



# Happy New Year !

## Jaguars Class Update

GET READY TO:

LEARN **see** DO  
read **EXPLORE**  
question **GROW**  
**laugh** **SMILE**  
IMPROVE **SHARE**  
try write **CONNECT**  
imagine **DO YOUR VERY BEST**

### Our learning in January and February:

In our topic this term, children will have the opportunity to explore Eastern Europe. Firstly, they will look at which countries constitute the continent of Europe. We will be exploring in more detail contrasting areas of eastern Europe, finding out about the landscape, climate and locations in each area. Children will bring together their learning about one area of eastern Europe and create information booklets to share what they have found out.

### English:

This half term, we will be writing a finding story based on the 'The Game' which has similarities to 'Jumanji'. Following this, we shall be using our work on the 'Circulatory System' in Science to create an explanation text. Throughout this term, there will be a heavy focus on improving our handwriting.

### Maths:

Our focus this half term will be:

- Shape – revising 2D/3D properties; calculating angles in triangles, polygons and quadrilaterals; and properties of circles.
- Decimals – working with numbers up to 3 decimal places
- Fractions, decimals and percentages – understanding their relationship and converting between them.

### Homework:

- Reading – DAILY (20 minutes a day at home). Reading journals will be checked on a Monday but should be in school, with their reading book, every day. Although each child is allowed to read independently at home, it is vital that occasionally parents listen to their child read and discuss their reading with them. Please add a signature when you have heard your child read.
- Reading Comprehension & SPaG - handed out Mondays: completed for the following **Monday**.
- Spelling test: **Mondays**.
- Maths – handed out on Friday to be completed and handed in the following **Wednesday**.

If your child is finding homework tricky, please try to support them and make a note about how you have helped. However, if they continue to struggle please make sure they seek help at school prior to the handing in date.

### Useful information:

**PE: MONDAY** (this half term). PE kit (plain, white top; plain, dark shorts/trousers; dark jumper/hoodie; trainers NOT pumps; and socks). It is important children have the **correct uniform for PE**, the same as they would for a school day.

In Year 6, there is a great expectation on appropriate behaviour in preparation for secondary school. This year, alongside educational expectations, children will be developing their independence, leadership skills and demonstrating an appropriate role model to other year groups in the school. Parental help and support, in installing appropriate behaviour and helping to develop effective study habits, is essential and appreciated.

Any queries or information to pass on can be via the school office - [Julie.carter@littleaton.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:Julie.carter@littleaton.derbyshire.sch.uk) or 01332 831471 – or at the end of the school day.

Thank you in advance for your support,

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