



Welcome to Lemur class!

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to a busy Autumn term. As you may know I'm new to the school. I've recently finished my teacher training and I arrive with a background in Modern Foreign Languages which I'm aiming to put into good use in the classroom! We have had a lovely first week in Lemur class and are looking forward to the rest of the term, here are some important notices:

International Primary Curriculum (IPC):

Our IPC unit this term is called 'Do you live around here?' This will have a focus on habitats. As you already know, this is a cross curricular topic and covers the following:

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- How animals and their habitat can be represented

In Geography, we'll be finding out about:

- The different habitats around the world
- Comparing another country with our own
- Where food from the supermarket has come from
- The differences between homes and how they are built to suit climate

In History, we'll be finding out about:

- The changes in the local area over the years. Perhaps if you or any relatives have noticed any significant changes you could chat to your child about them as an extra piece of information to bring into the classroom.

In ICT, we'll be finding out about:

- How to use databases to store and present information
- How to use the internet to find out more information on habitats

In Technology, we'll be finding out about:

- What materials are used to build homes
- How to build a shelter

In International, we'll be finding out about:

- A country to learn about their culture

Literacy:

This will be largely cross curricular with the above topic and we will continue to use 'The Big Write' as a way of improving writing skills. There will continue to be an emphasis on punctuation as this is an area children need to remember in their writing.

Multiplication tables:

We will be learning the 2-12 multiplication tables and children will be given a small test every Friday. We have found that children often need two weeks to learn a particular multiplication table so they will be given the same ones to learn over two weeks rather than one.

Maths:

Children will be taught in groups and will begin the term consolidating year 2 work on, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division methods. Hopefully they will have remembered these methods from last year and we can further their learning by presenting them with real life situations. Maths will be taught daily and if your child is experiencing any problems then please do contact me.



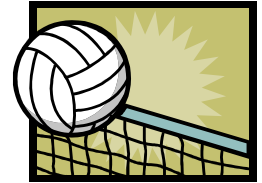
Spellings:

Spelling ability is unique to every child. We learn spelling rules in school but some children still need extra help learning the 100 common spellings that we use every day. As a result some children may be given extra spellings to learn at home to try and help them with their free writing. I will contact the parents of those children as and when I feel this is necessary.

P.E/Games:

Children need their **indoor P.E kit in school every Tuesday** which includes either bare feet or plimsolls. Tracksuits maybe worn when the weather is cold!

Our swimming sessions start this term on Wednesday 21st September so please ensure your child has their swimming kit with them on this day.



Art:

It would be helpful if your child brought an old shirt into school (named please) for any 'messy' activities. This can be kept in school.

Science:

This term we will be looking at 'Helping Plants Grow' as our topic. This will link back to our IPC as we discover animals eating habits and look at food chains.

Residential visit:

Our visit to Foxhowl is fast approaching so you need to ensure you have all the relevant forms returned to school in good time. The medical form will be sent soon.

Homework:

Homework will be sent home every Thursday and must be returned to school by the following Tuesday. This will start next week. Children will be bringing a reading book home over the next week and we shall continue with the raffle ticket system. Once their school book has been read they may read books from home as before.

Finally, please feel free to speak to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,
Miss L. Ashcroft

