



Larch Class Newsletter Summer 1 2025

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 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'. 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**.

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.

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 and can go to the school library every two weeks.



Topic

There will be a History based topic this term, in which the children will be learning about the Tudors. The children will be developing their chronological understanding of the history of Britain, they will know about the Battle of Bosworth and the Tudor Monarchs. We will then focus in more detail on Henry VIII, know his six wives and their fate before interpreting a variety of sources on him and understanding the term bias.

Science

This half term our Science topic is 'States of Matter'. The children will know the different states of matter and how materials change state. Pupils will also conduct an experiment investigating the speed of evaporation and then learn about the water cycle.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on Monday afternoons with the Larch teaching team focusing on cricket and a Thursday morning with the sports coach, in which there will be a tennis focus.

Homework

Homework will be sent home every Thursday, and it is to be returned the following Thursday in the children's Home Learning Challenge books. There will be either an arithmetic or comprehension focus.

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.