

Larch Class Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2018

Welcome back to the new school year!

We hope you have had a relaxing summer and are ready for the year ahead!

There are lots of very exciting things planned in the classroom and out, so we have much to look forward to.

Parents - Please continue to support and encourage your children. Practise regularly: reading with your child, (ensuring their book is signed by an adult at least once a week), times tables and spellings.

Children - Keep listening well and working hard. Make sure you keep logging into Mathletics and Bug Club. Let's earn those dojos and have a great year!

Maths - We will be continuing to practise our times tables and mental skills. Maths lessons will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction. We will be using a Mastery approach which includes more practical lessons using a range of learning resources. We will be using lots of reasoning within lessons.



Homework will be set weekly and may be on Mathletics.

English - Our fiction work will be looking at historical stories and myths and legends. We will also be focusing upon play scripts and writing non-chronological reports. This year there will be a lot of focus upon using techniques such as fronted adverbials, and improving our punctuation skills to learn how to include possessive apostrophes for plurals and commas throughout. We will be doing lots of editing this year to learn how to review each other's work.

Spellings will be given weekly. Homework will be set weekly and may be on Bug Club.

PIRATES! Our first topic of the year.

This topic explores Britain's settlement by the Anglo Saxons, Scots and Vikings. We will be using a class novel in English to bring this topic alive: "Freedom for Bron" by N.S. Blackman.

History - As a historical topic, our history lesson will be about the settlement of the invaders. We will be exploring where they came from, why they arrived in Britain and learning about their way of life and impact on Britain. We will focus on Geography in the following term.

Science - This term we will be introducing the topic, Animals including Humans where we will be learning about the digestive system, human teeth and explore animal food chains.

I wonder what happens when a food chain is interrupted?

Art and DT - Our art and design lessons will closely follow our topic and see us recreate Anglo Saxon homes, jewellery, tribal paint and shields.

RE - We will be learning about inspirational people in RE and learning about the different morals and teachings of religions.

PE - This term we will be covering the topics of Badminton and Dance. From September 24th, we will be going swimming.

Reading, handwriting and spellings - We will be practising our comprehension skills within daily guided reading sessions where we will all study a text and ask questions, complete activities and answer questions about the passage.

During the week we will also have 2-3 structured spelling lessons to learn lots of different strategies and also practise our cursive handwriting. Let's work towards that pen licence!

And finally...



We look forward to meeting you on Wednesday 12th at 5:30PM for our meet and greet evening.

Miss Moore and Mrs Taylor