



# Leggan Cove

Spring Term  
January 2020

## Welcome back!

Welcome back to a new year and a new decade! We have lots of fun things planned this term and are already looking forward to our new learning topics.

The main school topic this term is 'Making a Difference'. We will be answering big questions relating to this and looking at it from a historical and a current point of view. If you have any knowledge or skills that you feel could be beneficial in this topic please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We will be trying, when we can, to achieve more of our National Trust challenge, '50 things to do before you're 11½' so please make sure that your child has wellies, a warm coat and a change of warm clothes in school as this will mean we can go for winter walks around the local area.

### 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 continuing to use Spelling Frame as it is a great way for the children to practice their spellings each week. Logins should be stuck in the front of homework books.

One square from the grid is also to be completed each week in homework books, due in on a Thursday. There will be a prize for any children that complete the whole grid by the end of term (March).

### 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 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. We do need to see these weekly as it gives a record of how children are doing with their reading. Reading a few times a week really does make a huge difference to both their fluency and understanding and helps in all other subjects as well.

### 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.

### Topics

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

## English

This half term we are basing our English learning on portal stories and reports, linking in with the historical aspect of our topic work. We will be completing guided reading in groups and grammar throughout the week. After half term, we will be thinking more about how we can make a difference in our local community and in the world, looking at journey stories and writing persuasively.

## 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 Living things and their habitats, properties of materials and considering the work of some famous scientists. We will be conducting experiments, learning how to record these and using a range of skills.

## PE

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

## History and Geography

We are going to begin our topic with a history focus, considering the power of monarchs from 1066 to the present day. We will use a range of historical skills to examine evidence and justify our opinions. After half term, there will be more of a geography and PSHE focus, considering climate change and how we can make a difference throughout the world.

## 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 learning in topic, using different skills to design, make and evaluate products. In music, we will continue with our weekly singing assemblies alongside learning to use percussion instruments.

## Languages and ICT

In ICT, we will continue extending our skills in coding and ensure that the children have a good and clear understanding of how to stay safe online. In languages, we will learn basic greetings in French.

## RE and PSHE

In RE we will be looking at the concept of peace, comparing this across religions and how we can make a difference in promoting this in our own lives. In PSHE, we will now be following the Lifewise scheme of work.