

## 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.

### Well done to the following children who had 100% attendance last half term

Jake B, Shandon, Alfie G, Brandon, Declan Ho, Amelia H, Ashleigh J, Phoebe M, Thomas M, Isabelle M, Jack O, Beth T, Michelle, Jack A, Elisha, Lewis E, Lewis J, Luca L, Thomas M, Rebecca R, Elyssia, Kajus, Ashley S, Kacey, Adam, Summer T, Ruby W, Charlotte B, Mason B, Daniel C, Billy, Harley H, Jay R, Gypsy, Keisha, Domantas, Ava and Khi.

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.

This term our Topic is all about the Blitz and so we will be writing all about evacuation, the trenches and life in World War two! We be using a wide range of texts and digital media to use as a stimulus and we encourage children to bring in any books they may have about this at home.

Please feel free to bring in anything related to these topics!

**Big Writing** is completed on a Friday and allows the children to produce an independent piece of extended writing, to 'show off' what they know and have learnt.

**Talk homework** for this will be given out every Wednesday.

**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 Sharks, Leopards and Panthers 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 looking at World War two in our Horrible Histories topic.

We will be looking at how children were evacuated, what life was like in the trenches and what the lifestyle of people living in these times was like.

In Geography, we will be discussing the different areas that were affected and how they have changed over time.

In Science, Year 3 will be looking at the question 'How does our garden grow?' in which we will be observing different forms of plants and observing how they survive. Year 4 will be asking questions about 'Where does all the food go?' and will be developing their knowledge on the digestive system.

### P.E.

#### Sharks' lessons are on...

Tuesday (both indoor and outdoor for rugby)

Wednesday (outdoor)

#### Leopards' lessons are on...

Tuesday (outdoor)

Wednesday (indoor)

#### Panthers' lessons are on...

Tuesday (outdoor whilst rugby is on)

Wednesday (outdoor)

**The academy has supplied each child with an indoor P.E. kit, but any other outdoor wear may be worn during the colder months (such as tracksuit bottoms or a fleece).**

**Children are reminded to ensure that they have the correct footwear (trainers) for outdoor P.E.**

### Homework

Homework will be set each week.

It will consist of:

- **Maths** - This goes out on a Friday and is to be completed by the following Friday.
- **Spellings** - These are to be practised in preparation for a weekly spelling test every Friday.
- **Talk Homework** - This will be sent out on a Wednesday in preparation for Friday's Big Write. This encourages children to talk about their writing ideas at home with an adult.
- **Reading** - Each child will have their own reading book, which they will need to practise at home. Children are required to read 4 x a week at home.
- **Handwriting**: If requested, is given out every Friday for the children to write over.

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