

Lemur Newsletter Autumn 1



Welcome back! We hope you all had a great summer break!

The teachers working in our class will be Mrs Dilleigh (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Bettison (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday). Our teaching assistants this year are Mrs Rogers and Mrs Dallison.

This newsletter aims to set out the key information about this half term. We will keep you up to date with any extra information on our class page (on the school website) and through text messages.

Our learning in September and October:

Geography



Our topic for this half term is, Italy, and the UK: A Geographical comparison. It will cover the following areas:

- Locational knowledge - where Italy is, the capital city and what seas it is surrounded by.
- Place knowledge – to know about Italian coastlines, climate, food and tourist attractions.
- Human Geography – to understand why tourism is important to both Italy and UK.

Physical Geography – to learn about the Alps, River Po, Mount Etna and the climate.

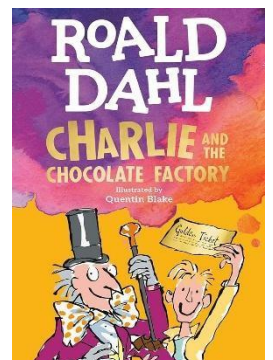
English:

At the start of this half term, we will be taking part in a whole school writing activity based on Disney/Pixar's short film 'Belly Flop'. It can be viewed on YouTube or Disney plus if you wish to watch the film together at home.

Children will then write a setting based on 'Escape from Pompeii'. At the end of the term, we will write a letter of persuasion from the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit'.

Class Book:

Our first, class book will be, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl.



Spellings:

Children will be given spelling words to practise in class and at home on a Monday, starting on Monday September 14th. We will learn the rule and develop our understanding and application in class. Then, **on a Friday**, to see how well the children have retained their knowledge, they will have a weekly test of the spellings.

Maths:

Our focus for this half term will be Place Value, Number, addition and subtraction, including:

- Use a number line to 100 and 1,000
- Represent and partition numbers to 100 and 1000.
- Find 1, 10 or 100 more or less
- Estimate on a number line to 1,000
- Compare and order numbers to 1,000
- Count in 50's

We will then move on to addition and subtraction.

Children are expected to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables by the end of year 3. We will be working on them later in the term, with more information to follow.

Other curriculum areas and what we will be covering include:

- Science – Rocks
- PSHE – Team
- Computing – Online safety
- Religious Education – How do family life and festivals show what matters to Jewish people?
- Art – Drawing and painting with a focus on the artist 'Georgia O'Keefe.

P.E.

The children will have two P.E. lessons each week. Children need to bring in a full PE kit to change into at school. As the weather starts to get colder, we recommend joggers and a jumper/hoddie in addition to shorts and T-shirts. Please also make sure that your child has a named water bottle. These lessons will be on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Dilleigh and Thursday morning with a coach. The children are welcome to bring their P.E. kit to school in a suitable bag, leave it on their pegs and take it home, as required, for washing.

Supporting learning at home:

- **Reading:** Every child needs to read frequently. In year 3, children need to read for at least 15-20 minutes most days and talk to an adult about what they have read. Please encourage your child to use their reading diary to record the reading that they have done each day and then obtain a signature from the adult that has listened to them. Reading diaries will be checked **every Monday** and they should be in school **every day**. Book changing days will be the same as Year 2.
- **Homework:** Children will be set weekly English and Maths homework on a **Friday** which will be due back the following **Tuesday** (starting on Friday 18th September). Homework should support learning, not cause stress. If your child finds it difficult, please stop and bring it into school for support. An adult will go through it with them. Children are welcome to do their homework during playtime at school, if they do not have time at home.

Useful information:

Coats: Please make sure your child brings a coat so we can go outside!

Also please ensure that **EVERYTHING is named!** If it isn't, and it gets lost, we cannot return it.

If you have any questions to ask, or have information to tell us, please get in touch via the school office (julie.carter@littleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk or 01332 831471). We will also be available on the playground at the end of the school day. Thank you in advance for your support.

Jayne-Ann Dilleigh, Laura Bettison and the Year 3 team