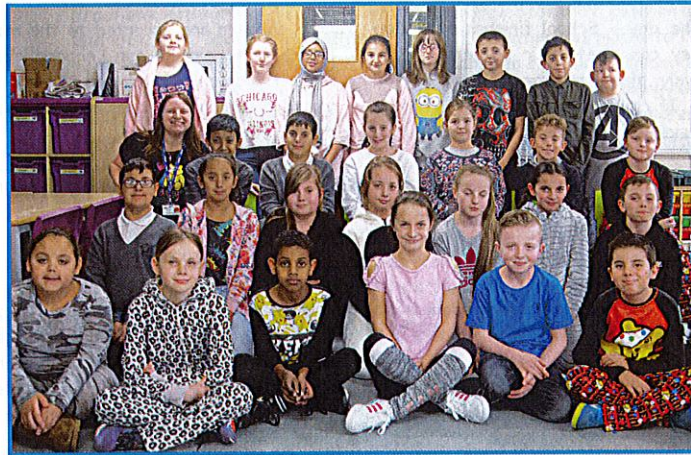




Year 6 Leopards Spring Term



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you are looking forward to the exciting events ahead in 2018.

We have put together this pamphlet to provide you with information about life in the Leopards class for the Spring Term.

If you have any worries, however small, please do not hesitate to have a word with any of the Year 6 team (the best time is at 3.15pm) - we will be happy to speak to you and/or make an appointment for a lengthier discussion.

We hope that by working together we can make this term a very profitable one for your child. We will continue to prepare and support children for their SATs in May and work to ensure that all children make the best possible progress. We will continue to offer them interesting and challenging activities and experiences and encourage them to become independent learners.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Cameron, Miss Turnbull, Mrs Stoker and Miss McIver (Year 6 Team)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

Start of the day - All Year 6 children are invited to Breakfast club and are expected to come to Computer club by 8.30am. We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child arrives on time for school as these extra clubs help them to get ready for learning and are vital in preparing for SATs.

End of the day - School finishes at 3.10pm. Year 6 children are escorted to the main yard where they can meet their parents or carers. Please wait next to our Leopard class sign. Alternatively, please let one of the Year 6 team know if your child is allowed to walk home on their own. If children have clubs or tuition they must let an adult know as early as possible if they are unable to stay and they must have a good reason for missing these.

Attendance- As a whole school we have an attendance target of 97% and we hope to constantly achieve or better this. Please ensure your child comes to school every day!

Uniforms and Coats - We would be grateful if these could be clearly named!

Reading - Please remember that reading folders should be brought to school every day. We record which children have their folders in school on a daily basis and if children forget their folder they will lose a break time. We would encourage you to write a comment in your child's reading record book every time you hear them read their books. Year 6 children can also write their own comments to show they are reading at home. It is important that children are reading daily at home.

PE - Year 6 have up to two PE lessons per week. Our PE days are on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday. Children will need to bring or wear trainers on these days in case we decide to go outdoors.

Homework - Homework will continue to go out daily. This will usually be a short task related to our learning in Maths, reading or Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation (SPaG). This task should take no longer than 15-20 minutes and is not a test (even when test questions are used). Children may refer to their revision guides to support them. All homework will be marked together in class the next day so that children receive instant verbal feedback of how they have done and understand how to make progress.

Milk and fruit- Please note that all children in Year 6 will receive free milk and a piece of fruit each day, as well as a piece of toast.

SATs-

Key Stage 2 SATs will take place from
Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May 2018.

This is what we're doing this term!	
English	Year 6 will continue to study a wide range of texts this term. We will cover narrative, non-fiction and poetry in a variety of ways. Both reading, and writing will be a focus to help the children learn and understand different styles and genres of each text type, so they can use these features in their own independent writing. We will be heard reading in guided reading groups. We are also focusing on our class reader, which is called "Running Wild". Children will also prepare for their SATs in reading and SPaG.
Maths	We will continue to cover and revise the nine key areas of mathematics. These are number and place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, ratio and proportion, algebra, measures, geometry, position and direction and statistics. Throughout each area we will be relating the maths to 'real life' contexts and situations in order for the children to see how mathematical skills are needed in everyday situations. We will be solving problems and using our reasoning skills. We will continue to work on speed of mental calculations. Children will prepare for their arithmetic and reasoning SATs.
Science	This term in science we are focusing on two areas. We have already started our first topic on Living things and their habitats. After half term we will learn about evolution and inheritance. The children will continue to plan, carry out and investigate their own experiments to promote independence and critical thinking. We will also be taking part in a Science Day with visitors from the Centre for Life.
Computing	We will continue to use computers, laptops and iPads in all areas of the curriculum. The children will continue to develop skills at word processing and using specific programmes for a given purpose. They will also learn about coding, understanding computer networks, using technology safely and designing and debugging programmes.
PSHE	This term in PSHE we will continue to think about what it means to be resilient and will be working on perseverance and determination. The next two groups of children will have the opportunity to learn to rock climb at Newburn Leisure Centre.
P.E.	In P.E this term we will be working on different team games and will be starting with basketball. We will continue to work with Dean, our PE coach and will also do dance with Dolly and learn some new routines.
Music	This term in music we will be taking part in "Band in a Box" and learning to play samba music. We hope to be able to put on performance at the end of our sessions.
Art/ DT	As part of our work in DT we will be having a trip to Nissan. We will be learning about a production line and have the opportunity to experience the world of manufacturing. We will also be designing a new logo for the Monozukuri caravan.
Spring term Topic:	Our topic for this term is "Rainforests". We will be learning about where rainforests are located, their different layers and the fascinating creatures which live in the Amazon Rainforest. We will also learn about deforestation and protecting the rainforest.
Other events:	This half term our amazing newspaper articles will be appearing in 'The Chronicle' on Thursday 25 th January. We hope you enjoy reading them. After half term we will be taking part in Book Week. Next half term children will also receive details about Easter school.

The Sculptors

I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care
One was a teacher;
The tools she used were books, music and art.
One a parent
With a guiding hand, and a gentle, loving heart,
Day after day the teacher toiled
With a touch that was loving and sure;
While the parent laboured by her side
And polished and smoothed it over.
And when at last the task was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought
For the things they had moulded into the child
Could neither be sold or bought
And each agreed they would have failed
If they had worked alone
For behind the parent stood the school,
And behind the teacher,
The home.

Home and School
Let's work together!