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Leopards!



Leopard News

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Busy as a bee, or maybe a butterfly?

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break; it was lovely to see the Leopards come back refreshed and happily sharing stories of their time off. The first half of the summer term is always mixed with the weather but as it improves we'll be taking lots of opportunities to take our learning outside; between PE, RE, science and geography we'll be getting lots of much-needed fresh air and (hopefully) some sunshine too!

This half term we are thinking about our wonderful world. We will be learning more about habitats and life cycles and your child may even tell you about our very special visitors in the classroom when they arrive – a family of caterpillars! We will be watching with great interest and excitement, checking them every day to see how they have changed. Linked to this topic and this half term's value of **respect** we are also learning about our local habitats and what we can do to protect them.

The children are all excited about their visit to the Cathedral and Mosque in a couple of weeks. Last year was the first year we had been able to go since the pandemic and the children loved seeing the different places of worship and what was in them. They love the magnificent stained glass windows in the cathedral and the beautiful mosaics on the dome in the mosque.

Have you been to London?

As geographers we are learning more about our capital city, London. If you have visited as a family we would love it if you could send in any photographs or memorabilia for your child to share in class. It's great to get those real life examples!

Reading at home

We absolutely love listening to the Leopards read in school, whether that be individually, in group guided reading or whole class lessons, we are reading all the time!

To prepare them for Year Three it is more important than ever that they get lots of practice reading a range of books.

We have noticed recently however that children are reading less at home than they were. If you've found that you've got out of the habit, a new term is the ideal time to start up again! If you find your child is reluctant then please have a chat with us and we can encourage them in school.

Pasta Salad questionnaires – please return on Monday for next week's lesson

In science we have learnt about the different food groups and what a balanced meal needs. In DT we are building on that learning by making someone at home a tasty, healthy pasta salad! Please answer and return your questionnaire so your child can make a dish you'll love.

Dates for your diary

- **Tuesday 23rd April** – Marvelous maths workshop 2.30pm – 3.15pm
- **Wednesday 1st May**- class photos
- **Thursday 2nd May** - Cathedral and mosque visit
- **Friday 3rd May**- Hygge event (details to follow)
- **Monday 6th May**- May Bank Holiday, school is closed.
- **Week commencing 13th May** is Mental Health Awareness week - details to follow!
- **Monday 13th May** –**Year 2 Reading Café**: join us at the end of the school day to read together.
- **Wednesday 22nd May**- Curriculum evening (more details to follow)
- **Friday 24th May** - school closes for half term at 3.15pm