

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to start this letter by welcoming you to our school. The purpose of this letter is to give you some information about our topics for this half term and some extra information.

Inside your child's reading bag, you will find a yellow communication book. You can use this book to communicate with us. We will put one of our initials next to your comment so you can see when we have read the note. If your comment requires a response we will try and speak to you personally, if this is not possible, we will respond in writing. The office will send a weekly newsletter to you via your email, included within the newsletter you will find the menu for the following week. Please could we ask that you indicate in your child's communication book, your child's choice of dinner. Please use the following code. Option 1, Option 2, V or Home Packed lunch. Below is an example of how to record your child's dinner options.

Mon -Option 1

Tue -Option 2

Wed -Home Packed Lunch

Thu - V

Fri - Option 1

The children will be taking part in two topics this half term. Our first topic is called 'Ourselves.' The children will be encouraged to talk about themselves, their families, and homes. Please send in some photos of your child and their significant people. You can email these photos to the school office. [office.rivenhall@dcvst.org](mailto:office.rivenhall@dcvst.org) Please remember to include your child's name within the email. Thank you.

The next project is all about Bears. The children will take part in a range of learning opportunities based around familiar stories about bears. Such as, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt,' by Michael Rosen, 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'Whatever Next,' by Jill Murphy.

Over the next six weeks your child will be taking part in the Reception Baseline Assessment. (RBA) This assessment will be carried out one-to-one at school and does not require any preparation at home.

Your child will take it in turns to be given the role of the 'Star of the day.' After we have taken the register the star of the day is responsible for counting how many sandwich boxes are on the trolley and returning the register to the school office, initially supported by an adult. During the day, when the class lines up to go to the toilet, go to assembly or walk outside to the big playground, the star of the day goes at the front of the line.

Every Friday the PTA (Parent, Teacher, Association) has a cake stall. The cost of a cake is 20p. Please can I ask that you send in £1.20 into school in a named envelope. This will be the cost of a cake until October half term.

Leopard Class team encourages children to drink water throughout the day to stay hydrated and to aid learning. Please ensure your child has a named water bottle (Containing water only please) in school each day to enable them to drink regularly. Please could you also ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school every day as we try to go outside at playtime, even if it is raining!

Next week, your child will be given a wordless book. Please could you spend time with your child supporting them to make up a story related to the pictures. It is good to do this a few times to help them explore lots of language etc. Please record each time you have shared the book in the yellow reading record by writing the date, signing your name, and writing a small comment.

PE takes place on a Thursday afternoon. Changing for PE is fun, but the children do need to learn to manage their own buttons, socks and shoes. Lots of practice with this at home is much appreciated! Please also make sure that everything is named otherwise it is impossible for us to trace clothes.

Despite our wonderful selection of school resources, we are always grateful in Leopard class for the following items: kitchen rolls, boxes, washing up bottles, buttons and newspapers.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to talk to us.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Ramsey, Mrs Sapienza and the Leopard Class Team.