

Leeds Class Newsletter

Term 1 September 2018

Welcome back, I hope you have all had a fantastic, relaxing and enjoyable break. Thank you for all the gifts we received at the end of last term. As another school year begins, myself and Mrs Britton would like to remind you that our door is always open should you have any concerns, questions or just want to say hello.

As those of you whose children have been with us previously know, we try and promote independence in everything we do in class. We believe the children need to remember to bring homework, book bags, PE kits and generally do more for themselves. If you could support us by encouraging one of our core school values at home it would be greatly appreciated!

Literacy & Topic Work

This year all of our classes in school are named after castles and as a result we are Leeds Class.

We will be learning about the famous history of one of Henry VIII's most loved castles. We will be learning about many different aspects of the Tudor period and the infamous War of the Roses. Our first class assembly and chance to celebrate some of the work we have been doing in class will take place on 15th November at 2:30pm.



Homework

Homework is given on Friday and expected in anytime up until Wednesday. Children are encouraged to come and see me if they have problems and need things clarifying before then. If your child has not been able to complete their homework please let me know. Mrs Britton also runs Homework club on Monday lunch time for those who need help.

Diary Dates.

Dover Gym Begins 14.9.18 (10 Weeks)
Meet the teacher parents evening- 24.9.18- 3-5pm
Bikeability – 27.9 – 2.10 (Further details to follow)
Kent Test Results released - 11.10.18



Reading

We encourage children to read every night but appreciate this isn't always possible. Even if you feel your child is an able reader, they ALL still need support with their understanding and comprehension, as these are vitally important skills. Children are rewarded if they read at least 3 times a week, so by making sure you complete your child's reading record they can collect these rewards at school. As we keep our own reading records in school, it is unlikely we will comment in these books. Please rest assured that children read to an adult during Guided Reading lessons and also 1:1.

Mathemagician & Spellings

Over the course of the year, the children will continue to work on Mathemagician. Each week they have a series of 50 questions to complete in just 3 minutes, this is then doubled to give them a percentage. If they achieve 90% or above for 3 consecutive weeks then they move onto the next level. Here are the relevant table facts:

- Bronze – 2s 5s & 10s x tables
- Silver – 2s 3s 4s 5s & 10s
- Gold – 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s 11s & 12s
- Platinum - All of the above plus related division facts

The new National Curriculum expectation is that children should know up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4 off by heart and without the need to count up from the lowest multiple. Eg. To find 6×9 , they shouldn't have to count, 9,18,27,36,45,54

The children will also be given spellings each week on a Friday and will be tested on these the following Friday. We will be revisiting the Year 5 and 6 spelling list in the National Curriculum. Please encourage your children to practise these and learn them over the course of the week. Test results are recorded each week and reported at parents evenings, should you wish to know them.

PE

Our PE days this year are Wednesday and Friday but children need to have kits in school everyday, as there may be other occasions they are needed.

Our sessions at Dover Gym Club will begin on the 14th September and run for 10 weeks.

The children are also very fortunate once again to be having dance coaching this year which begins on Wednesday the 12th September and will run up to Christmas.

Seesaw

In the coming days children in Year 5 will receive instructions for signing up to Seesaw. Seesaw is an online platform which enables children to instantly share their learning in class with you to your phone or tablet. You will then have chance to respond to their work should you wish. Seesaw is a secure site and you will only see work shared by your children or by myself. This was a huge success last year and the children really enjoyed having the opportunity to share their work. If you have any questions regarding setting up your account then please come and see me where I'll be happy to help.