



Buxton Primary School

Leopard Class

Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to see the children back after the Easter break. They have settled back into their routine really well and we are already well underway with our learning for this term.

Hopefully, we will be seeing more and more of the sunshine! Please ensure that your child comes to school with their water bottle and a hat. In addition to this, the children are welcome to bring in sunglasses and sun cream. It would be a good idea for the children to have a coat/waterproof jacket in school just in case there are any rainy days.

Reading Books – Please send reading books and reading records into school with your child each day. Completed reading books will continue to be changed on a Monday and a Thursday. Please sign reading records confirming when you have read with your child.

If your child is reluctant to read at home, please remember that you don't have to read for ages each night – a couple of pages is absolutely fine.


It is important to continue checking that your child understands what they are reading (comprehension) so please discuss the details of books, including pictures, word choices and why things are happening for a few minutes each time you read. These questions could include “What has happened so far?” “What do you think will happen next?” “What are some of the character’s names?” “Why did the author choose this word?”

PE - PE Days will continue to be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please make sure that your child comes to school on these days wearing their school PE kit. Please also ensure your child has their hair tied back, if long, and that earrings are removed on these days.

Belongings – Please ensure all belongings are clearly named. This is the term where lots of cardigans, jumpers and hats go missing....! It really helps if these items are named as they will be returned to our classroom if someone finds them around the school.

Homework – This will continue to be set on a Friday.

Learning – Our summer term learning focus will be as follows:

<p style="text-align: center;">English</p> <p>We will be reading Traditional Tales, including Jack and the Beanstalk. We will also be looking at some non-fiction texts (mainly based around plants to link in with our science focus). The children will be creating more in depth sentences and working on some instruction writing.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> <p>This term, we will be trying to build fluency when adding, subtracting and multiplying. Any additional practice that you can do on these areas at home would be greatly appreciated. We will also be developing our knowledge of time, fractions and money.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>The children will be learning all about plants – what they are, what they look like, what they need to survive and where they grow. We will also be conducting some experiments and the children will have the opportunity to grow their own plants.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Geography</p> <p>We will be using maps to find out more about our local area. We will work on identifying key places on maps and geographical symbols.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Guided reading</p> <p>We will be doing lots of group reading to improve our comprehension skills. These books and questions will be tailored to the children’s abilities and will also provide them with some challenges.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Art</p> <p>We will be learning about Miro, Matisse and Picasso and will be creating our own artwork based on their work.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Music</p> <p>We will be learning about rhythm, pitch and pulse and will also have the opportunity to do plenty of singing along with some more work on the glockenspiels.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RE</p> <p>Religious Stories What questions do religious stories make us ask? We will continue looking at stories such as Noah’s Ark and Moses in the Bulrushes.</p>

Class Trip - I am exploring the possibility of a trip later on in the term to tie in with science and geography work. We will keep you posted!

As always, I am here if you need a-n-y-t-h-i-n-g. ☺
Mrs Mardle.