

Larch Class Spring Newsletter 2018

Welcome back. We hope that you had a relaxing and wonderful Christmas!



Topic focus- Farm to Fork/ Paws, Claws and Whiskers This half term we will be learning all about our food and how it is produced. Next half term we will be learning all about animals. In Geography, we will be learning about the various uses of land in the UK in both urban and rural areas. Maps will be explored as we learn the symbols and coordinates that allow us to read them accurately. As the topic suggests we will be finding out where our food comes from, where it grows or is raised and how we can eat healthily. In Science we will be learning all about animals and exploring the season.



English, Phonics and Reading

Our English lessons this term will be based upon the books (see reading list). We will be concentrating on using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. This term phonics will be taught twice daily to the Year 1's to help prepare them for the phonics screening check. If you would like any hints or ideas to help your child, then please don't hesitate to come and talk to me.

Maths



Number

Place value

2 digit numbers beyond 20

Addition

Number bonds

Money

Measure

Reading

The children have a home reading book which should be read daily. Their reading record should be signed every time someone hears them read, please date and add any comments.

As part of their year in Reception and Year 1, your child will be given a set of high frequency words for you to practise at home with them. We assess them every Tuesday and move on when they are able to read these words.

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Year 1 children have a spelling book which should come back to school every Friday. They will have between 3-5 spellings to practise at home. These will be tested every Friday, so please ensure that your child has their spelling book in school. If you prefer you could ask your child to make the words by using magnetic letters, or they could use coloured pencils or even chalk on the pavement!

Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor suitable clothing and also all items are clearly named as lost property builds up very quickly. Thank you. We will be learning tennis and dance this term.



Homework

Homework usually will consist of English/Phonics and Maths. This will be given out on a Friday and is due back the following Thursday. House points will be awarded if homework is returned on a Monday. The class are keen to fill their house point pots up!

I hope this is useful and if any questions arise please don't hesitate to contact me. I am available to talk before school before 8.50 am and after school most days.

Please check our webpage at www.cowley.lincs.sch.uk/

Mrs Ogden and Mrs Poutney