



THORNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Leopards Learning Diary

Week beginning: 25.2.19

Literacy

This week the children will be learning about how to write an explanation. They will explore some examples in pairs, as they learn the features and discuss what explanations texts are used for. They will then listen to the story *The Story Machine* by Tom McLaughlin and think of their own machine they want to write an explanation on. Children will think about how to use conjunctions because, when, if, that and so to connect sentences in their explanations. Children will also recap on suffixes this week.

Maths

This week in Maths children will be learning about word problems. Children will explore word problems and think about what they are asking them to do e.g. add, subtract, multiply or divide. Children will learn how to use the bar modelling method to solve some of these problems.

In Focus

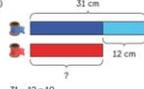

The blue ribbon is 31 cm long.
The blue ribbon is 12 cm longer than the red ribbon.
Can we draw models to find out how long the red ribbon is?

Let's Learn

1  is 31 cm long.

 is 12 cm longer than .

(a) How long is the red ribbon?
(b) What is the total length of the two pieces of ribbon?

(c) 
31 cm
12 cm
?

$31 - 12 = 19$
The red ribbon is 19 cm long.

Topic

In R.E this week children will continue to learn about the Muslim religion and how the Islamic New Year is celebrated. In History children will be introduced to the famous scientist Isaac Newton and how his childhood helped lead to his successes. Children will also learn more about recycling this week.

P.E

In P.E this week the children will be continuing their work in gymnastics. They will learn to work in small groups to create a sequence of steps, including high level and low level movements, to carry out on small apparatus.

Information

Our topic is all about recycling this half term. If you could bring in any recyclable materials, that would be great. For example, boxes, newspaper, plastic bottle lids, cartons, yogurt pots, etc. Please make sure they have been cleaned thoroughly. Thank you.

Homework

This half term children will be bringing home some sample SATs questions to practice. Please support them with these so that you also know what is expected in a SATs test paper. Thank you 😊

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.