

General Information

The children will have two PE sessions a week; this half term, will be netball on Wednesdays and 'Outdoor and Adventurous' activities on Fridays. Please ensure that children bring the appropriate PE kit in (all clearly named) for our PE sessions. Earrings must 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. We would also really appreciate it if you could hear your child read at home each day and discuss the content 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. Homework will normally relate to the work that has been covered within English and Maths lessons during the week. Sometimes, there will be a longer project to complete over several weeks incorporating skills from across the curriculum.

We are always extremely grateful for adult support in hearing children read at school. If you are able to help, please contact the School Office.

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

Thank you for your continued support particularly with hearing your child read regularly - it makes a difference to their confidence and progress.

Miss L Marshall and Mrs E Taylor

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



LINK-UP SUMMER TERM 2019

Year 5 - Miss Marshall
and Mrs Taylor

English

In English this term, we will begin by revisiting the skills of proofreading and editing to make our writing as impressive as possible. We will look at 'The Lighthouse' and write the story in our own words using different methods of creating suspense. We will also look at poems on the theme of cats, inspired by TS Eliot. After half term, we will be writing discussion texts and also looking at classic fiction through Kipling's 'The Jungle Book' and 'Just So Stories'. In reading, we will read a variety of texts and continue to practise a variety of skills including retrieving information and making inferences.

During our Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) lessons we will be focusing on varying sentence structure by using fronted adverbials and parenthesis, as well as changing the order of main and subordinate clauses.

Mathematics

In Mathematics this term, we will begin by revisiting decimal place value. We will work with decimals by rounding, ordering, comparing and finding equivalent fractions and percentages. We will then look at shapes and their properties. We will learn how to accurately draw and measure different types of lines and angles. We will also learn how to calculate missing angles and lengths. We will use mathematical vocabulary to describe 2D and 3D shapes. We will also work with shapes on co-ordinate grids and use these to complete reflections and translations. We will finish by looking at measurements including time, volume and capacity. We will practise converting between metric units, and between metric and imperial units. We will practise fluency, problem solving and reasoning in each of these areas to build confidence with word problems. We will also continue to practise written and mental arithmetic; this includes times tables which will continue to be tested on a Wednesday.

Our Curriculum

In Topic, we will be learning about 'The Mayans'. We will work with maps to identify the countries of central America and the main areas of Mayan civilisation. We will explore different types of historical evidence which tell us about the Mayans. We will look at many areas of Mayan life including religion, social structure, clothes, leisure and food and drink.

In Art and Design, we will be looking at perspective to create detailed sketches of Mayan pyramids. We will use printing to create Mayan calendars and work with clay to create okarinas. We will also design and create our own chocolate bars.

In Science, our unit is called 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. We will learn about the life cycles of plants, mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. We will explore and name the parts of a flower. We will also find out about Jane Goodall and her work with the now-endangered chimpanzees in Africa.

PE this half term will take place on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. We will be learning how to play netball and also completing 'outdoor and adventurous' activities.

In Computing, we will be examining databases. We will learn that a database is a collection of data that is specially organised for rapid search and retrieval by a computer. We will investigate online databases such as 'RightMove' and also create our own database based on the characteristics of our own houses.

In RE, we will be exploring what it is like to be a Christian in Vellore, South India and how being religions can vary from place to place.

Our PSHE curriculum will focus on coping with change. We will explore why things change, strategies we can use to help us when we are unsure of change and why change can be good.