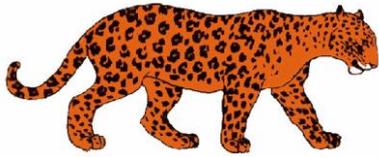


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End of Autumn - Spring Term 2024



Leopards
Mrs Mills



Tigers
Mrs Conroy



Panthers
Ms Fowler

The Autumn term has now finished, and the children really do deserve a well-earned break. They have settled into life at school wonderfully and have already made so much progress. We are proud of all their achievements so far and hope this continues into the Spring term. Thank you again for all your support at home. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas break.

Exciting things the children will be learning in the Spring Term

Our topic for the first half term is **'We can all be heroes'**. We will begin this topic by learning about what makes a Superhero. We will find out about different jobs and learn about some of the Real-Life Superheroes that we come across day to day in our local community, including the emergency services. Please do let us know if you are able to come and talk to the children about your occupation in January. We will then focus on the story 'Supertato' and enjoy reading about the adventures of the Evil Pea and Supertato. While learning about this story, we will find out about where fruit and vegetables come from and explore the idea of healthy eating by taking part in a delicious tasting activity! We will be finishing the topic with a **Heroes Day** on Friday 16th February.

After half term, we will begin our second topic. This topic is **'The world around us'**. We will begin by taking part in the 'Living Eggs' project to hatch chicks from eggs in the classroom. We will learn about life cycles as we wait for and watch the eggs hatch. We will then care for the chicks until they are collected to be taken back to the farm at the end of the second week. We will learn about farms and talk about farms around the world. We will also be reading the traditional story of 'The Little Red Hen'. We will learn actions to help us remember the story and create a story map using props. We will also get to make and bake our own bread – yummy!

More information about our curriculum

More information about the curriculum content can be found in our [Curriculum Captures](#) on the school website. These are useful for parents to see the content of what is being taught and to use this information to help support your child at home.

EATING & DRINKING

Children should bring a named bottle with WATER ONLY for them to drink during the day. Juice is not permitted to be drunk throughout the day (only with their lunch). Please, please do not put water bottles in book bags. We have had many reading and home learning books ruined due to leaking bottles. You may wish to purchase a separate bottle carrier that attaches to the side of the book bag.

SNACK & LUNCH

Children have a fruit snack and milk provided by the government each day. All children in Foundation Stage are entitled to Free School Meals. Please help your child to make their choice for school lunches by sharing the menu with them before school. The [School Lunch Menu](#) can be found here.

TOYS FROM HOME

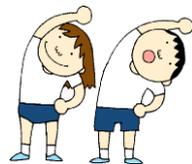
Please note that children are NOT allowed to bring any toys from home into school in case they get broken or lost.

PE

For the first half term our P.E. sessions will be **Balanceability** and will continue to take place on **Mondays**. For Balanceability, an outside agency will come into school and teach our children to develop their skill of balance with the use of balance bikes. Please see attached letter for further information. We will **NOT** be getting changed into our P.E. kits for this.

After half term, we will take part in woodwork sessions for our PE sessions. Again, we will **NOT** be getting changed into our P.E. kits for this.

Please ensure all long hair is clipped/tied back for PE lessons and earrings are removed before coming to school in the morning.



Forest School

Foundation Stage will continue to go to the woodland once a week and this will continue to be on **Fridays**.



On Fridays, children should come to school dressed in old clothes that are suitable for getting mucky and practical for activities such as climbing trees and den building in all weathers. Please ensure their legs and arms are covered. Dresses are not appropriate for Forest School. Children should also bring a change of shoes, preferably wellies, with them to wear whilst they are in the forest area. Please make sure they wear their normal school shoes to school. Please ensure your child has a **rain coat** with them at school every day as we use the outdoor space every day and our weather is often unpredictable.

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<u>SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS</u>	<u>Class Teachers & Teacher PPA (Planning, Preparation & Assessment) Time</u>					
 <p>8.40 – Children are met at their classroom door/gate by their teacher</p> <p>8.45 – Registration opens</p> <p>8.50 – Doors will close, after this time, children will be late and will need to come to the office and be signed in.</p> <p>11.45– 12.45 – Lunchtime</p> <p>3.15 – End of the school day</p>		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Leopards	Mrs Mills	Mrs Bienzobas	Mrs Mills	Mrs Mills	Mrs Mills
	Tigers	Mrs Bienzobas	Mrs Conroy	Mrs Conroy	Mrs Conroy	Mrs Conroy
		Mrs Conroy				
Panthers	Ms Fowler	Ms Fowler	Ms Fowler	Ms Fowler	Ms Fowler	
	Mrs Bienzobas					
<p>Teaching Assistant Support – Across the week your children will be working with: Mrs Langley, Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Americo and Mrs Keohane</p>						

BEHAVIOUR INFORMATION

We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for everyone so that we can all work together in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. We believe that we can do this by trying to keep the school rules.

We are gentle	We are honest	We are kind and helpful
We try our best	We listen	We look after property

For more details on our behaviour policy please see the [follow this link to the school website page.](#)

HOME LEARNING

Reading: Each week the children will bring home a Little Wandle Reading book linked to the child’s phonic knowledge. This is a book that they should ‘show off’ and celebrate their reading with you after they have three reading practice sessions in school. **Please return this book to school every Monday.**

Children will also bring a ‘choice’ book home which we ask you to read **to** your child and share the pleasure of reading a book together. It is important to aim to read daily to your child. **Please keep this book in your child’s book bag so that we can change these weekly.**

Phonics Books: Each week we learn new sounds, we will send copies of these sounds home with your child’s phonics home learning book for your to support your child’s learning at home. Please see the information in the front cover of the book for ways to use this book.

COMMUNICATION

We aim to have open communication channels to keep you informed about everything that is going on in school and to give easy access to speak to us if needed. Ways we can communicate:

School/team letters – all letters are sent via email.

Weekly learning sharing – every Friday an email is sent out to give you an overview of what the children will be learning about the following week, this may also have important notices on.

Website – we hope the website is a good reference source, if there are things that you would like to see included, please let us know.

Email – you can send emails to your child’s class teacher or team leader. The protocol is that teachers will respond within 3 working days. If you need a more urgent response, then you can leave a message with the school office or send a note to your child’s class teacher.

Leopards Teacher and Team Leader – Mrs Mills dmills@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Tigers Teacher – Mrs Conroy cconroy@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Panthers Teacher – Ms Fowler jfowler@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Appointments – if you would like to arrange a meeting with your child’s class teacher, please contact them via email, school office or letter to arrange a suitable time.

Concerns – if you have any concerns about an issue within the class, please email or speak to the class teacher in the first instance. Then if needed concerns can be raised with the team leader, Mrs Mills. When necessary, you may then wish to contact Miss Green (headteacher) or Mrs Ogilvie (deputy headteacher).

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Spring Term Key Dates

We aim to keep to these dates but occasionally due to circumstances beyond our control, they may need to change.

January

Thursday 4 th – Friday 5 th	Teacher Training Days
Monday 8 th	Term opens – Children back to school

February

Friday 16 th	Heroes Day
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd	HALF TERM

March

Week Commencing Monday 18 th	Parents Consultations
Thursday 28 th	Last Day of Term

[For term dates for the rest of the year follow this link.](#)

Please do not hesitate to talk to your child’s class teacher if you have any questions.
 We are really looking forward to continuing to work with you and your child in the new year.

The Foundation Stage Team 😊