



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 Mr Tingey with support from our Teaching Assistant Mrs Merrill.

Topic Our current topic is ‘Sustainable World?’ and the children will be looking at global and local environmental issues such as recycling and where our natural resources come from.

English We are beginning the year by writing narrative stories which link to our topic 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 Wednesdays to practise daily and learn for a dictation test the following week.

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 *The extraordinary colours of Auden Dare*, a book which fits well with our topic of ‘Sustainable World?’

Accelerated Reading This is a great scheme which assess your child’s reading age and then recommends suitable books for them. 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.

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.

PSHE

Before half term, Jaguar class will be looking at body changes and preparing for puberty. Please check your child's diary to confirm when these are happening as this is a great opportunity to discuss these important issues with them.

Science Our topic this term is forces and mechanisms. We will be carrying out enquiries about the forces that surround us and how they can be measured. Children will also find out about famous scientists such as Newton and Galileo. Investigating pulleys and levers will also form part of this work. After half term we will be learning about the Earth in space.

Homework This is set each week on Tuesdays. 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 Wednesday 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

Please note that your child's mobile phone should not be used on school premises. They are collected in by class teachers at the start of the day, locked in the office and are returned to the children as they leave school.

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!