



## Larch Class Newsletter Spring 1 2026

Welcome back, I hope you have all had a lovely and well - deserved Christmas break. Below you will find information regarding the curriculum coverage throughout the first half term and information regarding your return to school.

### Maths

Our first topic in Maths this half term will be 'Statistics', we will be reading and drawing a range of graphs. We will then be moving on to 'time', we be telling time to the nearest minute, telling time on a 24 hour clock, changing minutes to seconds and solving problems involving duration of time. We will then be moving on to fractions, we will be finding fractions of amounts, counting in hundredths, writing mixed numbers, finding equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions. We will also be adding and subtracting fractions.

### English

This half term, we will be focusing on a book called 'Varjak Paw'. The children will use their reading strategies such as making predictions, inferences, retrieving information and understanding language as we delve into the book. It will be used to inspire children to write diary entries, letters, recounts, balanced arguments and newspaper reports.

### Spellings

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 Monday.

Children take part in Guided Reading sessions twice a week in which whole class strategies are used, using different forms of media including pictures, films and whole class texts and written comprehensions. In addition, children are able to choose a book from the class book corner, which is to stay in school.

### Geography

We have a Geography focus this half term, 'Why visit South America?' The children will be locating South America on a world map, the different countries in South America and their capital cities, understanding if any of the cities could be classified as a mega city. The children will also be looking at learning



about what life is like for children in South America focusing on life in the favelas.

### Science

This half term our Science topic is 'Sound'. Children will understand how sound is made, know different parts of the ear, explore pitch and volume and investigate how sound travels over a distance and sound can be absorbed.

### P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on a Thursday afternoon with a sports coach and on Monday mornings with the Larch teaching team. Please send appropriate kit depending on the weather.

### Homework

This half term, there will be weekly homework, which will be set every Monday and will be due in the following Monday. The work is to be completed in their Home Learning Challenge books and there will be a big focus on multiplication.

### 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 Beck, Mrs Nuttall and Mrs Barnes.