

## Reading

To promote reading for pleasure, we have reinstated Bug Club!

Bug Club is a fantastic online resource that allows reading to be interactive and exciting. It takes children on a personalised reading journey where the only limits are their imaginations. Not only does it allow children to read a range of books online, but it also delivers comprehension style questioning to promote children's understanding of the books that they have read.

All children should have been provided with usernames and passwords for the website. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you require another copy.

[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

*Hint! Reading on Bug Club also counts as 'a read' in the children's Home Reading Journal.*



### Remember to keep up to date with us!

@EstcourtYear4  
@EstcourtYear3  
@EstcourtSharks



Blog: [estcourtprimary.net](http://estcourtprimary.net)

The children love having replies and retweets on our twitter accounts. A huge thank you to all of the families and friends that have followed us! Please continue to encourage our children by replying and commenting on our tweets.

Website: [www.estcourtprimary.org.uk/](http://www.estcourtprimary.org.uk/)

### Purple Mash

We encourage the children to use Purple Mash. It is a learning tool which supports learning through fun games relating to Computing, History, Geography, Science, Maths, Literacy as well as PSHE and Celebrations and Faiths.

**Children have been provided with a log in and password, if you have any queries about Purple Mash, please ask your child's teacher.**

# LKS2 Autumn 1 newsletter

## Attendance

Regular attendance is essential to ensure uninterrupted progress and to enable children to exceed their potential. We actively involve the children in achieving this by holding weekly assemblies with a reward for each class who has 100% attendance. Certificates are awarded termly and yearly for all children who achieve 100%. With these rewards in place, the children wholeheartedly strive to be part of the winning class and the support of each other is a pleasure to see; please support your child and ensure they are regular attenders.

Good attendance is important because: your child needs to be in the academy to be able to learn and achieve; lessons are taught in a sequence and it can be difficult to catch up if a lesson is missed; children need to have relationships with others and to form lasting friendships; it develops a child's confidence to attempt new work and to work alongside others.

## Pupil Reward Points

### Being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing!

The reward scheme allows children to earn points for showing 'Green Behaviour' which may consist of trying hard in their work, being courteous and polite (possibly holding a door open), showing respect to others, arriving at school in time for registration and having the correct uniform. Children also earn 5 points if they are picked to celebrate their work in the Thursday 'Star of the Week' assembly. Children additionally earn points through job roles - the wage of points is preparing children for their later life. Children save points and spend them at the academy swap shop. We will keep you updated as to who the current leaders are.



## Writing

The Sharks, Leopards and Panthers will be studying a range of different texts in their writing lessons to use as a stimulus for their writing.

Year 3 will be studying a range of books based around their topic including the great Kapok tree and Jungle book!

Year 3 will look at a new book every half term to use to help them with their writing. For the first two weeks we will be looking at Alice in Wonderland before looking at range of topic based books.

Please feel free to bring in anything related to these topics as a stimulus :O)

Big Writing is completed on a Friday and the children are given the chance to show off their best writing based on a stimulus. Talk homework for this will be given out every Wednesday or you can find it on the classes twitter page.



Blogging continues to be an essential part of the learning process and we encourage the children to visit and post on the blog both at home and school.

## Maths

The Eagles, Panthers and Tigers are learning to get better at **reasoning** within the Maths. This enables the children to explain how they get their answers and explores their investigative skills. It is an essential skill to have! One way to help children use their reasoning skills is within questioning, such as:

- Can you elaborate...?
- Justify why...?
- How do you know...?
- Can you propose an alternative...?
- In your opinion...?
- Prove how you know...?

<http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage> Is an incredibly useful tool and resource that provides children examples of questions and investigations that uses their reasoning skills.



## Topic

This term the sharks, leopards and panthers will be using Mission Survive as a stimulus for their topic. We will be looking at a range of different habitats including the rain forest and the desert!

We will be looking at maps and questioning in geography discussing the different climates and the parts of the world these places are situated.



In science we will be observing different kinds of plants, animals and trees including the impact human life has on the environment.

Please feel free to bring in anything related to this!

## P.E. / Sport

Sharks' lessons are on...

Monday (indoor) and  
Wednesday (outdoor).

Leopards' lessons are on...

Tuesday (outdoor whilst rugby is on) and  
Wednesday (indoor)

Panthers' lessons are on...

Tuesday (inside) and  
Thursday (outdoor)

The academy has supplied each child with an indoor P.E. kit, but trainers and any other outdoor wear may be worn during the colder months

(such as tracksuit bottoms or a fleece)

## Homework

Homework will be set each week.

It will consist of:

- Maths. This is completed in homework books. Extra homework can be requested on my maths.
- Spellings to be practised in preparation for a weekly spelling test every Friday.
- Reading: Children should be reading at home 4 times a week and are given a reading book at home. They can change their reading book at school whenever they need to and should be recording this in their journal.
- Talk homework is given out every Wednesday to encourage the children to talk about their Big writing ready for Friday.

Ensuring this is completed every week, children will be rewarded with a reward trip at the end of the term!