

Cougars' Class

Autumn Newsletter



Welcome back everyone, I hope you have all had a wonderful summer! I am sure you are all very excited to return to school as Y6s and now a member of Cougars' class. I am sure we are going to have a fantastic first term to the year and I am very much looking forward to seeing you all back at school again. For many of you, your final

What are we learning?

Reading – This term we will begin by exploring the text 'Rooftoppers' by Katherine Rundell, which I am sure you are going to love just as much as 'The Explorer'. This will be followed by the fantastic core text 'Skellig' by David Almond.

English – We are going to be examining and writing lots of different text types. We will start by looking at autobiographies and discursive writing, followed by explanatory texts and first-person stories. We will also explore some poetry and Shakespeare.

Maths – We will be starting the autumn term by looking at integers and decimals, followed by multiplication and division. We shall continue to revisit prior learning in our daily 'Remember now' questions, in addition to our weekly arithmetic paper.

Curriculum – We have lots of exciting learning ahead of us. In our weekly science lessons, we will begin by studying the unit 'Living things and their habitats.' Our first history unit will be our 'Local history study' with a focus on WW2. Our first geography unit is our 'Comparison study', comparing the UK, the rest of Europe and North America. For their Art/DT lessons, they will continue to develop their skills of drawing, painting and collage, as well as creating structures and mechanisms. In music, they shall begin with a singing block, followed by 'Untuned percussion'. In computing, they will start looking at online safety, alongside their weekly PSHE lessons. The children will also continue to have weekly RE lessons, starting with Islam beliefs and practices. Finally, weekly French lessons, starting with 'Where I live'.

options, but I assure you that I will support you every step of the way to make your experience as enjoyable as possible.

PE

On the days the children have PE, **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, the children will continue to come into school in their PE kit and remain in their kit for the day. This will ensure we can maximise learning opportunities and spend less time in the school day getting changed. Please ensure your child sticks to the correct PE uniform policy.

Home learning

Home learning and spellings will be uploaded via Showbie on Friday mornings and will be collected the following Friday morning. I will upload: an English task, a maths task, a spelling task and a curriculum knowledge organiser to revise. In addition to this, the children will be expected to practise TTRS at least three times during the week and read for approximately 20mins every evening. It is so fantastic that we have some Word Millionaires within our class already, but I am so excited to see how many of our class can achieve this award by the end of the year.

It is very important that the children read EVERY day! PLEASE encourage your children to continue reading and if you have a spare 5 minutes, give them a listen. The children will be beginning to bring their home learning/reading logs to and from home daily, to ensure the children fill these in daily. Please try to listen to your child read twice a week and sign their home learning log for every Friday.

Messages and contact

I'm still on Class Dojo if you need me. I try my best to see them as often as possible and reply when I can. Please consider whether the message is required for the office **OR** me, not both.

As part of the Y6 journey preparing the children for secondary school, we encourage the children to be as independent as they can in communicating both with parents and myself; therefore, please help me in encouraging and trusting them to pass on any messages and rely less so heavily on us to do it for them through