry and measures.

Science:

The science topic for this term is materials. We will focus on the properties of materials, reversible and irreversible changes. There will be a number of investigations where the focus will be on observations and different ways of recording results.

PE:

PE will be taught every Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has to appropriate PE kit in school. We will also be challenging the class to run a 'daily mile', so please ensure they have trainers in school each day.

Art / DT:

In term one, we will be learning about an artist called Vanessa Bell, a still life artist. We will then move on to drawing/painting our own still life pictures.

In DT we will be looking at rationing, we may even cook you some delicious food to try.

In term two, the children will be developing their art and design skills by looking at shapes, colours and patterns.

Finally, we will be constructing bomb shelters; this will be a great opportunity to develop a range of life skills.

Topic:

The topic will look at British values, culture, customs and some major historical events such as World War I and II, Remembrance Day, The Gunpowder Plot and Christmas traditions. This will include researching and learning about: how the wars effected Kent and the local area; famous British people; British landmarks and the geography of Great Britain.

We will hopefully be attending Beach School to support our Science and Geography learning.

Key Vocabulary:

Customs	Place Value	Regular
Cultures	Ordering	Irregular
Combat	Measurements	Conflict
WW2	Evacuation	Rations
County	Human	Physical
Reversible	Irreversible	Properties
Noun	Verb	Adverb
Adjective	Conjunction	Paragraph

HOME LEARNING AND PLEASE REMEMBER... PLEASE TRY TO READ WITH YOUR CHILDREN REGULARLY. WE WILL AIM TO HEAR YOUR CHILD READ DAILY, AND WE WILL CHANGE THEIR BOOKS WHEN THEY HAVE COMPLETED THE ACCELERATED READING TEST.

Please ensure all your child's property is clearly named.

Thank you for your help and support.

Mandy, Stacey, and Leopards class team.

