

## General Information

- All children must read for a sustained period of time each day, either to an adult or to themselves, followed by discussion to check comprehension and to explore opinion and points of view. It is also very important to discuss the meaning of any unknown vocabulary with your child. Please date and sign your child's record daily.
- Bookmarks - Your child will receive a bookmark with a list of words. Please discuss these words with your child. Can they think of definitions, synonyms (words that mean the same) or antonyms (words that mean the opposite) for each word? Please indicate in the reading record when this has been done.
- Spellings - All children are expected to work hard at learning their individualised spellings, in preparation for their test on a Tuesday, in order to achieve maximum marks.
- Times tables - Please help your child to learn their times tables. Tests will take place on Friday mornings and the focus this term is on speed and accuracy. The children usually have about three seconds to answer each question.
- Homework - Please check inside the front cover of your child's English homework book for more details. Homework Club is on Mondays after school and is open to all.
- P.E. - We are swimming this half term and have outdoor P.E. on a Thursday. Please ensure the correct kit is in school all week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do call in. Thank you.

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## LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



## LINK-UP AUTUMN TERM 2018

Year 6 - Mrs Harrison/Mrs McLean

## English

In our English lessons, we shall be reading a range of texts including classic fiction, poetry, drama, biographies and autobiographies. Written work will be linked to this and will include report writing and descriptive writing. There will be continuous work on grammar and punctuation in order to support the end of year spelling and grammar test. The 'Big Write' will take place on Thursdays. We will also be consolidating the children's understanding of spelling rules and dictionary work. In order to develop the children's reading, we will be focusing on improving comprehension, inference and deduction skills, during both one-to-one and guided reading sessions.

## Mathematics

In Maths this term, we will initially revise and extend the children's understanding of place value and the number system. We will then move onto the four operations ( +, -, x and ÷ ) to solve word problems, fractions, decimals, number sequences and problem solving. The class will also spend a number of weeks extending their knowledge of fractions and they will learn to add, subtract and order fractions, as well as finding fractions of quantities and simplifying them. Shape and measure work will include classifying quadrilaterals and working out the perimeters and areas of compound and regular shapes. All pupils will be required to learn the multiplication tables up to 12x12 including related division facts and should be able to recall these rapidly.

## Our Curriculum

Science - Our main Science theme for this term is 'Evolution and Inheritance'. The children will recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. The class will be introduced to the idea of survival of the fittest and also find out about how animals are adapted to survive in certain environmental conditions. As an extension of this work, and to link in to our English objectives, we will discover more about the lives of Charles Darwin, Mary Anning and Alfred Wallace and how they contributed to the world of Science.

History - during this term, the class will be studying Ancient Egypt. They will find out about intrepid Egyptologists Champollion and Howard Carter and their incredible discoveries, achievements and methods. We will research pharaohs and their symbols of power and wealth. The class will also compare and contrast various aspects of Ancient Egyptian life with that of modern day Britain.

Art - Whilst studying Ancient Egypt, the class will make observational drawings and paintings of Egyptian artefacts and will make a model of a mummy using clay and Modroc.

P.E. - This term's focus is Hockey. The children will be concentrating on hand-to-eye ball skills, team work and positional play.