



Leggan Cove

Autumn term
September 2019

Welcome!

Welcome to those of you new to joining Leggan, and welcome back to those that are returning! It is lovely to be back to a new school year. We are all looking forward to what is coming this term, from our day to day learning to our Christmas performances.

Our topic this term is 'Food, Glorious Food!' and we are focusing on the question 'Why is food important?'. We have already begun to look at why it is important in keeping us healthy and different systems in our body. By the end of the term, we hope to have many answers to this question.

Please let me know if you have any skills that you would like to share with the children, whether as a class or in small groups.

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 usually on a Monday. We are also using Spelling Frame again this year, it is a fantastic website that helps the children to practice their spellings each week. They will have a login for this and their practice spellings on here will correlate to the spelling lists sent home.

A 99 club sheet will also need to be completed each week—either 5 minutes to see how far they get or working through the sheet, whichever they would prefer.

One square from the grid is also to be completed each week in homework books, due in on a Thursday.

Outside

Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for being outside during the school day. They will need a coat each day, as we only have a limited number available in school for those that forget. Wellies also need to be brought in soon if possible as we are then more able to use the field.

Reading

Your child may be choosing to read to themselves more as they gain more confidence. This will count towards homework, so please make sure that they are reading at least 4 times each week and that reading records are being brought in each Thursday. A new reading challenge is in the process of being set up—watch this space!

PE Kits

PE this term will be on a Tuesday afternoon with Mr Studd. During the majority of these sessions, the children will be outside and so will need appropriate clothing as it gets colder. They will need the normal PE kit of black shorts and a school PE top with trainers, and then also jogging bottoms, a warm jumper and spare socks. There will also be another PE session during the week and morning exercise, sometimes Feetbeat and sometimes Boot Camp type exercise.

We hope that sailing will resume in the summer term for years 4, 5 and 6.

Topics

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

Food, Glorious Food!

English

This term we are beginning our English looking at the book 'James and the Giant Peach'. We began our topic by tasting lots of different food and identifying them—while blindfolded! We will be looking at writing our own descriptions and stories before moving onto poetry and non-fiction relating to this book.

Maths

We will be following the White Rose calculation policy and our work will be based around this, from place value and number to shape.

Science

We are looking at Animals including Humans in all year groups which relates closely to our main topic. We are looking at why food is important and answering this, in science, from a scientific perspective.

PE

This term the children will be taught in cricket and gymnastic by Mr Studd, and dance and yoga in other lessons. There will be some Mullion Cluster competitions coming up, please keep an eye on the newsletter for these.

History and Geography

In Geography, we are going to be identifying our place in the wider world and looking at being able to use maps and atlases correctly. We will link this into our topic by looking at why food is important in different countries and where our food comes from. In history, we will be looking at the Mayans and chocolate, considering our question in this.

Art, DT and Music

Art will be taught by Mrs Harman each week, in which the children will look at different techniques and artists. DT will be related to our history work on the Mayans and chocolate. In music, we will be working on part singing and using percussion instruments, whilst also preparing for Harvest and Christmas.

Languages and ICT

In languages we will be looking at French and how to discuss ourselves and our families. In ICT, we will be looking at coding.

RE and PSHE

In RE we will begin by looking at different religions and why food is important in these different religions. In PSHE we will be working on friendships and our place in the world as global citizens.