

General Information

Reading: Thank you for your continued support at home. The children are making good progress with their reading. It is important to continue to hear them read daily and to discuss what they are reading and to encourage an appreciation of books.

Spelling: Thank you for your continued support at home. Spelling tests will continue to take place on Tuesday mornings.

Home learning: This will be linked to the class work and will be set on a Friday to be returned on the Tuesday. A slip will accompany homework to explain whether or not it can be found online. Please continue to use the Phonics packs distributed at Parents' Evening.

PE: These sessions will change to Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure your child has a clean, named PE kit in school at all times and appropriate for the weather; earrings must be removed on PE days and long hair tied up.

Home time: Please make a note of any alternative arrangements for home time on the noticeboard outside the classroom.

Show and tell: This will continue on Fridays but needs to link to our topic as an opportunity to enrich our learning. This could be relating to mini-beasts, plants, forests, rainforests, the weather or the local area.

If you have any questions, please come in and speak to me.

Thank you,

Miss R Coulthurst

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



LINK-UP SUMMER TERM 2018

Year 1 - Miss Coulthurst

English

As part of their English learning this term, the children will be looking at books that link to our topic 'Into the Forest'. We will be looking at fairy tales, writing a diary and a letter as well as creating our own 'Rainforest Fact Files'! Whilst looking at fairy tales, such as 'Little Red Riding Hood', a focus will be placed on creating descriptive pieces of writing based on reading a range of stimulating stories. The children will then learn about the features of diaries and letters, descriptive writing and writing a rhyming forest poem! We will be using texts such as 'The Foggy, Foggy Forest' to support this. We will also be looking at narrative poetry using 'The Gruffalo' and the children will edit the story to write their own narrative poems. We will also be completing other work using non-fiction material including looking at information texts on rainforest animals.

Children will continue to develop their knowledge of letter sounds and reading skills during Phonics lessons. All children in Year 1 will sit the Phonics Screening check later this term, in June.

Letter formation and presentation of written work will be finely tuned during handwriting lessons but also encouraged in all their recording.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, children will continue to build on their existing knowledge of number. Children will continue to develop their counting and addition skills. They will develop their ability to count on and in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s alongside their ability to read, record and understand the place value of numbers.

We will also be revisiting telling the time 'o'clock' and 'half past' and comparing different capacities of containers as part of the 'Shape, Space and Measure' element of the Mathematics curriculum.

Later in the term, the children will continue to develop their number knowledge with the use of word problems including using money as advised by the mastery curriculum for Mathematics.

The formation of number and presentation of recording will be fine-tuned throughout the Mathematics curriculum so the children are prepared for the higher expectations of Year 2.

Our Curriculum

This term our topic is 'Into the Forest' so we will be investigating mini-beasts (invertebrates), looking closely at plants and trees as well as the location of the rainforests. In Art, we will be looking at Picasso and his simplistic art style by creating flowers for our forest.

In Science, we will be investigating invertebrates (mini-beasts) and linking this to Design and Technology by creating mini-beast homes. We will also be looking at plants and investigating what they need in order to grow by planting a bean seed. The children will also be learning some names of common garden plants as well as deciduous and evergreen trees.

In PE this term, we will be developing our balance and movement skills in Gymnastics. Children will be given the opportunity to explore and develop their early skills on different apparatus. They will have the opportunity to work independently, and in pairs, to create different sequences. Alongside this, we will be preparing for Sports Day by practising key skills in Games sessions.

Computing will focus on developing children's basic computer skills by saving pieces of work then retrieving them. They will also learn how to edit their work using 'undo' or 'redo'. These activities will be completed on the laptops but children will also complete 'unplugged' (without technology) sessions to revisit coding.

Seasonal activities will continue and this term's activities will focus around the changes that occur during Spring and Summer. We will be looking at changes in the weather as well as comparing different areas of the world. We will also be looking at the local area.