

# Leaffield C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents

Happy New Year!

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas holiday. It is wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic coming into school in the mornings. We have a new class Topic for this term which is Bright Lights, Big City. This project teaches children about the physical and human characteristics of the United Kingdom, including a detailed exploration of the characteristics and features of the capital city, London. We will be learning about the role of King Charles III and important landmarks associated with him in London. The children will have the opportunity to do map work, using compasses and positional and directional language to plan routes around London. They will learn about other capital cities around the world, including Kuala Lumpur, and compare how they are similar and different to London. The children will be invited to a Royal Garden party as part of our Memorable Experience where they will have the opportunity to dress up and take part in role play. They will research the cause and impact of the Great Fire of London later on in the term and do some Art work based on this event as well as baking! In Science children will be looking at everyday materials and investigating which material is the most waterproof for fixing a broken umbrella and how absorbent their properties are. In R.E. this term the children will be learning about Creation and the natural world.

## Reading

Children will continue to read their RWI books and will be assessed at the end of every term. Children will have new books every Thursday, this will include story books and Bookbags from the RWI programme as well as a picture book of their choice. Please fill in the date, title of the book and how much your child enjoyed the book as it is helpful to know the types of books they are interested in and if they require further intervention in their reading at school. Children will be reading daily in our Phonics sessions. We want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to read regularly at school, but it is also highly recommended that regular reading is carried out at home. So, please encourage your child to read every day at home; this may be a picture book, comics, magazines or even reading the shopping list! It is also encouraged that your child listens to an adult read. If your child has lost or misplaced their reading record that they were given back in September, then please let us know and we will give them a new one. Children will also have the opportunity to read topic books and other books from the classroom.

## Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and due back the following Tuesday. The tasks will vary between Maths, Literacy and Topic work which will support our learning in class. Children have a Homework Book in which they are expected to complete their homework. Spellings will also be put into the homework books for practice at home. Please encourage your child to complete homework to the best of their ability and hand it in on time.



*Let us not love with words or speech  
but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18*

## **P.E.**

We will be doing P.E. every Tuesday afternoon in school with our external PE teacher, John Andrews. Please send your child to school in the correct P.E. kit every Tuesday. Children with pierced ears, need to either remove them for the lesson or cover them with microporous tape and long hair must be tied up.

## **Woodland Learning**

We are very excited to be doing outdoor learning every Friday afternoon this term with our Woodland Outdoor Learning specialist, Lisa Bedlow. This will enable the children to continue to explore the outdoors and its environment. Children will need to come dressed in their woodland clothing ready on a Friday and bring in appropriate waterproofs and wellies in a named rucksack or bag with a water bottle. Children are required to wear long sleeves and trousers for the session due to bugs and bites that may occur in the woods.

## **Show and Tell**

Show and Tell will be on a Friday. The Show and Tell needs to be topic related or an achievement of some sort, like swimming, football etc.

## **Music**

Donaldson class will continue to have the fantastic opportunity to have fortnightly music lessons every other Monday with a specialist from the Oxford Music Service. Children will be accessing the National Music Curriculum throughout these sessions.

## **Contact**

I hope this gives you a helpful overview of what to expect this term. However, if you do have any further questions throughout this term, please do not hesitate to contact me via: [donaldson@leafield.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:donaldson@leafield.oxon.sch.uk). I will endeavour to answer any of your queries as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you would like a meeting with me, please do contact the school office to arrange this.

Best wishes

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