

General Information

PE - Our PE lessons will be on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure children have suitable kit, which is clearly labelled with your child's name inside, for indoor and outdoor activities, in school all week. Please ensure your child's earrings are removed on these days.

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

Times Tables - Children will be given a weekly times table test on Wednesdays. They will then have opportunities to show evidence of a greater depth of understanding by applying this knowledge to solve a range of problems.

Homework - Homework will be given on a Friday to be handed in by the following Tuesday. The focus will be handwriting (correct letter formation and joining) as well as tasks related to our topic work.

Reading - Regular home reading is extremely important in helping your child succeed in everything. Please read a little each night and sign the reading record. When reading, encourage your child to talk about what they have read and ask them questions about the vocabulary, story line and characters.

Any parents wishing to come in and help will be warmly welcomed. If you have any queries or concerns, please come in and see me.

Thank you

Miss Bennett

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



LINK-UP SPRING TERM 2019

Year 2 - Miss Bennett

English

In English, we will continue to develop our skills of reading, writing and spelling. We will refresh and revise basic writing skills such as full stops, capital letters, conjunctions, adjectives, handwriting and sentence construction. Through our 'The Big City' topic, we will develop writing in a range of styles including diary writing, newspaper reports and recounts which sequence events in chronological order. We will also create stories set in a familiar places and write poems. During our taught handwriting sessions, pupils will continue to practise joining letters and writing capital letters of the correct size and orientation. Our class reading book this term will be *George's Marvellous Medicine* by Roald Dahl. Please encourage your child to discuss the content with you and answer your questions about the text. You may wish to use the question prompt cards circulated at the recent Reading Information Evening and Parents' Evening.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will develop our understanding of number and place value using the four operations (+, -, x and ÷). The children will find differences between two numbers and record using a number line. We will revise doubles and corresponding halves to 15, find odd and even numbers, round to the nearest 10 and recognise $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of shapes. We will practise recognising all coins, know their value and use them to make amounts and give change. We will also write totals using the £ or p notation (£1.23 or 123p; £ and p are not used together). Using a range of objects, the children will be able to identify properties (including faces and vertices) of 2D and 3D shapes and sort them according to a range of criteria. They will apply new learning to solving real life problems and puzzles. Please continue to help your child practise times tables weekly as the rapid recall of these will help your child progress within our Mathematics lessons.

Our Curriculum

The Big City

Our topic this term is 'The Big City'. We will be looking at modern day London, the landmarks and famous people from the city. As historians, we will investigate life in Stuart England and compare our lives with the lives of people in 17th century England. As geographers, we will identify important cities in England and learn why London was chosen as the capital city. Come and join us at our Class Assembly on the 22nd March when we will share our learning with you!

Science - Forces and Movement and Mini Worlds

As scientists, we will find out how different objects move and the forces used to move them. We will ask questions and investigate how forces can change the shape of materials and affect how they move. In our 'Mini Worlds' topic, we will explore and compare the differences between things that are living or dead and things that have never been alive. We will describe how different habitats provide for the different needs of animals and plants. We will use our scientific skills to observe, identify and classify and use our observations to answer questions and record data.

RE - This term, we will learn about the people, places and objects that are special to Sikhs and compare these to our own lives.

Art - As well as looking at paintings from the time of the Great Fire of London, we will learn about the work of well-known artists such as Andy Goldsworthy. Children will have opportunities to use a range of materials to create their own masterpieces!

PSHE - We shall be revisiting the school's Code of Conduct and reviewing our Class Rules. We shall be learning about healthy life-styles including the need for regular exercise.

Computing - We shall be using our iPads to research and retrieve information. We shall also focus on e-safety and will be participating in 'Safer Internet Day'.