



# Lemur Class Newsletter 2021



Welcome to Year 3/4!

## The adults working with you this year

**Class Teacher:** Miss Newman

**LSAs:** Miss Pelosi

**PE:** Mr Goldsmith (Sports Coach)

**Science:** Mrs Denness (Year 4)

**Cover:** Mrs Johnstone

## Things to remember

In Lower Key Stage Two, children are encouraged to further develop their independence (in their learning as well as day-to-day responsibilities) to ensure that they are ready to move up through the school. Please help by encouraging your child to do things independently, such as getting themselves ready for school, carrying their own bags, and remembering their water bottles, PE kits and jumpers/coats.

**Daily:** Bring in your school bag, reading book, reading record, spellings book and named water bottle. Snack will need to be brought in as the school does not provide fruit in KS2. Snacks MUST be fruit.

**Wednesday:** Bring in PE kit. PE will be on Wednesday and Friday afternoons with Mr Goldsmith, but please have your PE kit in school all week in case it is needed at other times.

**Friday:** Take home PE kit.



## Homework



Homework is given out in the Homework Diaries for each half term. Please see your child's Homework Diary for more information. They are expected to read their reading book, or any other book, as often as they can (preferably every day if possible!). Please record any reading in the Reading Record books (small yellow book). Additional homework activities may also be given out as and when required.



## Spellings



There will be a spellings book with spellings to learn in. We will have a spelling lesson most days, and the children will have new words to learn or a spelling pattern to investigate (sometimes these will be high frequency words or topic words and sometimes they will follow a specific spelling pattern that we are focusing on in our spelling lessons). These will be assessed or form part of a discussion on Fridays. We will be practising these every day in class but you also need to practise as much as possible at home (e.g. 5 minutes every day at home or while travelling to and from school). Please keep the Spellings Book in your child's bag so it can be used at home and in school.



## Reading



The children are encouraged to **independently** change their reading book on a regular basis. Reading comprehension is a big focus. When you are reading with your child, make sure that you talk about what is happening, who the characters are, how they are feeling, what information the text is telling you, what type of book it is and so on. Please ensure that the reading record is signed. It is also really beneficial for your child to hear stories read by someone else!



## Rewards, sanctions and Golden Worship



We have worked together to draw up class rules with rewards and sanctions. As before, parents or other members of the family are very welcome to join us for our weekly whole school Golden Worship on Friday mornings at 8.35am, during which we celebrate achievements and progress in and out of school.



## Topics



We will have different topics each half term. A Topic Web will be sent out at the beginning of every half term that explains what we will be learning and the subjects that will be focused on.



## Information for parents: New teacher



As you may have seen, Lemur Class is being taught by two new teachers. Miss Newman is the class teacher. Miss Newman previously taught at Bembridge in Year Two, and in Early Years in Gloucestershire. Miss Pelosi is the LSA.



## Attendance



At Brighstone we expect all children to have a minimum attendance of 96.5% and to start the school day punctually. This is key to ensure that you don't miss any important schooling – lessons start as soon as school starts at 8.25am! If by any chance you are late, please go to the main school office where they will be registered. Please don't knock on the classroom door as the register will have already been taken and lessons will have started. Many thanks.



## Parents' Evenings



Information about parents' evenings will follow in due course.

**If you have some time to spare and would like to come in to hear children read, then please let me know. We would greatly appreciate it – this makes a huge contribution to the children's progress.**

**Thank you!**

Please email any concerns or questions to either the school office or Lemur Class email:

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