

General Information

- Remember to ask your child about the chocolate raffle each week for people scoring 9/10 or 10/10 on Accelerated Reading Quizzes. Has your child won a prize recently?
- Spelling Tests will recommence on Tuesdays this term. Please help your child learn their weekly spellings; a little time spent on these every day really does make a difference.
- 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 3 seconds to answer each question. Good knowledge and speed of times tables is imperative for your child to access all other areas of Maths.
- Homework - We will be using My Maths for Maths homework and setting other homework such as Geography, Science or English, using Microsoft Teams.
- P.E. Our P.E. lesson is still on a Thursday so the children will need to come dressed in their P.E. kits on that day. It will always be outdoor P.E. so the kit might need to be a warm one, although these lessons are always subject to the weather!
- Please remember to only bring in a small school bag, if absolutely necessary.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do contact us via the School Office.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Sarah Harrison Kay Naughton & Beccy Kent

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



LINK-UP SUMMER TERM 2021

Year 6 - Mrs Harrison

English

During English, we will be studying a range of text types such as short stories, non-chronological reports, persuasive and instructional texts. Over the term, the class will continue to learn about impersonal and informal language and when to use each style. This term, we will also be linking writing to other curriculum areas, such as Science and Geography, so the children become more able to adapt their writing for any purpose. We will continue to learn different spelling rules and how to accurately use different types of punctuation. We will also spend time over the next few weeks revising grammar and the correct use of Standard English. We will focus on various reading skills over the term such as summarising, predicting and inference. It would be of enormous benefit if you could hear your child read and discuss the content, as often as possible.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will be revising and consolidating areas that we introduced last term during lockdown such as algebra and measures. The children will learn how to calculate percentages and will make links between these, decimals and fractions. We will continue to work on strategies for solving word problems involving money and fractions. We will also spend time ensuring that the children are confident using written methods for each number operation. Please encourage your child to spend time learning their times tables (for example, on Rock Star Times Tables) as this will increase their speed and accuracy in written work. In Shape, children will learn how to measure angles accurately with a protractor. They will learn how to calculate missing angles from lines and other shapes. They will also revise the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

Our Curriculum

Our topic this term is 'Boom!' The children will discover how mountains are formed and learn more about the landscape, topography and weather. We will then study volcanoes and find out about how and why eruptions happen. The class will learn about the structure of volcanoes and be able to identify their key features. As well as focusing on physical geography, the children will consider why so many people live near volcanoes and what the benefits of living there might be. The class will then move on to study earthquakes and tsunamis. They will discover how earthquakes are measured and how and why they occur.

In Science, we will be covering many areas to help prepare the children for secondary school. One of our themes is the Life Cycle Of Plants. The children will learn to identify the different parts and roles of a flowering plant and then go on to revise pollination, fertilisation and seed dispersal. We are hoping to grow our own beans and see them germinating. We will also find out about photosynthesis.

Our theme in Art is 'Camouflage'. The children will use drawings and paint to create detailed images of animals camouflaged in a natural setting, such as snakes hidden in sand. They will develop their use of drawing techniques such as shading and cross-hatching, as well as revising how to mix appropriate colours with paint. The class will develop their drawings into a painting showing a repeated image, where the viewer is challenged to find the animals.

In RE, the class will learn about Buddhism, discover what it means to be a Buddhist and also consider the concept of enlightenment. The children will then go on to think about what key beliefs influence people's faith and study how people of faith live out their lives.

In Music we will be learn about rhythm notation and find out about some different genres of music such as Jazz and Pop.