



# Pendragon Community Primary School

## Autumn 1 Term

### Pumas, Jaguars, Panthers and Leopards

#### National Curriculum

As **Readers** we will be reading 'The Chronicles of Narnia, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,' and using this to spark imagination for our own portal story, focusing on the setting.

As **Mathematicians** we will begin by deepening and consolidating our place value knowledge. We will then focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division methods. Alongside this, we will practice our times tables on a weekly basis.

As **Writers** we will be learning and performing some poems. We will also be using Talk 4 Writing to learn 'The Garden' story by heart before using this plot structure to plan and write our own stories.

In **RE** we will be learning about what it means to have faith and to believe. We will focus on a variety of individuals such as Greta Thunberg and Martin Luther King, finding out about how their faith has supported them through life.

As **Artists** we will study the artist Henri Rousseau's paintings focusing on the rainforest theme. We will look at the colours used, light and shade, size of plants and flowers, foreground and background. We will then create our own Rousseau pictures.



As **Scientists** we will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will learn about the 7 characteristics of a living thing, classification keys and animals found in our local and wider environment.

In **PSHCE** we will be getting to know each other and learning about Beginning and Belonging. Discussing what it means to belong to a community and how we each contribute to this.

As **Geographers** we will be exploring the Amazon Rainforest and the importance of this wonder to us as individuals. We will be looking at the layers of the rainforest, deforestation and how we can help minimise the effects of climate change.

In **Computing** we will be using Purple Mash software to learn about online safety. We will learn about phishing, scams and fake websites. We will also learn how we can keep safe whilst browsing on the internet and what a healthy amount of screen time should be.

As **Musicians** we will be learning through the online music scheme 'Charanga'. Our units of 'Mamma Mia' and '5 Gold Rings' will involve Makaton singing, listening, appraising, as well as performing.

In **PE** we will be developing our ball skills and exploring the fundamentals such as skipping, hopping, jumping, dodging and running.

As **Linguists** we will be learning the French alphabet, numbers to 31, days and months of the year. We will also be learning vocabulary linked to the seasons, birthdays and Christmas.





### Supporting Learning at Home

- ☺ **Mathletics:** [www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk) – set on Fridays and due the following Thursday.
- ☺ **Maths:** Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) will be sent home to learn each half term.
- ☺ **Times Tables** A target for the end of Year 3 is for children to know the 3, 4 and 8 times tables, and by the end of Year 4 is for children to know their multiplication tables up to  $12 \times 12$ . It is important for children to practise their tables regularly.
- ☺ **Spelling** Children will be provided with a spelling activity to complete at home. This will be sent home on Fridays and should be returned on the following Thursday.
- ☺ **Reading book** Ideally read **daily** for at least 10-15mins. Children should bring their reading record book to school each day.
- ☺ **Bugclub:** [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)  
School code: **qkc7**



### Contact

For any queries or enquiries, please contact the school office using the email below:

**School office:**

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### PE Lessons

Please ensure that your child comes in to school in their PE kit, ready for PE on the PE days below.

**Pumas PE is on Mondays and Thursdays**  
**Jaguars PE is on Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
**Panthers PE is on Tuesdays and Thursdays.**  
**Leopards PE is on Wednesdays and Fridays.**

If your child has long hair, please ensure they have a hair band, as long hair must be tied back for PE. It is expected that all children can remove watches/earrings for PE. If your child is unable to remove their own stud earrings these should be removed at home on PE days or micropore tape provided so they can cover them. Thank you for your support with this.

### The Haven and wellies

Each class will have a weekly time slot to use the Haven. Wellies should be brought into and kept in school so that this space can be used throughout the year.

### Personal belongings in school

Your child should only come into school each day with their packed lunch, water bottle and reading book. All other resources that the children require for their learning will be provided by school.