

General Information

Booster classes will take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:05 until 4pm. These sessions will help the children in preparation for the Key Stage 2 SATs. Children are welcome to bring a snack in for these. Booster classes will start on Tuesday 9th January.

Year 6's Assembly will take place on Friday 26th January. Parents are very welcome to come and watch.

The class are swimming on Fridays this half-term, starting on Friday 5th January. Next half term, the children will need suitable outdoor P.E. clothing including a change of footwear and a warm, outer layer.

Healthy Week starts on 29th January

Half-term is from 12th - 16th February.

Science Week starts on 12th March.

Open Evening is Wednesday 7th March.

Parents' Evenings are on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th March (There will be no Booster Classes on these days) plus Monday 12th March for Year 6 pupils.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come in and see us.

Many thanks,

Sarah Harrison and Fiona McLean

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



LINK-UP SPRING TERM 2018

Year 6 - Mrs Harrison and
Mrs McLean

English

During English, we shall be looking at persuasive texts and report writing. We will also be reading work by classical authors such as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and texts that use formal language (i.e. letters of complaint) to further develop the children's vocabulary knowledge and awareness of different writing styles.

We will aim to improve the children's writing by focusing on sentences that use a variety of clause structures and that use a wide range of punctuation. The children will also learn how to confidently write a variety of different text types and consider the type of language to use in various situations.

The class will continue to focus on key areas of spelling and grammar such as learning common spelling rules and using and recognising different classes of words.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we shall be learning about prime, square and triangular numbers and how to identify and continue different number sequences. The children will learn how to calculate percentages and will make the links between these, decimals and fractions. They will also learn how to multiply and divide fractions as well as solving different problems involving fractions, decimals and percentages. We will continue to work on strategies for solving word problems including money, time and other measures. In Shape, children will learn how to measure angles accurately with a protractor. They will learn how to calculate missing angles from lines and other shapes.

Our Curriculum

Our main topic this term is 'War - what is it good for?' The children will learn about the use of propaganda and study examples of it from the past with posters from World War Two and Winston Churchill's speeches. They will also study in depth World War 2 and construct a timeline of the major events in the war. The children will discover facts about the Battle of Britain and the aircraft involved.

In Science, the class will learn mainly about light. They will find out about how light travels and be able to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye.

Additional reading requirements:

- It is essential that children are heard read by adults on a daily basis.
- Whilst hearing children read, please challenge their understanding of vocabulary by asking for word definitions.
- Encourage your child to read at pace, with expression and set challenges. For example, can they beat the time taken to read one page, the next day?
- Question the behaviour of characters in a book and ask questions such as: Why did they do that? What was their motivation?

Whilst we understand that your time is limited, your support with reading is crucial to help your children attain the National Expected Standard in Reading which is now extremely challenging.