

Leeds Class Newsletter



Term 2 November 2018



Topic Work

Thank you for supporting the children with their half term homework linked to our new topic, Space. Many of them have clearly taken a lot of time and put a lot of effort into producing some super models, posters and written work. I am aware some of this requires quite a bit of parental support and this is very much appreciated by myself. The children have commented that they really enjoyed this homework and it has been great to get off to an exciting start to our new topic with the buzz created.

This term we will be doing a lot of work around space exploration and living in space. We will be researching the history of space travel and learning about the significant steps in getting humans into space. We will be writing letters to the International Space Station enquiring about life in space. We will also be sampling real astronaut food and writing fictional diaries about a mission into space. We will be writing newspaper articles about the moon landing and also creating balanced arguments about being the member of the new colony on Mars.

Our class assembly to showcase some of our work from last term's topic will take place on Thursday 15th November at 2:30pm in the hall.

Reading

Thank you for your support with home reading. Every Wednesday night the children need to try and read for a minimum of 20 minutes as part of Buster's Book Club. Once they have read, please sign their bookmark so this can count towards the class total. Children should be taking a reading book and their reading record home every night. Please ensure they have this when they are collected at the end of the day. If you would like a support sheet for supporting your child's reading at home do not hesitate to come and see me.



PE

Gym will finally begin this term on Friday afternoon. Please ensure the children have shorts and the Langdon PE shirts for this session. Leotards are fine, but they must be worn under their PE kits until arriving at the centre. Our other PE session will be dance once again and this will continue to take place on a Wednesday. Tracksuits are only for outdoor PE or can be worn whilst travelling to and from the gym or village hall.

Mathemagician/Timestables

There are still some children who are not secure with their times table facts up to 12x12. Every day we are targeting these children with additional table practice but any extra practice you can do at home or in the car on the way to school will really help. So much of the curriculum in Year 5/6 relies on secure tables knowledge - from fractions, ratio, area to perimeter, multiplication to division. Please ask you child which level they are working on or come and see me if you require any further strategies

Once again here are the all important Mathemagician awards with the relevant times tables.

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 and decimals.

Numeracy

Over the course of this term we will be working predominately on fractions. This will include:

- **Knowing how to find equivalent fractions and to cancel them down to the simplest form**
- **Converting improper fractions to mixed number and vice versa**
- **Working out fractions of quantities using the bar method**
- **Adding and subtracting fractions with the same and different denominators**
- **Adding and subtracting mixed number fractions**
- **Multiplying fractions by fraction and also whole numbers**
- **Dividing fractions by a whole number.**

Diary Dates

14th November – Children in Need

15th November - Strong Class Assembly 2:30pm

30th November - KS2 Pantomime Trip

30th November - Christmas Fair 3pm

3rd December – Learning and Progress meetings

18th December – Christmas Dinner & Parties

19th December – Christingle Service at the Church



Any concerns or queries you have over the coming term then please come and see us as our door is always open.

Many thanks, Mr. Jones & Mrs. Britton