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# Leggan Cove

Spring term  
January 2019

## Welcome back!

Welcome back to a new year and I hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. This term our topic is 'The Deep'. After a visit from a dragon who left some beautiful eggs in the garden, our topic this half term is going to begin by focusing on creatures of the deep.

Please remember that 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 at least four times a week and spellings each week, which will be tested on a Monday. There will also 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.

### Brass lessons

This term we are lucky enough to have the opportunity to have lessons learning a brass instrument each week with Karl Long. Instruments have been sent home today for children to practice. Please ensure that these instruments are kept safe and they will need to be brought back into school on a Monday each week to make sure that they are all here ready for the lesson. Please also encourage your child to practice as much as they can (I know it will be noisy!)—this is an amazing opportunity and I would like every child to make the most of it.

### 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. We are continuing with our reading challenge from last term and all starting again from scratch—I hope that I will see all children at 1000 by Easter!

### PE Kits

PE this term will be on a Tuesday afternoon, so please make sure a full, named kit is in each week. As the weather is now much colder, please also ensure that your child has warm clothes to wear; a jumper, jogging bottoms and a spare pair of socks. There will also be a session of PE with me at another point 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 that your child also has a coat in school at all times.

### Topics

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

## English

This term our English will begin with fiction based upon our new topic of 'The Deep'. We will be looking at stories about dragons and other creatures that may live in the deep and focus on stories following a pattern of journeys. We will create non-chronological reports on this subject and also write our own poems.

## 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 living things and their habitats in science and then move onto forces after half term.

## PE

This half term will be Netball on a Tuesday with Mr Studd. There will be a Netball competition coming up later in the term. I will be teaching Health and Fitness, which will encompass aerobics, yoga, circuits and other skills.

## History and Geography

In History we are going to be looking at the Shang Dynasty of China and comparing this to our lives today. In Geography we will focus on an area of the world that is very different to ours and spend time comparing and contrasting this, looking at a range of human and physical geographic factors.

## Art, DT and Music

Art and DT will be related to our topic work. Art will be with Mrs Gardner each week, looking at a range of different techniques and developing skills. In DT we will be working with clay and producing more collaborative pieces as well. In Music we will study influential composers, continue with our singing and learn a brass instrument which is very exciting!

## Languages

This term we will be studying French. We will be learning to discuss our families and pets, and consider everyday phrases.

## RE

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