

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



LINK-UP SPRING TERM 2018

Year 4 - Mrs McBeath

English

This term, we will begin by looking at recounts, reading 'Little Mouse's Book of Fears' by Emily Gravett. The children will study the key features of recounts and will write a fictional recount about an animal escaping from a predator. The children will read different non-chronological texts relating to wolves and they will investigate and write non-chronological reports about British wildlife. We will read different traditional tales, including those with an unexpected twist. The children will then write their own variations of well-known stories. In poetry, we will be watching, performing, reading and writing a range of performance poetry, inspired by Julia Donaldson. In grammar, we will be revising how to punctuate dialogue correctly and the different tenses of verbs. We will learn spelling rules, particularly those including the same prefixes and suffixes. The children will continue to work on their handwriting, to ensure letters are formed to the correct size and formation and are consistently joined.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will begin by revising place value, ordering numbers on number lines and adding/subtracting 10/100/1000 from a given number. We will further our skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, applying these to problems involving money, time and measure. The children will learn to identify the names of different angles and to recognise symmetry. The children will revise the properties of 2-D shapes and understand what parallel and perpendicular mean. We will also continue to practise times tables, with the aim of learning all times tables facts by the end of this academic year.

General Information

Please ensure children always have the appropriate PE kit in school for the week. This should include footwear and clothing for both indoor and outdoor sessions. Our PE sessions will usually be on Tuesdays. We will be swimming during the second half of this term.

Our times tables will continue to take place each Monday morning and spellings will be tested on Tuesday mornings. Please try to support children by practising these for five minutes daily, as short repetitive sessions will help children to retain these more easily.

Please try to hear your child read aloud at least three to four times a week and ask varied questions to help develop their comprehension skills and deepen their vocabulary knowledge.

Homework will be continue to be given out each week on Thursday and should be handed in the following Tuesday. The homework will usually relate to the Maths and English from that week or may be project based, relating to History, Geography or Science.

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

Jackie McBeath and Fiona McLean

Our Curriculum

Our Geography topic this term is about rivers and the water cycle. The children will investigate the many different ways that water is sourced and used in the world around them. They will also look in detail at the 'Water Cycle'. The topic will include looking at the water systems of the Fens as our local History study. Within this topic, we will also be looking at and comparing famous European and American mountains.

In Art, children will be looking at sketching using different tones and techniques, such as shading, stippling and cross-hatching. We will be looking at the Impressionist artists, particularly those who have used water as a source of inspiration or medium; the children will be using water colours to create their own version of Monet's Water Lilies.

Our Science topics this term are on 'Sound' and 'Electricity'. In our Sound topic, we will learn about how sound travels and is heard and how to muffle sound. The children will learn about the uses and dangers of electricity; they will consider mains and battery-powered devices and follow circuit diagrams in order to make their own electrical circuits.

During Computing, children will be programming using Kodu. They will also use the internet to carry out research in various subject areas and will learn about internet safety as part of the school's focus on Safer Internet Day.

This term's PE focus will be on gymnastics, with children learning different jumps and balances and to use different equipment safely. We will also be practising the different passing and shooting techniques used in netball, and learning the rules of this game, ultimately playing this competitively in teams.