



Leggan Cove

Autumn term
September 2018

Welcome to a new year!

Welcome to our new Year 4s and welcome back to our Year 5s and 6s. I am looking forward to the exciting year ahead and we have lots of fun and learning planned. Our learning this term will be linked to our wider topic of 'Triumphs and Disasters', in which we are going to particularly look at WWI due to it being 100 years this year. If you have any stories relating to WWI or would like to be involved in marking this in school in any way, please let me know as this would be very welcome.

I am sure that this is going to be a very enjoyable year. If at any time you, or family members, have any skills or ideas that you would like to share with the class please come and speak to me. We are always keen to have adults in to listen to readers and the children really benefit from sharing skills that are in the community.

Thank you,
Miss Kelly

Queries

If at any time you have any queries, problems or would like to have a chat about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am available most days after school, or you can make an appointment at the office to see me at a time that is convenient to you.

Homework

This term, homework will be reading as many times a week as possible and spellings each week, which will be tested on a Monday. There will also be times tables practice using the 99 club sheets, at least one of which should be completed each week. In school we have a 5 minute time limit for this—at home this could be the same or it could be timed for how long it takes to complete the sheet. Alongside this, one activity from the grid will need to be completed in homework books each week.

Topics

Please turn over to have a look at the topics that we will be covering this term.

Reading

Your child may be choosing to read to themselves more as they gain more confidence. This can still count towards their homework—please still sign their reading record to confirm their reading and ask questions about what they have read each time. Reading records are going to be a little different this year—rather than a book it will be a bookmark that just needs to be dated, signed and kept in the relevant page in the book.

PE Kits

PE this term will be on a Tuesday afternoon, so please make sure a full, named kit is in each week. As we move towards the colder weather please also ensure that your child has warm clothes to wear as well; a jumper, jogging bottoms and a spare pair of socks. For the first 4 weeks we will be sailing on a Wednesday, and after this there will be another PE session with me during the week.

Outside

Please make sure that your child has a pair of wellies in school as the weather gets colder and wetter. This means that we can go on the field whenever possible. Please also make sure your child also has a coat in school at all times..

Triumphs and Disasters

English

This term our English will be based on WWI, looking at war literature and writing our own stories related to this. Our non-fiction will be based on life during WWI for different people and we will study a range of war poetry.

Maths

We will be following the Abacus and Hamilton Scheme of work throughout the year for years 4, 5 and 6. This covers skills in place value, calculation, fractions, measurement, geometry and statistics. This will be alongside regular revision of skills and times tables practice.

Science

We will begin by looking at different scientists and inventors and their contribution to science and society. After half term we will be looking at sound.

PE

This half term will be leadership and problem solving skills and sailing for the first few weeks. After this, the children will be doing orienteering. They will also be participating in the Playmakers course again this year.

History and Geography

Our history will of course focus on WWI and the impact that this has had. We will learn about the political reasons for the start of the war and develop our historical skills of inquiry and debate. In Geography we will be doing work on our map skills.

Art, DT and Music

Art and DT will both be related to our topic work this year. We will be developing our skills in drawing and other mediums, and we will be designing and making musical instruments in our DT. Music will be performance singing for Harvest and the Christmas Carol Concert, and we will be considering a range of percussion instruments.

Languages

This term we will be studying French. We will be learning to talk about ourselves.

RE

This will be taught by Mrs Ruscombe-King, considering both Christianity and Judaism and the beliefs held by these religions.