

General Information

PE - Our PE lessons will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure children wear the correct kit on those days, both for indoor and outdoor activities. Earrings must be taken out during all PE lessons - if your child cannot do this independently, please ensure they are removed before school. This term, our focus in PE is to participate in team games and to learn, practise and perform gymnastic movements. During games lessons, children will practise and develop the skills of running, jumping, throwing and catching. In gymnastic lessons, children will copy, remember, explore and repeat a variety of gymnastic actions with increasing control and co-ordination.

Spellings - Words to be learnt will be sent home weekly and will be tested on Tuesdays. Please support your child in learning these words. Several short practices are more beneficial than attempting to learn them all in one session!

Multiplication Tables/Number Bonds - These will be given out weekly and tested on Mondays. Please send your child's book in on this day. The tests will focus on learning the tables firstly in order, secondly mixed up and then at speed. Number bonds to ten will go out first, followed by number bonds to 20.

Homework - Homework will usually be given on a Thursday to be handed in by the following Tuesday.

Reading - Your support with reading is so important. It helps immensely if you hear your child read every day and encourage them to talk about what they have read. Please use the reading record to note when you have heard your child read. Any comments relating to questions you asked, or discussion about the text, are helpful to us.

Please remember to read Year 2's emails and to refer to the school website for further information (www.lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk).

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come in and discuss these with us.

We are looking forward to an exciting year!

Mrs Jackie McBeath & Mrs Becki Latchford

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English

We will be using a range of different texts as a focus for our English work this term. The children will have opportunities to listen to the story, remember specific points and make predictions as to what could happen next. We will start the term looking at texts relating to pets. The children will learn about features of non-fiction books and will then start to create their own book about pets. We will read and compare some popular children's poems and learn about features such as rhythm and rhyme. The children will write a review of a chosen poem and will then start to create their own poem about their family. In our writing, we will practise using different types of punctuation correctly, such as full stops, question marks and commas and the children will be reminded about when to use capital letters. During our reading sessions, we will develop our comprehension skills through discussion about different texts and exploring the meaning of new vocabulary. Daily phonic sessions will continue with the children learning to blend and segment words for reading and spelling. We will also be looking at the correct spelling of words we use regularly in our writing and words featuring some suffixes, such as -er and -est.

Mathematics

The children will broaden their understanding of the number system and place value. We will be partitioning 2-digit numbers and then recombining them to help solve addition problems. We will learn to count forwards and backwards to 100 (and beyond) from a given number. We will count forwards and backwards in steps of 2, 5 and 10 and will look at the different patterns. We will compare pairs of numbers and find a number in between. The children will learn about properties of some 2D and 3D shapes and their names. Using money, the children will find the total of coins and different ways to make amounts up to £1.

Our Curriculum

Topic - Explorers

Our topic this term is 'Explorers'. As historians, we will be studying significant explorers, including Ernest Shackleton and Neil Armstrong. We will research their lives and work and consider the impact that they had on the world. As geographers, we will use a world map, atlases and globes to locate the different countries the explorers visited or where they were from. We will learn about the points of a compass and be able to give directional instructions around the school. We will identify seasonal weather patterns in the United Kingdom and compare these with those in other parts of the world. As artists, we will learn about primary and secondary colours. We will create different tones using light and dark. We will also complete observational drawings using a range of materials. We will plan and write our own newspaper articles, diary entries and letters. In Computing, we shall develop skills to look for and retrieve information; we will review and practise what we have learned about internet safety.

Science - Materials

In our Materials topic, we will explore and compare the properties of different materials. We will collect and classify a range of materials and investigate their properties. We will look at recycling and make useful objects and sound makers. We will carry out research around famous scientists linked to materials, for example, John Dunlop (tyres) and Charles Macintosh (waterproof fabrics).

RE - Churches

In RE, we will start with Christianity and we will look at features of churches and think about why churches are special. We will compare different styles of churches and design and make 'stained glass' windows.