

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



LINK-UP AUTUMN TERM 2018

Year 4 - Mrs McBeath/Mrs McLean

English

This term, we will begin looking at Aesop's Fables, rewritten by Michael Rosen. After studying the features of fables, the children will then write their own. We will also be looking at 'Beowulf', a historical book linked to our topic on the Vikings and re-written by Michael Morpurgo. We will then develop our descriptive writing. We will read 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell and the children will enjoy writing action sequences full of drama and excitement. Later in the term, we will look at a range of instruction and explanation texts and also create their own illustrated explanation of their own choice.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will first consolidate our understanding of place value. The children will then develop their skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also develop data handling skills by recording observations on tally charts and creating graphs. The children will also be focusing on how to tell the time using different types of clock and to solve time-related problems. We will be focusing on the 6 and 7 times tables, for the whole term, allowing us to approach it in different ways which will consolidate our quick recall of its related facts. We shall, of course, rehearse and consolidate the other times tables throughout the term. Children will continue to bring home their individualised times tables to learn for their weekly test.

General Information

Our PE lessons will take place on Mondays and on Fridays. Please ensure that children keep their PE kit in school at all times (this must include clothing/footwear for outdoors). The children will also be swimming during the second half of the term.

Our times tables tests will take place each Monday morning and spellings will be tested on Tuesday mornings.

By now, your child should be reading aloud with fluency and we strongly recommend continuing to read at home with them (ideally daily) as this will have a positive impact on their confidence and greatly help to improve their comprehension skills.

Homework will be given out each week on a 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.

We greatly appreciate any extra adult support with listening to the children read at school. If you are able to help, please let us know.

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

Jackie McBeath and Fiona McLean

Our Curriculum

History this term will be based on the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. The children will investigate the many different aspects of life from this period, including what a typical village would have been like, religious beliefs, the type of clothing worn and the food eaten. During this topic, children will be building on their geographical skills by looking at types of settlement, land use and economic activity including trade links and the distribution of natural resources.

In Art, children will be sketching using different tones and techniques, such as stippling and cross-hatching. In Design Technology, the children will prepare and cook a variety of predominantly savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques. They will also be making and using their own looms.

Our Science topic this term is 'States of Matter'. Children will be exploring different materials and will learn about solids, liquids and gases. They will also learn about whether changes are reversible or irreversible.

During Computing, children will be programming using Scratch. They will also use the internet to carry out research and will use e-mail through Starz (a child-friendly, safe on-line learning platform).

This term's PE focus will be dance and exploring movement around a space. They will also be practising ball skills, mainly through Rugby, and outdoor games.