

LKS2 Spring 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.

Children with 100% last term : Jake, Serreh, Sophie, Shandon, Alfie, Katerina, Declan, Amelia, Olivia, Phoebe, Dylan, Luca, Thomas, Isabelle, Jayden, Chelsea, Jack, Beth, Martha, Declan, Lewis, Luca, Thomas, Rebecca, Kajus, Ashley, Adam, Ruby, Natty, Mason, Harley, Haydyn, Jay, Keisha, Olivia, William and Ava.

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

Every half term, we will be looking at the different writing genres with cross curricular links to our 'We are Hull' topic.

Please feel free to bring in

Leopards and Sharks' class read will be 'Matilda'

Panthers' class read will be 'The witches'



Big Writing is completed on a Friday and the children are given the chance to show off their best writing based on a stimulus.

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 Leopards, Sharks 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:

- How do you know...?
- How did you solve the problem...?
- Justify your reasoning...
- Do you agree that...?
- Prove how you know...?

We also have weekly arithmetic papers on a Friday to test our mental maths knowledge so we recommend plenty of addition, subtraction and times table practise.



Topic

This term Leopards, Sharks and Panthers will be focusing on the topic "We are Hull", using our city and all the fantastic events that are going on.



We will be looking at famous people from Hull as well as some of the interesting historical sites the city has

Please feel free to bring in anything related to this!

P.E. / Sport

Leopards' lessons are on...

Monday (outdoor) and
Wednesday (indoor).



Panthers' lessons are on...

Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor),

Sharks' lessons are on...

Monday (indoor) and Wednesday (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

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.

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

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

@EstcourtYear3
@EstcourtYear4
@EstcourtSharks



Blog: 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.

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.