

Parents' Page

Year 5/6 Residential



18th-20th November

We have, once again, been extremely lucky to secure three days at the outdoor adventure centre which is Barhaugh Hall. This magnificent building is set in over 9 acres of land and lies on the Cumbria / Northumbria border.

Children visiting the centre will not only get to experience new and exciting challenges but will have the opportunity to grow in confidence and discover new skills and abilities whilst being led and guided all the way by the highly motivated staff team.

Robinwood offers a variety of challenging, team building activities both indoor and outdoor—depending on weather conditions.

Three days at Alston would usually cost £155 plus £700 for transport. Fortunately, school is in the position to be able to supplement over half of the cost and all of the transport which means the price is only £80 for an amazing three day experience.

Behaviour

As you will be aware, Lingdale Primary School follows a positive behaviour plan. Children are rewarded in a variety of ways for super work, attitude to learning and behaviour. We have already awarded stickers, certificates and prizes for the fantastic attitudes we have seen. Have you received a Dale postcard yet?

There are, however, occasions where pupils can make the wrong choices. On these rare occasions, certain sanctions will be imposed. We appreciate your support in these matters.

Uniform

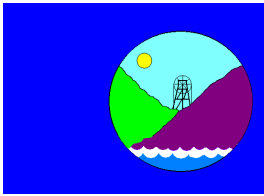
We are extremely impressed by the example set by your children so far—they were beautifully presented in the first week back—thank you for your efforts with this. A sea of blue washed over us in the assembly hall!

However, just so standards are clear please remember...

★ Nail varnish is not allowed.

★ Jewellery should be kept to a minimum—plain studs only.

★ Year 5 & 6 News ★



Welcome Back—Autumn 2019

A warm welcome back to Year Five and Six! We hope you have all had a happy and restful summer. Although we have only been back for a few days, the children have impressed us with their attitude to learning!

As this is the final year at Lingdale Primary School for some children, we are looking forward to working with you to make this a most memorable year. We very much want your child to be happy at school and to make excellent progress.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you want to discuss anything, need information or have concerns you would like to share. We can't solve a problem unless we know it exists!

2020 SATs

SATs Week 2020
Monday 11th - Friday 15th May

Although it may seem a long way ahead, we all know how quickly time flies by and wanted to inform you of these important dates. From day one, your child will be working upon strengthening their current knowledge in order to achieve their full potential. We understand that this can be a trying time for some. However, staff will endeavour to provide every opportunity possible to support the children. Our only requirement is that they do their best and try hard.

Trips



We are aiming to take the children to **Whitby** to walk in the steps of the rescuers from 1914 as well as visiting the lifeboat station to see what amazing work this charity does. A visitor from the RNLi will also be coming to school.

Middlesbrough Little Theatre

The children will be going to the matinee of A Christmas Carol.

As usual, school continues to supplement the cost of all visits which enhance the children's cultural capital. More details to follow.



General Reminders

The majority of our children now attend Breakfast Club regularly. This means that they are in school ready to learn promptly. Evidence from last year showed that pupils who arrived in school on time outperformed those who were late. If your child doesn't attend Breakfast Club, please can you ensure they are lined up at the pencils by 8.45 am. Bedtime routines and calm settled starts to the day are essential and we thank you for your support with this.

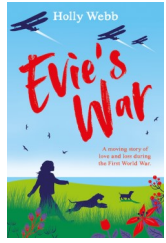
Each child has been provided with a free, new stationery kit and pencil case which they will be fully responsible for.

Class Assembly

Pack up your troubles and come and see our assembly on Thursday 24th October. We hope to share everything that we will have discovered about the causes of WW1 and the effects on the local area including the bombing of Whitby and the sinking of the Rohilla hospital ship.



English



We will be reading Holly Webb's novel—*Evie's War* which provides an insight into World War I. We will be using this text as a stimulus for our own writing and explore the effects that war had on families locally.

GPS (grammar, spelling and punctuation) is a huge part of our Y5/6 curriculum and we will begin by consolidating past elements before introducing higher-level terminology such as *modal verbs*, *past progressive* and *determiners*. At present, our Literacy is focusing upon reading comprehension skills which are absolutely vital. We are putting into practise key skills such as reading at speed, highlighting key information and summarising.

Maths

The National Curriculum expects all children from Year 4 to know all of their times tables up to and including 12. Does your child know them?

- * This term we will continue to build on our rapid recall of all the times tables (practise makes perfect!) along with squared and cubed numbers.
- * We will focus initially on place value and basic arithmetic skills— although we are aware that there are many gifted mathematicians amongst us so a high level of Challenge will always be maintained.
- * Children will need to apply efficient methods to increasingly complex and lengthier problems.

History, Geography and Art + Design

Over the next term, we will be looking into answering many of the questions already posed by the children to help them gain historical perspectives and understand historical concepts.

Your child will be involved in many new learning experiences:

Researching the causes of WW1 and discovering who the true heroes were.

Studying the work of artist Joseph Turner.

Researching Victorian Britain comparing life in a wealthy family to those living in poverty.

Designing and creating our themed afternoon tea menu—did you know the Victorians introduced the concept of afternoon tea?

Our themed work for autumn 1 is the effects of World War I on the local area

Our themed work for autumn 2 is children in the Victorian era

Science

Year 5

Earth and Space

Why do we experience day and night?

How long is a day on other planets?

Are there other planets yet to be discovered?

Year 6

Light

What would the world be like without light?

Can light bend?

How are shadows formed?

Homework

All pupils in years five and six will be given one piece of homework a week. This will be given out on a Friday and expected back on the following Wednesday. Homework Club will be available for any child needing support on a Monday lunchtime. Home reading also plays an integral part of homework. At Lingdale, pupils are encouraged to read at home on a daily basis. Children who read at least 3 times a week are entered into the weekly book draw. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Computing

Over the autumn term, we will be focusing upon keeping ourselves safe when using ICT alongside exploring the multiple services networks can provide.

- * Word processing
- * Presentations
- * Spreadsheets

Science

Year 5 Forces

Why do unsupported objects fall?

What is air/water resistance?

Year 6 Electricity

Who and when was electricity invented?

How can I make a bulb brighter/ a buzzer louder?

PE

As usual, Mrs Bell will be teaching Physical Education on Monday afternoons.

Please ensure your child has a kit suitable for both indoors and outdoors as we know how changeable the British autumn weather can be! Children will apply skills and tactics suitable for attacking and defending and play competitive games such as hockey and tag rugby.

Earrings must be removed for PE. P.E—including swimming is a statutory lesson that all children must participate in.

Swimming will resume on 18th September

PSHE

We are increasingly aware of the need to address young people's mental health. Personal, social, emotional and mental health issues are addressed throughout the year.

★ PSHE is ongoing and is delicately addressed through specific lessons as well as aspects of other subjects.

★ Across the year, we will explore anti-bullying, mental health, and family issues.

We value the expertise and support of Mrs Stephenson in these areas.

RE

- * Why is Muhammad (PBUH) important to Muslims?
- * Why is the birth of Jesus important to Christians?
- * Why is the Buddha important for Buddhists?
- * How do Buddhist beliefs affect the way Buddhists live their lives?



French Catherine Cheater Scheme

Sentence building
Masculine and feminine nouns

Music

You may want to invest in a set of headphones as this term your child will be learning the recorder— watch this space for news on ukuleles later in the year!