



Jaguar Class Autumn Letter

Welcome to Jaguar Class! We are looking forward to working with your child and helping them with their learning.

Jaguar class has a mix of children from years 5 and 6 and is taught by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs Tingey with support from our Teaching Assistant Miss Baker.

English We are beginning the year by writing narrative stories and will continue with other genres of writing which entertain the reader. Lesson time is put aside each week to teach spelling and grammar which are important elements of the year 5/6 curriculum. Each child is given a new set of spellings on Fridays to learn for a dictation test the following Friday.

Maths Children from Jaguar class are split for maths lessons to ensure they are taught at an appropriate level and all gaps in learning are addressed. They either go to one of the other year 5/6 classes or to Miss Lowe. If you would like to find out what your child is learning at any point in the year, all the teaching blocks are on the school website.

PE We have two sessions of PE during the week. While the weather is good, both will be outside. Please ensure your child has their kit in school all week as they may need to change into their trainers for outdoor learning sessions or to play on the field at lunchtime. This prevents mud from being brought into school. Children will have a sticker in their diaries as a reminder if they forget their kit.

Reading Group reading comprehension sessions take place during the week and each child will work with an adult at least once a week. We will also be reading a book together which has a Victorian theme.

Accelerated Reading This is a great new scheme which assess your child's reading age and then recommends suitable books for them. A letter has been sent out with more details about this. Please contact the office if you have not received this letter. Although we are now dedicating time in school each day for silent reading, we would still like your child to read at home at least five times a week and hand in their communication diary, signed by you.

Topic Our current topic is the Victorians and the children will be looking at the impact the railways had on society and at Victorian houses. In art, every child will be making a room for a Victorian doll's house. Please could you provide a good size shoe box in readiness for this. As this project develops, they may need to bring in other resources to make furniture etc. but we will keep you informed of this via your child's diary.

Science Our topic this term is electricity and children will be carrying out enquiries about circuits. This work will also tie in with the topic project as each Victorian room will come equipped with its own electric light and light switch!

Homework – is set each week on Mondays. It is then due back on the following Monday. Children who are unable to complete and hand their homework in on time will attend homework club on Tuesday lunchtimes to complete this work. As well as spellings, times tables and reading, homework consists of a piece of written work or research which relates to the learning taking place in school. Thank you for ensuring your child completes their homework each week.

Communication

Your child's diary is a quick and easy way to communicate with us, if you wish. We are always available at the end of school if there are any concerns you have about your child or you can ring the school office to make an appointment. Our door is always open!