

General Information

The children will have two PE sessions a week; this half term, we are swimming on Fridays and our other PE session is on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that children bring the correct and appropriate PE kit in for our PE sessions. Earrings must be removed on these days.

Spellings will be tested every Tuesday and times tables every Wednesday. It would be fantastic if you could support your child by helping them to prepare for these tests. It would also be greatly appreciated, if you could hear your child read at home each day and discuss their book with them. This will have a positive impact on their confidence and help to improve their comprehension skills.

Homework will be given out each week on a Thursday and should be handed in the following Tuesday. Wherever possible, homework will relate to the work that has been covered during English and Mathematics lessons that week. Sometimes, there may be a longer project to complete over several weeks incorporating skills from across the curriculum.

We are always extremely grateful for adult support in hearing children read at school. If you are able to help, please let us know.

Please visit our website (www.lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk) for further information.

Do come in and see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you

Miss L Marshall and Mrs E Taylor

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Year 5 - Miss Marshall/Mrs Taylor

English

During our English this term, we will begin by learning about information texts. We will look at some different examples to explore their features. We will also learn how to identify key information and take notes, before writing our own travel guides to modern Greece. We will also be looking at the Greek myth of 'Theseus and the Minotaur', exploring exciting descriptive vocabulary and different characters' points of view. Finally, we will look at some classic humorous poetry by Hilaire Belloc. We will use clues from the text to translate his poems into modern language before writing our own poems in his style. We will revise our understanding of basic grammar, such as different word classes, and accurately punctuate speech. We will continue to practise handwriting so that it is clear and consistently joined. We will also be writing across the curriculum, such as within Topic and Science.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will begin by revisiting place value. We will learn to read, write and order numbers with up to six digits including negative numbers. We will place numbers on numberlines and round to the nearest ten, hundred, thousand and ten thousand. We will then move on to addition and subtraction methods. We will also learn different methods of checking our answers using estimation and the inverse (for example, if our calculation is $45+65=110$, we would check by finding that $110-65$ is 45). We will also look at these areas in contexts using money, perimeter, budgeting and timelines. We will apply our understanding through investigation and problem solving, including explaining and justifying our mathematical reasoning. We will also continue to practise mental arithmetic including times tables on a weekly basis.

Our Curriculum

In History, we will be learning about 'Groovy Greeks'. We will develop our understanding of maps, focusing on Europe, and think about the physical geography of Greece. We will use historical sources to learn about different aspects of ancient Greek culture such as religion, theatre, clothing, entertainment and food.

In Art and Design, we will be looking at shading and tone to create self-portraits. We will be using different equipment including oil pastels, chalk and charcoal to create artwork linked to ancient Greece. Later in the term, we will be creating Greek theatre masks and cooking a Greek meal.

In Science, we will be looking at the properties of different materials. We will conduct experiments to help us group materials according to properties such as magnetism and conductivity. We will also look at changes in materials such as mixing or melting.

In Computing, we will be learning how to safely use the internet for research using trusted websites. We will focus on keeping ourselves safe online.

In PE this half term, we will be learning how to swim using the different strokes and various different swimming skills. Also in PE, we will be developing our skills participating in invasion games.

In RE, we will be learning about Hinduism. The different aspects of this religion will be explored through learning about important festivals, stories and symbols.

Our PSHE curriculum will focus on working together and how we can do this successfully. The children will learn about themselves from different people's perspectives as well as exploring how they see themselves.