



Leopard Newsletter

Autumn Term 1



Welcome to Leopard Class, where we are proud to be Learning HEROES! We work hard to be Honest, Engaged, Respectful and Open-minded in everything we do.

In Leopard Class, we believe that every light is different, every light matters and every light can make a difference. We encourage one another to be curious, take on challenges, ask questions, learn from our mistakes and celebrate each other's successes.

Together, we will **learn, grow, explore and have fun**, helping our own lights – and the lights of those around us – to shine brightly.

Leopard Staffing

Miss Murch will be teaching the class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr Finburg will be teaching the class on a Thursday and Friday. Miss Dreka will be the full-time TA in the class. Mr Burrows will also be covering the class when required.

Uniform

All of our uniform can be purchased online from Sussex Uniforms.
<https://www.monkhouse.com/school/st-mark-s-c-e-school-urn-114545>

Our uniform is:

- Navy Sweatshirt or cardigan
- A white polo shirt
- Black or grey trousers, shorts or skirt
- Black school shoes

Your child should also bring a named water bottle.

Our PE day is on a FRIDAY.

You need to come to school in your PE kits on this day. You can wear black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, trainers and school jumper. **Please do not wear logos or coloured tops.**

Thank you.

Reading Rock Stars!

Our book changing day is on a MONDAY.

Please aim to read for at least 10 minutes a day with your child. Encouraging them to read aloud builds confidence and speed. Each time your child reads, record it in their Reading Logs. If your child reads 5 times in a row, they are entered into our Reading Rock Stars Prize Draw!

Homework – PURPLE MASH

Each week, your child will get 1 piece of maths homework, 1 piece of SPAG homework and 1 piece of spelling homework allocated to them on the PURPLE MASH platform.

Homework is set on a **MONDAY** and due in on **FRIDAY**

If you have any questions please email:

We try to check this every 48 hours.

Check out our website for lots of useful information
www.stmarks.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Our learning this half term

R.E

This half term, we are focusing on the religion of Hinduism by answering the big question:
How do questions about Brahman and atman influence the way a Hindu lives?

English

In our English lessons, we will be exploring the book – Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover. We will be incorporating and developing our spellings and grammar skills within our writing.

Maths

In Maths, Miss Murch will be focusing on Place value and fractions, while Mr Finburg will be focusing on addition and subtraction for this half term.

History:

In History, we will be exploring Ancient Greece in detail. Investigating the Empire, Myths and Legends as well as the Arts and Theatre.

Art & Design

Our art and design will be linked with the Ancient Greece topic. We will be making masks, scenery and looking at the ancient architecture.

Science

In science, we will be investigating living things and their habitats with a focus on plants and life cycles.

PE

PE this term will consist of a mixture of badminton and gymnastics.

ICT

We will be using the platform PURPLE MASH to explore databases and coding.

French

In French, we will be learning the French alphabet and counting up to 30.

Music

In Music, we will be looking at GRIME and listening to a range of artists leading to composing our own pieces.

PSHE

We will be discussing and understanding how to learn well together and to compromise. Coping with uncomfortable feelings. Managing stress, anxiety and calming strategies.