



Welcome to Jaguars Class!

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

Welcome to an exciting year of learning and preparation for Secondary school. The adults working in Year 6 will be Mrs Dallison, Mr Read and Mrs Dilleigh.

Our learning in September and October 2023:

For our first topic we will be taking a road trip around the USA. We will be focusing our drive on North America, looking at the human and physical features of this continent as we take our road trip. We will stop at Yellowstone and explore this National Park in greater detail: looking at the volcanic land, the geysers, prismatic spring and the indigenous animals. Arriving back in Derbyshire, we will explore the Peak District and make comparisons to Yellowstone.

English:

Our English work will begin with a baseline assessment recounting the short animation, 'Trouble in Paradise'. This will be followed by a non-chronological report on Jaguars, a fictional warning story and finally during Black History month, we will write a biography about an inspirational Black figure.

Maths:

The first part of this Autumn term will be Place Value:

- Read, write, order & compare numbers to 10,000,000 and determine the value of each digit.
- Round any numbers to a required degree of accuracy.
- Use negative numbers in context, and calculate intervals across zero
- Solve number problems and practical problems that involve all of the above.

Later, our focus will be the four operations, which will include:

- Solving multistep addition and subtraction problems, choosing appropriate methods.
- Using formal methods of multiplication and division for 4 digit by 2 digit calculations.
- Identify common factors, common multiples and prime numbers.
- Solve problems involving the four operations.

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 - handed out Mondays: completed and returned the following Monday.
- SPaG – handed out Mondays: completed and returned on Mondays.
- Spellings – Handed out Mondays; worked on during the week and tested on the following Monday.
- Maths – handed out on Friday to be completed and handed in the following Wednesday.

If your child is finding homework tricky, please support them and make a note about the form of this help. However, if they continue to struggle please make sure they seek help at school **before** the handing in date.

Useful information:

PE: Thursdays. 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. Occasionally, we will have an additional Monday lesson which the children will be notified about.

Dates for the diary:

- 29th September (Friday) – Macmillan coffee morning.
- 30th Oct – 3rd Nov – HALF TERM

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 years throughout the school. I am confident that children will rise to this challenge admirably. Parental help and support, in installing appropriate behaviour and helping to develop effective study habits, is essential and much appreciated.

Any queries or information to pass on can be via the school office - Julie.carter@littleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk or 01332 831471 – or directly with myself at the end of the school day.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Mr Thomasson.

