

General Information

The children will have two PE sessions a week; this half term, we are swimming on Fridays and our other PE session is on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure that children bring the appropriate PE kit in for our PE sessions. Earrings should be removed on these days.

Spellings will be tested every Tuesday and times tables every Wednesday . It would be fantastic if you could support your child by helping them to prepare for these tests. I would also really appreciate it if you could hear your child read at home each day and discuss their book with them. Reading daily at home with your child will have a positive impact on their confidence and help to improve their comprehension skills.

Homework will be given out each week on a Thursday and should be handed in the following Tuesday. Wherever possible, homework will relate to the work that has been covered during Literacy and Numeracy lessons that week.

We are always extremely grateful for adult support in hearing children read at school. If you are able to help, please let us know.

Please come in and see me, if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you

Mrs S Whatling

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Year 5 - Mrs Whatling

English

During our English this term, we will be looking at biographies and autobiographies; we will read some different biographies looking at the features and what makes them interesting for the reader, which we will then use to write our own autobiographies. The children will also be looking at recounts, explanation texts and instructions and rhymes and humorous poetry. This term the children will also revise basic grammar work, such as defining different classes of word, using a full range of punctuation and selecting the correct verb tenses, which they will then implement into their work. We will support and help them to improve their handwriting so it is clear, fluent and consistently joined. Writing will continue to be cross-curricular, linking to our other topics such as Science and History so that the children become more able to adapt their writing for any purpose.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will be continuing to work on place value. Children will learn to read, write and order numbers with up to 6 digits. We will then move onto addition and subtraction with up to 6 digits. We will be continuing our work on applying these skills in solving problems during our weekly Maths sessions linked to the Maths we have covered so far. This allows children to transfer their number skills to practical situations to show a deeper understanding of what they have learnt. The children will continue to develop their mental arithmetic skills with a focussed daily session concentrating on the four main operations (add, subtract, multiply and divide). They will also focus on their times tables on a weekly basis. We will be focusing on converting time from 12h to 24h clocks and applying this to working out time intervals. Also this term, we will be looking at calculating change.

Our Curriculum

In History, we will be learning about 'The Ancient Mayan Civilisation'. The children will look at different aspects of Mayan life such as religion, diet, important cities and education. We will then be comparing this to how we live today.

In Art and Design, we will be looking at shading and tone to create mood and feeling. We will also be creating some art work linked to the Mayan Civilisation. Later in the term, we will be making boats linked to our 'Forces' topic in Science.

In Science, we will be looking at the forces around us and how they can impact on what people do such as air resistance when parachuting. During the second half term, we will be looking at properties and their changes. We will be exploring Science through scientific enquiry.

In Computing, we will be focussing on E-safety and how we can keep ourselves safe online and what to do if we see something that is not appropriate. This is a big part of the ICT curriculum for Year 5 and we will cover different aspects of E-safety with the children.

In PE, this half term, we will be learning how to swim using the different strokes and various different swimming skills. Also in PE, we will be developing our skills in tag rugby. Next half term, we will be focusing on gymnastics and football.

In RE, we will be learning about Hinduism and we will look at different aspects of this religion. The children will explore the religion through festivals, stories and symbols.

As part of our PHSE curriculum, we will be focussing on working together and how we can do this successfully. The children will learn about themselves from different people's perspectives as well as look at how they see themselves.