

## General Information

In Year 3, children will be given their individual spellings on a weekly basis and will be tested on Tuesdays. Homework will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday. As well as homework and spellings, children will be expected to practise the Times Tables that they are currently working at. These are tested on a Wednesday.

Pupils are encouraged to access the specially selected interactive educational tools on the Abacus Mathematics Active Learn website. Information about logging on details and passwords will be shared with you shortly.

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home, even if it is just a little each night. It is useful, at this stage, to ask your child questions related directly to the text such as 'Why do you think...?' and 'How do you know...?' This will develop their comprehension skills.

P.E. will take place on a Monday and a Friday. Please make sure that your child has a suitable kit (each piece clearly labelled with their name) for indoor and outdoor activities all week. This term, our focuses in P.E. are following rules for competitive and non-competitive games and dance.

If you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to us.

We look forward to seeing you all throughout the coming term.

All the best,

Mr J Harfield and Miss V Bennett

## LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Year 3 - Mr Harfield/Miss Bennett

## English

This term, we will be sharing a range of texts including fairy stories, myths and legends and poetry. We will be reading and comparing two texts by the author Michael Morpurgo - 'The Rainbow Bear' and 'Kaspar, Prince of Cats'. Other class texts include 'The Indian in the Cupboard' by Lynne Reid Banks. There will be a specific focus on comprehension and the discussion of words and phrases that capture the readers' interest and imagination. Pupils will be encouraged to ask questions to improve their understanding of a text and draw inferences of characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, justifying this with evidence. In Writing, pupils will have opportunities to write for a range of real purposes and audiences as part of their work across the curriculum. They will become more confident in organising their writing into paragraphs, using organisational devices in non-fiction and create settings, characters and plot in narratives. Pupils will continue to develop their use of a range of punctuation, including inverted commas, apostrophes and commas.

## Mathematics

This term, pupils will be taught to count in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100 and to find 10 or 100 more or less than a given number. We will be using our knowledge of place value to compare and order numbers to at least 1000. There will be a focus on using formal methods of columnar addition and subtraction and the solving of more complex addition and subtraction problems. Pupils will learn to recall and use multiplication facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables and to connect tenths to place value, decimal measures and to division by 10.

## Our Curriculum

This term, our exciting topic is 'The Americas'. We will learn about early civilisation and the Native Americans, exploring how they lived and their cultures and beliefs. In Art & Design, we will be designing and making our own dreamcatchers and totem poles. This will be followed by learning about the explorer Christopher Columbus and how his famous voyage across the Atlantic Ocean led to the discovery of America and the impact this had. We will compare Columbus' achievements with America's great modern discoverer Neil Armstrong and his Apollo 11 mission to the moon. In Geography, we will be learning all about Alaska and its climate, natural and manmade features, the Inuit people who live there and its wildlife. This will include attempting to construct our own igloos! We will also be investigating the varying weather patterns in the Americas and the impact tornadoes and hurricanes have had on the landscape. We will become time detectives and visit 1912 and the infamous 'unsinkable' ship, HMS Titanic. A tour of America's finest landmarks including painting opportunities of the eye-catching Golden Gate Bridge, the magnificent New York skyline and the majestic Niagra Falls completes our adventure!

In Science, our topic is 'Animals including Humans' where we will be identifying the need for nutrition from external sources and looking at the purpose of teeth, skeletons and muscles as well as the roles of our vital organs.

Our Music themes for this term are titled 'Let Your Spirit Fly' and 'Glockenspiel'.

All children in Year 3 will receive a weekly French lesson with Mrs McLean.