

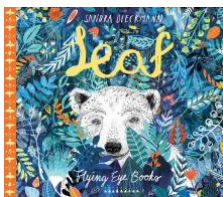


Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support in term 1 to help us get settled quickly into our new routine in our bubble. Term 2 begins with a couple of changes to staffing. We said farewell to Miss Bled at the end of last term as Mrs Reeves has returned after her maternity leave. Mr Huggins has moved to a new TA role in a different specialist setting and Miss Crann will now be in Daisy class every day.

English

Our Power of Reading book this term is Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann.



The shared reading and writing activities linked to this book are planned to encourage empathy through a variety of emotions and explore themes and issues in a variety of ways.

Our daily guided reading sessions will continue, in which the children will read a range of other texts and complete reading related activities, supported by an adult in a small group or individually.

On Fridays, the children will continue to select a few books to bring home to share with you throughout the following week. The returned books will still be wiped down and set aside until the following week to prevent the risk of infection. **Home reading books will only be changed on Fridays and should not be brought back to school on other days.**

Bug Club is a great alternative, should you wish to read a wider selection of texts at home.

Science/Outdoor Learning

This term, we will be spending every Friday afternoon outside in our forest area. This will happen whatever the weather, **so wellies and waterproofs will be essential.** Mrs Reeves is hoping to teach some tool skills and fire lighting.

Our science topic - animal nutrition - will be condensed into two science days later in the term - details to follow nearer the time.

Maths

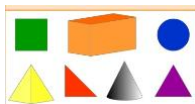
This term we will be focussing on:

Calculating

- Adding and subtracting using different resources
- Practising quick recall of number bonds and finding related facts
- The relationship between addition and subtraction
- Solving missing number problems
- Recalling and using multiplication and division facts

Shape

- Naming, describing and sorting 2D shapes
- Recognising symmetry
- Finding fractions of shapes
- Drawing 2D shapes
- Naming, describing and sorting 3D shapes
- Making models of 3D shapes



Topic

This term we will continue to learn about the history of Ancient Greece. We will explore the legacy of the Ancient Greeks and their influence on our lives today: from the words that we use, theatre and entertainment, mathematics and science, to our understanding of right and wrong. We will be able to make links between our history and other learning.



General Information

We attach our term 2 timetable, so that you can see when each subject will be taught. Our PE lesson continues to be held each Thursday - **Please send your child into school dressed in their PE kit every Thursday.**

Our Speech and Language therapist Mrs Katherine Robertson will be working with us each Tuesday. Video sessions continue as they did last term. Provision plans have been reviewed and updated plans will be emailed to you shortly. Meetings will take place virtually: please do contact Mrs Snell to schedule a Microsoft Teams meeting to discuss your son's progress and new targets.

Each Friday, we will continue to post details of the work that has been done that week on the Daisy class page of the school website so that you can talk with your child about their learning. We will include some suggestions of activities you may want to do at home. Spellings will be tested on Monday afternoons. This term we will be revising phonic sounds previously taught: all children should practise the main list of 10 words. There will be an optional 5 additional words, for those who want an extra challenge. We will now post these lists on the Daisy class page at the beginning of the week, so that everyone has longer to learn them.

As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns by emailing daisyteacher@west-malling.kent.sch.uk.

Mrs Ray (Mon, Tues, Wed)
Mrs Reeves (Thurs, Fri)
Miss Crann (all week)
Mrs Denby (all week)
Miss Chapman (Thurs, Fri)