

General Information

Children will continue to be provided with their individual spellings on a weekly basis and will be tested on Tuesdays. Homework will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday. As well as homework and spellings, children will be expected to practise the Times Tables that they are currently working at. These are tested on a Wednesday. Pupils are encouraged to access the specially selected interactive educational tools on the Abacus Mathematics Active Learn website. Please come and see us, if you require information about logging on details and passwords.

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home, a little each day is best. It is useful, at this stage, to ask your child questions related directly to the text such as 'Why do you think...?' and 'How do you know...?' This will develop their comprehension skills.

P.E. will take place on a Monday and a Friday. Please make sure that your child has a suitable kit (each piece clearly labelled with their name) for indoor and outdoor activities all week. This term, our focus in P.E. will be gymnastics. Swimming will resume after half term.

If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to us.

We look forward to seeing you all throughout the coming term.

All the best,

Mr J Harfield and Miss V Bennett

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



LINK-UP SPRING TERM 2018

Year 3 - Mr Harfield and
Miss Bennett

English

This term, children will be identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books and authors. Children will be using dictionaries to check the meanings of words that they have read and will be preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action.

Children will continue to have many opportunities to write at length for a range of purposes and audiences. These will be linked to our 'Tudors' topic as necessary, including writing a non-chronological report on life in Tudor times, a persuasive advertisement for a wife for Henry VIII and a play script about a chosen aspect of the Tudors. Children will continue to build on and apply learned spelling, punctuation and grammar skills with greater accuracy.

Mathematics

In our Mathematics lessons, we will further develop our skills of adding and subtracting with formal written methods. This term, we will also cover grid multiplication, fractions of amounts, equivalent fractions, angles and perimeter of 2D shapes. As well as this, the children will be developing their understanding of decimal numbers and telling the time using am/pm and 24 hour digital clocks. We will continue to include problem solving opportunities in the lessons as well as quick mental maths questions to ensure children are able to select the correct operation and apply the strategies they have learned.

Our Curriculum

This term, the main topic is 'The Tudors'. The children will find out how the Tudors came to power, what King Henry VIII was like, what happened to his wives, what Queen Elizabeth was like plus interesting information relating to exploration during the reign of the Tudors. We will also find out about Tudor architecture in the local area, Tudor medicine, music and art.

In Science, we will be carrying out some investigative work on magnets including whether the size of a magnet affects its strength and what affects the direction the compass points to. After half term, we will be exploring rocks and their properties.

In Computing, children will be selecting, using and combining a variety of software on a range of digital devices to present data and information. They will also be introduced to 'programming and control' and understand that an 'algorithm' is a specific set of instructions used to control a function.

The children will have French with Mrs McLean on Thursday afternoons. They will develop their French vocabulary and will practise their skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking in French.

Finally, in PE for the first half term, we will be using the gymnastics apparatus in the hall to combine balance and travel to make routines. In the second half term, we will return to swimming sessions.