



Leopard Class Newsletter:

Issue 3

Term 3

Dear Parents,

We would like to say well done to all of Leopard class for a fantastic first two terms, we are so proud of how hard you have all been working. Mrs Carrington, Mrs Parker and myself would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Term 3 will begin with our new class novel 'The girl of Ink and Stars', which will take the children on thrilling adventures and look in detail at another example of a creative writing style. In topic we will be focusing on Geography and the study of North America, looking at the growth of New York. In PE, we will be continuing with gymnastics and Hockey.

This is going to be a fun-filled term with lots of interesting and creative activities planned and we hope the children will immerse themselves fully in their learning.

Best wishes,
Mrs McMulkin

KEY MESSAGES



- **PE KITS:** We will be having outside PE every **Monday** and **Friday**. Please send the children into school wearing their appropriate PE kit. Monday's will be outside and Friday's will be inside.

- **READING:** Please support your child in reading for at least 20 minutes every day. If they are struggling to find a 'good book' we can help to point them in the right direction of some authors and titles linked to their core reading books. Reading should be recorded in their contact book and handed in every day.

SPELLINGS: We will be using the Spelling Shed approach to learn our spellings; this means that each week the children will be focused on a pattern (eg ible / able) through the work and exploring words which fit the pattern, exceptions to the rules and spelling strategies. They will then be tested on the pattern (rather than a 'list') at the end of the week.



WATER BOTTLES: Please encourage your child to bring in their water bottle each day so that we ensure they are drinking enough during the day. These will be kept on their tables.

HOMEWORK: This will be given out every **Friday** to complete by the following **Wednesday**. Please only use handwriting pens or pencils.



Daily tasks

Daily activities are set for your child to try in short bursts as often as possible. We appreciate that the children may not be able to complete all of these every single day.

We also understand that every family circumstance is unique so it is completely up to you how you want to approach these challenges. If you were to prioritise any of these activities, we would recommend that reading takes place as often as possible.

Curriculum Challenge

Curriculum challenges can be linked to any area of the curriculum. A menu of activities will be provided. The children can choose which one they would like to complete. Children can complete more than one challenge if they choose to.

Timetables- Our timetables tests are on Thursdays, so we would be grateful if the children can practice these at home as well as during our maths lessons.

Home time – The children will be brought out to the playground and they will make their own way over to you. **Please let me know if anyone other than the usual person is collecting them after school within their contact book.**

Topics for 2020-2021

Ancient Greece

Globalisation

Study of North America (Growth of New York)

Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes

Anglo-Saxons

Core Reading books for 2020-2021

Holes

Malamander

The girl of ink and stars

Kensuke's Kingdom

The boy at the back of the classroom

Clockwork

