



September 2025

Dear Parent/ carer,

Welcome to Leopard Class. I hope you all had a fabulous summer and are ready to going with the new school year. We have a busy year ahead of us, but I am excited to get started!

English, Maths and Phonics are taught daily. Other subjects are taught throughout the week with some of these rotating based on our 'Big Question' focus for each half term. All curriculum subjects are covered throughout the year.

Reading and phonics play an essential part in the Year 1 curriculum. Your child will read to an adult at least once a week. They will also take part in guided reading sessions. Books are collected in, looked and changed if necessary on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. To support the development of key reading and phonics skills, please hear your child read at home as often as possible and record this in their reading diary.

PE will take place on Tuesday and Friday each week. Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit and their school jumper, fleece or cardigan. Earrings will need to be removed on these days.

Here are the six 'Big Questions' we will be exploring this year.

Autumn 1 – What was it like when our parent and grandparents were little?

Autumn 2 – Where is my school?

Spring 1 – Who were the greatest monarchs?

Spring 2 – What is the wonderful weather?

Summer 1 – What made Thomas Gainsborough a significant individual?

Summer 2 – What makes the United Kingdom an island?

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience over the first few days. I look forward to speaking to you more throughout the year.

Kind regards,

Miss Bickmore