



Larch Class Newsletter Summer 1 2023

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and are feeling well-rested for the last term of the year.

Maths

We will start this half term by continuing our decimals topic before focusing on measurement, we will be measuring, comparing and converting units of mass, volume and length. This will include writing different measurements in a decimal form. We will then move on to calculating the perimeter and area of figures before finishing with position and movement, which includes describing positions and movements and plotting points.

English

This half term, we will be continuing our class book, 'Fizzlebert Stump' before moving on to a book called, 'I was a rat'. The children will use their reading strategies such as making predictions, inferences, retrieving information and understanding language as we delve into the book. The book will be used to inspire writing genres such as diary entries, letters, adverts and setting descriptions as well as visualising our own images and creating freeze frames and role plays.

Spellings

As last half term, there will be a focus on teaching and learning the words on the weekly spelling list in class, rather than sending lists of spellings home. A new list will be given to the children each Monday and they will be tested every Friday. Please look on the class page for each week's spelling rule and list.

Reading

It is essential that children in Year 4 continue to practise their reading skills every day. Reading books are being sent home and to be changed every Tuesday. Remember, your child can earn extra playtime and merits for returning their book and signed reading record on time every week.

Children take part in Guided Reading sessions three times a week in which whole class strategies are used, using different forms of media including pictures, films and whole class texts and written comprehensions. The children also have time to read independently for pleasure after dinner every day. In addition, children are able to choose a book from the class book corner, which is to stay in school.



Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Extreme Environments'. We will be looking at what an extreme environment is, including polar regions, deserts and mountains. We will be identifying and locating famous extreme environments around the world and how plants and animals adapt to be able to survive in these environments. The children will also have the chance to develop their art skills as we will be sketching animals from different habitats and producing a sculpture, which would withstand a sandstorm.

Science

This half term our Science topic is 'Grouping living things and their habitats'. Children will be able to group a range of animals based on their characteristics, create their own classification keys, explore ways in which we could improve our local environment and research endangered animals.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on Monday afternoons with the Larch teaching team focusing on football and a Tuesday morning with the sports coach.

Last Words

I hope you find this information useful but please do not hesitate to speak to myself or anyone from the Larch team should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Mr Jackson and Mrs Renshaw.