

Larch Class

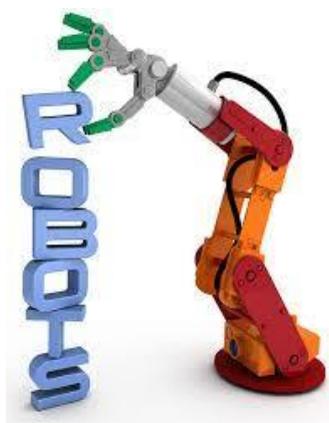
Spring Term

January - February 2018

Our theme for this half term is;



Rise of the Robots



This newsletter will give you an overview of the learning that will take place over this half of the Autumn Term.

We are looking forward to the term ahead and all the exciting things the children will experience. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

English

During this half term our main focus will be 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We will use this text to develop inference skills in reading. We will look at a range of writing genres both fiction and non-fiction. We will focus on the grammar and writing skills that the children need to improve their writing.

Maths

During this half term we will work multiplication. We will be formally multiplying a two digit number by one digit number, calculating the areas of rectilinear shapes and finding fractions. We will be ensuring that there is a deepened understanding by using the 'mastery' approach to maths. We will count up and down in hundredths, recognise and show families of common equivalent fractions and add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.

PE

Our PE session is on a Tuesday afternoon so please ensure named kits are in school. We require that your child has kit suitable for outdoor PE as most of our lessons will be outside. This may include a pair of jogging bottoms or leggings, trainers and a hoody/jumper in addition to shorts and t-shirt plus spare socks. They will also need a named water bottle.

Science

During this half term we will be exploring 'Electricity'. We will be making circuits and identifying the parts of the circuit and how they work. We will also explore the dangers associated with electricity in the home and begin to recognise that the dangers are often linked to materials which are good conductors.

Computing

The children will continue to develop coding skills. They will learn to write code to create, test and edit a procedure and then combine procedures to produce effects. We will gain an understanding of the effect of changing values within a procedure.

Topic

We will have a history focus this term. We will learn about inventors and inventions paying attention to dates and time lines. We will learn about the industrial revolution and how much changed in Britain at this time.

Arts and Design Technology

The children will be improving their drawing, painting and printmaking techniques by exploring different media to create certain effects. We will find out about the work of William Morris

Swimming

Swimming lessons will commence on Friday 12th January. As with last term, please ensure your child has the correct kit in school for these days.

Forest School

We will begin a series of Forest School sessions from the afternoon of Thursday 11th. These will take place weekly within the school grounds to start, whilst we embark on setting up our own area between the existing two off site. Please ensure that your child has suitable outdoor clothing and footwear in school for these sessions: walking boots/wellies, old trousers, top, warm jumper or fleece and a warm waterproof coat.

Homework

We will set homework on a Thursday to be returned by Tuesday. Spellings will be sent out on a Friday.

Many Thanks, Mrs Charlton and Mrs Lawless-Jones