

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



LINK-UP SUMMER TERM 2018

Year 4 - Mrs McBeath
and Mrs McLean

English

This term, we will be reading books by David Walliams and the children will develop their own humorous writing style. We will be looking at different poems and the children will learn and perform a poem of their choice off by heart. The children will look at various stories from Africa to broaden their understanding of literature from other cultures. Additionally, the children will continue to develop their persuasive writing by looking at influential people, such as Rosa Parks. We will also continue to focus on key elements of grammar, such as speech punctuation and spellings. The children will be supported in improving their handwriting and written presentation .

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will begin by revising place value, including rounding to the nearest ten, hundred or thousand and multiplying integers and decimals by powers of ten. The children will also be reminded about Roman Numerals and will work on problems involving numbers up to 100. We will also develop data handling skills by recording observations on tally charts and creating graphs. The children will continue to work on fractions so that they are better at recognising equivalence and can solve problems involving addition or subtraction of fractions and decimals. We will be working on measure and converting between metric units, such as metres to kilometres or grams to kilograms. In Shape, the children will look at properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes, such as angles and side lengths and start to name these accurately.

General Information

Our PE sessions will be on Tuesday, however children should have the appropriate PE kit in school all week and must include footwear and clothing for both indoor and outdoor sessions. Additionally, we will continue our swimming sessions with Year 4 participating during the first half term.

Our times tables will continue to take place each Monday morning and spellings will be tested on Tuesday mornings. Please try to support children by practising these for five minutes daily, as short repetitive sessions will help children to retain these more easily.

Homework will be given out on a Thursday and should be handed in by the following Tuesday. The homework will consolidate the learning that has taken place during the week. Some of our Mathematics homework will be set online. If there are any problems accessing this, please let me know so this can be addressed.

We greatly appreciate any extra adult support with listening to our children read at school. If you are able to help, please contact the School Office.

Please do come and see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Jackie McBeath and Fiona McLean

Our Curriculum

In Topic, we will continue our work on rivers and the water cycle, particularly looking at the history of the Fen water systems. Later in the term, we will also spend some time finding out about the Victorians, trying to understand what it was like for children during that era.

In Art, children will be sketching using different tones and techniques, such as shading, stippling and cross-hatching. We will be sketching and painting some of the local wild-life found in the Fens, in addition to continuing with our Impressionists work using water colours.

Our Science topics this term are on Changing State where the children will learn about different states of matter and how some changes can be reversible or irreversible. We will also be finding out about Classification. The children will learn how to use simple keys to classify different plants and animals based on their properties.

During Computing, children will be using dataloggers to capture information on light and sound and presenting this in different charts. They will also be collecting information and learning how to present this in a database.

This term's PE focus will be on athletics, with children practising running, jumping and throwing techniques. They will also be learning defending, attacking and shooting skills in different invasion games, such as hockey and football.