

General Information

PE - Our PE lessons will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure children have suitable kit, for indoor and outdoor activities, in school all week.

Spellings - Spelling words will be sent home weekly and will be tested on Mondays. Please support your child in learning their words. Several short practices are more beneficial than learning them all in one go!

Times Tables - Children will be given a weekly times table test on a Wednesday. They will then have opportunities to show evidence of greater depth of understanding by applying this knowledge to solve a range of problems.

Homework - Homework will be given on a Friday to be handed in by the following Tuesday. The focus continues to be handwriting and correct letter formation, as well as tasks related to our topic.

Reading - Regular home reading is important. Please read a little each night and sign the reading record. When reading, encourage your child to talk about what they have read and ask them questions about the story and characters.

Any parents wishing to come in and help will be warmly welcomed. If you have any queries or concerns, please come in and see us.

Mrs Bayes and Miss Bennett

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



LINK-UP SPRING TERM 2018

Year 2 - Mrs Bayes and
Miss Bennett

English

In English, we will continue to develop our skills of reading, writing and spelling. We will refresh and revise basic writing skills such as full stops, capital letters, conjunctions, adjectives, handwriting and sentence construction. Through our 'Great Fire of London' topic, we will develop writing in a range of styles including diary writing, newspaper reports and recounts which sequence events in chronological order. We will also create stories set in a familiar places and write poems about fire and flames. During our taught handwriting sessions, pupils will continue to practise joining letters and writing capital letters of correct size and orientation. If you wish to help support your child at home, please look at and discuss a range of reading material (books, comics and encyclopaedias) and perhaps visit the local library or library bus.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will develop our understanding of number and place value using the four operations (+, -, x and ÷). The children will find differences between two numbers and record using a number line. The children will revise doubles and corresponding halves to 15, find odd and even numbers, round to the nearest 10 and recognise $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of shapes. We will practise recognising all coins, know their value and use them to make amounts and give change. We will also write totals using the £ or p notation. Using a range of objects, the children will be able to identify properties (including faces and vertices) of 2D and 3D shapes and sort them according to a range of criteria. We will apply new learning to solving real life problems and puzzles.

Our Curriculum

Flour and Flames - The Great Fire of London

Our topic this term is 'Flour and Flames'. As historians, we will investigate life in Stuart England and compare our lives with the lives of people in 17th century England. As geographers, we will identify important cities in England and learn why London was chosen as the capital city. Come and watch our Class Assembly on the 9th March when we will share our learning with you!

Science - Forces and Movement and Mini-worlds

As scientists, we will find out how different objects move and the forces used to move them. We will ask questions and investigate how forces can change the shape of materials and affect how they move. In our 'Mini Worlds' topic, we will explore and compare the differences between things that are living or dead and things that have never been alive. We will describe how different habitats provide for the needs of animals and plants. We will use our scientific skills to observe, identify and classify and use our observations to answer questions and record data.

PSHE/British Values - At the start of this term, we will remind ourselves of the school's Code of Conduct and review our own class rules. We will learn about healthy lifestyles, focussing on healthy eating and the need for regular physical activity.

RE - This term, we will learn about the people, places and objects that are special to Sikhs and compare these to our own lives.

Art - As well as looking at paintings from the time of the Great Fire of London, we will learn about the work of well-known artists such as Andy Goldsworthy. Children will have opportunities to use a range of materials to create their own masterpieces!