



THORNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Leopards Learning Diary

Week beginning: 28.1.19

Literacy

This week the children will be learning about alliteration to write a simple poem. The children will then move onto exploring stories from other cultures. We will read the story about the Chinese New Year animals and children will use what they have learnt about subordination to join sentences together (because, that, if and when) Children will then move onto reading the story The Dragon Machine. Children will use this story to then plan their own using a story map. Children will finish the week writing up their stories.

Maths

This week in Maths children will be learning about mass. Children will be exploring a set of weighing scales and how heavy a 1 kg weight feels. Children will weigh objects in the classroom that are close to 1kg and make comparisons using the vocabulary lighter, heavier and equal to.

We can use a weighing scale to measure the mass of each box.



The mass of the green box is about 5 kg.



The mass of the red box is about 2 kg.

The green box is heavier than the red box.
It is 3 kg heavier than the red box.

The red box is lighter than the green box.
It is 3 kg lighter than the green box.

The mass of the green box > the mass of red box.
The mass of red box < the mass of green box.

$$5 - 2 = 3$$

Topic

In Music this week the children will continue to explore their vocabulary pulse and rhythm as they use instruments this time to create a short piece of music.

In Science this week children will be working in small groups to design a bridge made of paper strong enough to hold a toy car ready to be made and tested next week.

P.E

In P.E this week children will be exploring movements for different seasons and using what they have learnt about the different levels to create a group dance to perform to their classmates.

Information

This week is National Story Telling week. If the children would like to bring in one of their favourite stories for story time they are most welcome. 😊

Homework

Homework will be linked with literacy, reading comprehension and Maths and some weeks children will receive some topic based homework. Homework will now be handed out on a **Wednesday** and **must** be returned to school by the following **Monday** in order to be marked. **Children who do not complete their homework on time will complete it in a lunchtime detention on Tuesday.**

Homework must be completed in pencil.

Please try and read with your child at least 3 times a week and record it in their reading record to support them in moving up through the stages.