

## General Information

Reading: Thank you for your continued support at home. The children are making good progress with their reading. It is important to continue to hear them read daily and discuss what they are reading and to develop their appreciation of books.

Spelling: Thank you for your continued support at home. Spelling tests will continue to take place on Tuesday mornings. Challenge your child to say and/or write a sentence using the spelling words correctly.

Number Bonds: Number bond and multiplication tests will take place on a Wednesday. Once pupils are secure with their knowledge and rapid recall of number bonds to 10 and 20, they will progress to multiplication tests. They will learn a multiplication table in order, then mixed up and finally at speed. We will focus on the 2x, 5x and 10x multiplication tables.

PE: These sessions will continue on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit appropriate for the weather; earrings must be removed on PE days and long hair tied up.

If you have any questions, please come and speak to a member of the Year 1 Team or contact us via the School Office.

Thank you for your continued support with phonics, reading, spellings and mental maths tests - it makes a difference to your child's progress in school,

Mrs Bayes, Mrs Wild and Mrs Slater

# LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



## LINK-UP SUMMER TERM 2021

Year 1 - Mrs Bayes

# English

As part of their English learning this term, the children will be looking at books that link to the topic 'Into the Forest'. We will be looking at fairy tales, writing a diary and a letter as well as creating our own Rainforest Fact Files! Whilst looking at fairy tales, such as 'Little Red Riding Hood', a focus will be placed on creating descriptive pieces of writing based on reading a range of stimulating stories. The children will then learn about the features of diaries and letters, descriptive writing and will write a rhyming forest poem. We will be using texts such as 'The Foggy, Foggy Forest' to support this. We will also be looking at narrative poetry using 'The Gruffalo' and the children will then write their own narrative poems. We will also use non-fiction material to look at information texts on rainforest animals.

Children will continue to develop their knowledge of letter sounds and reading skills during Phonics lessons. We will look at alternative spellings for sounds e.g. ay, ai, a-e, eigh, etc.

Letter formation and presentation of written work will be further developed during handwriting lessons and will be encouraged in all forms of recording. We will start to join our handwriting beginning by joining two letters together.

# Mathematics

In Mathematics, children will continue to build on their existing knowledge of number and place value. They will continue to explore number patterns through counting and the use of a range of visual and practical resources. Children will develop their ability to count on and in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s alongside their ability to read, record and understand the place value of numbers.

Children will continue to develop their ability to understand and apply in regards to all four operations. These skills will be developed both mentally and when completing written recording.

We will also be revisiting how to tell the time using o'clock and half past, comparing different capacities of containers and measuring the mass of objects as part of the 'Shape, Space and Measure' element of the Mathematics curriculum.

One of the most valuable things you can do is talk to your child about their Maths learning. Ask them what they have been learning and encourage them to explain how they worked out a calculation.

# Our Curriculum

This term, our topic is 'Into the Forest' so we will be investigating mini-beasts, looking closely at plants and trees as well as the location of the rainforests. In Art, we will be looking at Picasso and his simplistic art style by creating flowers for our forest. This will involve thinking about why colour is important and exploring shades and tones.

In Science, we will be investigating invertebrates (mini-beasts) and linking this to DT by creating mini-beast homes. We will also be looking at plants and investigating what they need to grow by planting a bean seed. The children will also be learning some names of common garden plants as well as deciduous and evergreen trees.

Seasonal activities will continue and this term's activities will focus on the changes that occur during the Spring and Summer months. We will be looking at changes in the weather as well as comparing different areas of the world. We will also be looking at the local area.

In PE this term, we will be developing our balance and movement skills and refining the skills of aiming, throwing and catching.

In PSHE, we will be continuing to explore our emotions and associated vocabulary. We will be looking at friendships, hobbies, being part of a team and dealing with change.

International Week - Our annual whole school International Week takes place during the week commencing 7th June. We will be looking at the country of Australia and finding out about where it is on the map, famous landmarks, weather, seasons, animals, food and aboriginal art.