

Linden Newsletter Autumn 2

Welcome back from the half-term holiday. We had a fabulous first term and are very much looking forward to this one ahead. We would just like to thank you for all your time and hard work during the Year 4 Bubble closure, last term, and for supporting your child with home learning. We are hoping that this doesn't happen again, but if it does, we are still always on hand (virtually) to help and guide your children through these unsettling times. Please ensure that the children continue to arrive at school on time and after eating a healthy breakfast ready to start the day.

LITERACY

After a Viking raided our classrooms, we have been reading the books: 'How to Train a Dragon' by Cressida Cowell and 'Beowulf' by Rob Lloyd Jones. We will be inspired by the myths and legends of the Vikings and we will be writing some of our own, as well as exciting character descriptions and a diary. Beowulf was written about an ancient Viking poem, and we will use this as inspiration in writing our very own Viking Ode poems.

Key vocabulary:

Noun phrases	apostrophes
Prepositions	Features of a poem
capital letters	Paragraphs
Adverbials	Odes

Mathematics

This term, we will continue learning about addition and subtraction and the relationship between them. Following that, we shall build upon our knowledge of length and perimeter. Later in the term, we will begin looking at multiplication again. You can help your child by practising all of their timetables.

Homework for Maths will be set using Mathletics on a weekly basis (Mondays). If your child requires computer access in school time, or you would prefer paper copies, please let us know.

Key vocabulary:

Exchange	inverse	more	less
add	plus	subtract	minus
multiply	groups	equal	

PE-

This term, we shall become gymnasts. We will stand, walk and sit like gymnasts, and focus on developing our skills, practising key shapes, travelling, creating sequences, partner work, and performing

SCIENCE

In Science, our topic will be 'Power it up!' and we will explore the world of electricity. We will consider the everyday benefits and uses of electricity, and conduct experiments to test our understanding and knowledge. We will explore creating circuits and importantly, we will also be learning about the dangers of electricity and keeping safe.

Key Vocabulary:

Cell, battery, mains electricity, rechargeable, bulb, circuit, components, terminals, wires, switch, conductor, insulator, motor, buzzer, shock, safety.





Other Curriculum Areas

Raiders and Traders!

In our history topic, we will be learning all about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. We will learn about the key dates and events from the year 410AD to 1066, and the day and the life of these invaders. From Anglo-Saxon settlements to Viking longships, we will explore how our lives are shaped to this day from this historic period.



PSHE - This term, we will be learning about families and friendships, safe relationships (including those online) and respecting ourselves and others.

The Bulletin Board

PE is on a **Thursday morning**. Please ensure children have their kit every week.

Planners should be handed in every day. Please record in here when your child has read at home and sign weekly.

Homework will be given out weekly and should be handed in every week, as stated in the children's planner. This will include weekly spellings, topic homework, reading and times tables. Maths will be set through Mathletics.

Spelling and times tables tests will be on a Friday.

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>
E-safety link: <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

IMPORTANT DATES

W/C 2/11/20 - Speak Out, Stay Safe Week
9/11/20 - Parents' Evening 3 (3.30-6pm)
11/11/20 - Remembrance Day Assembly
13/11/20 - Children in Need Non-Uniform Day - £1 per family
17/11/20 - Individual School Photos
W/C 16/11/20 - Anti-Bullying Week
W/C 16/11/20 - Learning about Road Safety in PSHE
20/11/20 - Odd Socks Day to raise awareness of Anti-Bullying
W/C 23/11/20 - Allergy Awareness Week
W/C 30/11/20 - Advent and Christingle
W/C 7/12/20 - Human Rights Week
W/C 14/12/20 - Getting ready to keep ourselves safe over the holidays (NSPCC Pants Assembly/ Internet Legends Code)
18/12/20 - Christmas Jumper Day

Uniform - Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform - they look very smart. Thank you also for your support in ensuring that make up, jewellery, fake tan and nail varnish is not worn for school. Small ear studs are permitted. As a reminder, dyed hair and tramline hairstyles are not permitted.

Reading - Year 4 pupils should be reading for 20 minutes every day. When reading with your child, encourage them to sound out tricky words using their phonics and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary. Stop them regularly, to check their understanding, as this will support them with their learning. Some questions you could ask: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know? Books will be changed regularly. If your child is not enjoying a particular book at home, help them find out what sort of book they might enjoy. This will help us to pick books for them from our lovely library!