



Jaguar Class News!



What we are learning:

English:

This term, we will be looking a range of writing styles, which include: autobiographies, explanation texts, and book reviews. Our punctuation focus will be to look at correct use of commas to avoid ambiguity, commas to separate clauses, as well as continuing to ensure we are using punctuation from previous years, such as full stops, apostrophes, and inverted commas.

In reading, we will encounter many different books. Our class book is still *The Explorer*, and then we will move onto the brilliant *Private Peaceful* by Michael Murpurgo.

Maths:

Our maths focus this term is: multiplication and division, fractions, and then decimals and percentages. Multiplication facts will be a huge focus this term as this will be part of each maths topic. Therefore, there will be a lot of encouragement to keep practising on Timestable Rock-

Science and Topic:

Our science topic is still 'Properties and changes in materials.' We will be looking at smart materials, rust, and some interesting scientists who had changed the field.

In geography, we will be looking at mountains, how they developed, and where they are located.

In art, Frida Kahlo will be our focus. We will be creating our own self-portraits in the style of her work!

Our values this term:
Perseverance and Respect

Dates for the diary:

Panto—18th January

Safer Internet Day—8th February

Teacher Training Day—18th February

Reminders:

This term, 5 PE will be on a Monday and on Wednesdays. Please can the children arrive to school in their PE kit on these days. PE may be inside or outside, so please can they be dressed in clothes appropriate to the weather.

Homework will continue to be the same as previous years. This includes: TTRockstars, reading daily and practising spellings.

Spellings will be tested half termly, rather than weekly this year. The entire spellings for the half term will be sent home and will need to be practised.

The children also have a Duolingo account to help them with their French. There will be certificates each week for children who push themselves on it. Bonne chance.

In maths, we are continuing to include areas such as time, measurement and shape alongside the planned learning. This is to aim and tackle any gaps the children may have due to the pandemic. Any opportunities to discuss these at home are hugely appreciated. For example: discussing length of time when cooking meals or doing activities; measuring objects around the house with a tape measure, or discussing shape properties. This all helps reinforce the learning they will have at school.