

General Information

This half term, our PE session is on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure that children wear the correct and appropriate clothing for outdoor PE, to school on this day: navy blue or black shorts or jogging bottoms, white t-shirt and trainers. Earrings must also be removed before school on these days and long hair should be tied back.

Spelling tests will be on a Tuesday and Times Tables will be tested on a Wednesday. It would be fantastic if you could support your child by helping them to prepare for these tests.

Reading and arithmetic will be the main focus at school this term. 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 and this will begin in the second week of term. The Maths will be continue online and we will be using TT Rockstarz and My Maths. English homework will be delivered on Teams. Wherever possible, homework will relate to the work that has been covered during English and Mathematics lessons that week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the School Office.

We are really looking forward to welcoming back the class to the Summer Term.

Best wishes

Mrs F McLean and Mrs E Taylor

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



LINK-UP SUMMER TERM 2021

Year 5 - Mrs McLean
and Mrs Taylor

English

During our English this term, we will begin by linking our work to our History topic of Ancient Greece. We will be exploring how authors use language and extending our own use of amazing vocabulary by exploring the text 'Who Let the Gods Out'. We will read a range of Greek myths and legends and examine their use of patterns and language. Furthermore, we will look at the poetry Joseph Coelho and discuss his work in Werewolf Club Rules. We will use this as an opportunity to explore descriptive language in more detail.

We will revise our understanding of basic grammar, such as different word classes, and how to accurately punctuate speech. In addition, we will be revising our knowledge of relative clauses, conjunctions, fronted adverbials and semi-colons.

We will investigate spelling patterns and rules including prefixes and suffixes. Our Powerful Words project will continue to help us use a wide range of descriptive language in our writing.

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 History, Geography and Science.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will begin by revisiting fractions. We will learn to multiply, divide and find a fraction of an amount. We will use and develop our understanding of fractions by learning to order, compare and calculate decimals and percentages. We will use practical activities to investigate decimals and calculate percentages of amounts. Later in the term, our Geometry work will explore a range of 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. Some of our Geometry work will be linked to other curriculum areas such as Geography mapwork.

We will to consolidate our work on formal methods of calculation in the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We will also continue to practise mental arithmetic, including times tables, on a daily basis as well as developing our skills in problem solving and reasoning with a range of numbers.

Our Curriculum

In History, we will be studying the lives and legacy of the Ancient Greek Empire. We will explore how far the Greek Empire reached and how it still affects our lives today. For example, it has given us the basis for democracy and some of our commonly used words. We also be learning about Greek architecture, clothing and food. We will be linking our learning to the Olympic Games which has its origins in Ancient Greece.

Our Art activities will be based around our topic about The Ancient Greeks. We will be using chalk to draw the different styles of Greek architectural columns. We will also be making masks to represent the characters from Greek myths and looking at the art depicted on Greek pottery. We will also aim to make Greek ship mosaics.

Geography work, as well as being linked to our History work on Ancient Greece, will involve children using learning to use OS maps to learn about the local area.

International Week occurs during the first week of the second half term. We will be exploring Greek food, language and culture.

In French, we will continue to use Language Angels in class and the home learning platform will remain available.

In Science, our topic is Living Things and Their Habitats. We will be looking at the life cycles of frogs and understanding how some living things go through a process called metamorphosis. We will be studying the life of Jane Goodall an English primatologist and her work with chimpanzees. In addition, we will be looking at the life processes of plants. We will examine how some plants use the wind to disperse their seeds, some use insects to aid pollination and some plants we can take cuttings from to generate new plants. This topic will also give us opportunities to do lots of hands-on activities and to visit the Science Garden.

In PE, we will be developing our physical skills by participating in a variety of non-contact games and developing our athletic skills. Our PE day is on Friday and students should wear PE kit to school on this day.