Longships Class Curriculum News

Welcome back to our second term in Longships class this year – we hope you had a restful half term.

Below is a brief break-down of the learning planned for the half term ahead, along with some reminders of expectations for the rest of the year. Do also watch out for newsletters (found on the school website) or texts to stay updated.

**‘Predators’ Topic Overview:**

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| SUBJECT AREA: | WHAT WE WILL BE COVERING: |
| English | Our writing this half term will again be topic driven. We will begin by reading some of Rudyard Kipling’s ‘Just So’ stories before using them as basis to write our own. Later in the topic we will write information texts about our own chosen predator, and hope to write recounts related to a class visit. |
| Maths | The following areas will be covered this half term:   * Addition & Subtraction: Looking at different strategies. Which is most efficient? Should we use a written or a mental method? * Multiplication & Division: Written methods.   A huge focus in maths will be on using concrete objects to make numbers before being able to represent them using pictures. Once secure, we move onto more abstract written forms and being able to reason & solve problems. |
| Topic | Our topic this term will mostly focus on scientific enquiry, but will also encompass other subject areas such as Art. We will be learning about animal diets, food chains, etc. We will also be learning lots of new vocabulary related to these areas such as: predator, prey, producer, consumer, primary & secondary consumers, apex predators, carnivore, herbivore, omnivore, etc. |
| PSHCE | We will continue to follow the Kapow PSHE programme this term. The focus will be on ‘healthy mind, healthy body’, where the children will learn the importance of nutrition and techniques for managing negative feelings. We will also be practising some mindful techniques. |
| Music | We will continue to use a programme called ‘Charanga’ to deliver Music. This term we will be using it to learn songs to put on a special Christmas performance for you all! |
| PE | Jacob Trudge will continue to come in to lead PE sessions that link with personal and social skills such as resilience & teamwork.  On Friday afternoons, we are very excited to be doing our Forest Schools session. There will be more information on this in a separate leaflet. |
| RE | This term the focus will be on why the Christmas story is so important to Christians. |

PE

This half term we are again asking that the children arrive at school already dressed for PE each **Wednesday** to reduce the amount of belongings coming into school & increase the lesson time. We ask that they wear: black or navy jogging bottoms/ shorts and PE shoes along with their normal white polo top & school jumper, fleece or hoodie. We also request that long hair be tied back on these days.

Reading

A reminder that reading records are brought in at the start of every morning, so we can track and assist with new reading books. We would like the children to read at home regularly, ideally 5 times a week. Although we know that this isn’t always possible, it gives them something to aim for. Even if books do not need changing, we would still like them to be in school each day. So far, we have been incredibly impressed with the effort that Longships have been putting in with their reading – well done!

Homework

Once the children have settled, we will be sending out regular homework. We would like them to practise their times tables regularly, at least 3 times a week is ideal. They can either log onto Times Table Rock stars, or practise them on paper each week. We will be tracking how many times they are practising and children will have a chance to earn badges as they progress.

Spelling

We will be teaching spelling every day in school as we did last year. Although they don’t need to practise them at home; we know that some of you like to know what words they are doing, so please ask if you would like a list.

If you have any queries, please feel free to see us at the end of the school day, or make an appointment with us via the school office. We look forward to another very busy and exciting half term with lots of new learning and fun ahead.

Miss C Sawle & Mrs A Done