

Cheetah Class

April-May 2024



Our learning in Summer One:

This half term, our main topic is a geography unit based on Coasts and Oceans. During this unit, we will cover the following areas:

- Naming the 5 oceans and the seas surrounding the United Kingdom
- What is a coast?
- How are coasts formed?
- Human and physical features at the coast
- How do humans effect the coastal environment?
- Ocean pollution

English:

Our focus genre for this half term is building suspense. We will be writing a finding story based on the model 'Adventure at Sandy Cove'. Following our trip to Lea Green, we will be writing a recount text. Our class book will continue to be 'Stig of the dump' by Clive King.

Maths:

Our focus will be fractions, decimals, position and direction and angles. We will cover:

- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Recognising tenths and hundredths
- Dividing by 10 and 100
- Writing decimals
- Making one whole
- Ordering and rounding decimals
- Coordinates
- Identifying, comparing and ordering angles

Children are expected to know their times tables, up to 12 x 12, by the end of year 4. They will be tested on their times table knowledge using a national online test (known as a MTC check) during the weeks beginning 3rd and 14th June.

I recommend the site: <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check> which is a similar replication of the test children will sit. Children should also use the Times Tables Rock Stars website/app to continue to practice and improve their times table knowledge.

Other curriculum areas include:

- PE – Tennis (Wednesdays) and Orienteering (Thursdays)
- Music – A song and video project 'plastic'
- PSHE – Digital wellbeing
- RE – What religions say about right and wrong.
- French –taught by a specialist French teacher (Mrs Duncan)
- Computing – Creating media – photo editing
- Science – Electricity
- Art – 3D form: recycled materials

Supporting learning at home:

- Spellings: Spellings will be taught in school and lists will not be sent home to learn.
- Reading: Every child needs to read every day; including weekends. In this class, children need to read for at least 15-20 minutes and talk to an adult about what they have read. Children will be given a reading journal to record their reading which will be checked every Monday.
- Times Tables: Children will work on our times table challenge with a test on their individual focus table on a Friday.
- Homework: Children will be set weekly homework on a Wednesday which will be due back the following Monday. It will follow this Wednesday-Monday pattern throughout the year. You may support your child in tasks but please ensure if they are struggling that they know they can ask me for help.

Useful information:

Coats: Although we are hoping for some summer sunshine, the weather in Britain is very changeable so please make sure your child continues to bring a coat. A sunhat and sun cream will also be required during this term. Please also ensure that EVERYTHING is named! If it isn't, we cannot return it.

Dates for the diary:

30th April – Sea Life Centre Trip

6th May – Bank Holiday Monday

14th – 15th May – Lea Green residential trip

17th May – Class Photograph

24th May – Break up for half term

3rd June – INSET day

4th June – Children return to school

3rd – 14th June – Y4 Multiplication test will be carried out during this time.

If you have any questions to ask, or have information to tell me, please get in touch via the school office (julie.carter@little Eaton.derbyshire.sch.uk or 01332 831471) I will also be available on the playground at the end of the school day.

Thank you in advance for your support

Mr Robin Farina

