

General Information

We are delighted to welcome, once again, The Ouse Washes Molly Dancers, a local Molly Dancing group, to our school. They will be teaching the children Molly Dancing and sharing folk tales about the local area. This will take place on Mondays from Monday 15th January.

Our Class Assembly will take place on Friday 2nd February - please come and join us at 9.10am.

Spellings will continue to be tested on Tuesday mornings and multiplication tables on Wednesday mornings. It is vital that children prepare for these tests in order to support their speed in arithmetic and in writing. It would be great if you could help your children to practise. We would also really appreciate it if you could hear your child read at home each day and discuss their book with them. This will help them to improve their vocabulary knowledge and general comprehension skills.

Please can you ensure that children bring in their reading books every day together with their reading record. We also invite you to sign this and record the pages read and discussed at home. Thank you for your support.

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

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

Kind regards

Mrs S Whatling

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Year 5 - Mrs Whatling

English

During our English this term, we will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction books relating to the geography topic of 'The Rainforest'. The children will write persuasive arguments and create posters against deforestation to help persuade people in relation to environmental issues. The children will also make information texts to demonstrate their understanding of the topic and to organise this clearly and effectively. In addition, we will be looking at some of Shakespeare's plays, as retold by Marcia Williams, and interpreting some of the old-fashioned language used. The children will then write their own play scripts. As a year group, we are also going to explore different genres of stories and choose our favourite one to write our own story.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will revise place value, including negative numbers. We will also consolidate learning on written methods for the four main operations (add, subtract, divide and multiply). We will also focus on fractions this term, calculating fractions of amounts, identifying equivalent fractions and converting fractions into decimals. Once the children are secure with the mathematical concepts, their understanding will be deepened by applying this to solving problems. In Shape, the children will learn how to read and plot co-ordinates using the first two quadrants and how to translate and reflect shapes. They will revise 2D shapes, area and perimeter to consolidate what they already know.

. Our Curriculum

In Art and Design, we will be using a variety of materials to create collages linked to our topic of 'The Rainforest'.

In Science, we will be learning about how materials can change their state and how this is useful in life. The children will think about how to group and classify different materials by their properties. They will carry out tests to learn about condensation and evaporation and be able to identify whether changes are reversible or irreversible. The children will look at insulators and conductors and will write their own persuasive letters to a lunch box manufacturer, suggesting practical recommendations for the perfect lunch box using their findings.

In Computing, the children will continue with work on programming and debugging algorithms. They will continue to learn about e-safety and the positive and negative aspects of the World Wide Web linked to our topic work.

In PE, on Mondays, we will be learning how to Molly dance. We shall be performing a range of dances for you in a special performance at the end of term - further information will follow. Swimming will take place on Fridays this half term.

In RE, we will compare creation myths from different faiths and religions, including Hinduism, Christianity and Islam. The children will identify key similarities and differences and retell their own versions of some of the stories.

In Geography this term, we will be finding out about the Amazonian rainforest. The children will learn about plant and animal habitats and food chains. They will also learn about deforestation and some of its impacts. We will also be using atlases to locate different rainforests around the world .