

Parents' Page

Key Term Dates

Net and Wall Game festival—24th January

Internet Safety Day—14th February

Valentines Disco (4:00-5:30) - 14th February (£2 cost that includes hot dog, drink and sweets)

Break up for half term—17th February

Return to school—27th February

Parents evening—28th February

World Book Day—2nd March (Dress up as your favourite character or wear pyjamas)

Y3/4 Class Assembly—10th March (2:20pm)

British Science Week—10th –19th March

Red Nose Day—17th March (£1 donation for charity)

Design an egg competition—27th/28th March

Break up for Easter holiday—31st March

Trip to Skinningrove Ironstone Museum—TBC (£7 each)

Behaviour

As you will be aware, Lingdale Primary School follows a positive behaviour plan. Children receive smiles for good behaviour, showing respect and excellent learning. If they continue to impress phone calls home and Dale postcards will be sent. Keep an eye out for them.

We appreciate that sometimes mistakes happen where children need consequences. We will follow the process of reminding children, warning them, issuing a yellow card and in some unlikely situations a red card.

We thank you for your support with this.

Uniform

We are extremely impressed by how smart the children have looked in the first week back. It is always a pleasure to see a sea of blue around school. Wearing the correct uniform gives a sense of community and togetherness that we whole heartedly support

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

★ Nail varnish is not allowed.

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

General Reminders

The school day begins at 8:45 and the gates are open from 8:40. Please ensure your child is in school for this time otherwise they will be marked late. Please inform us if you are running late as unforeseen circumstances can happen.

We also have our FREE breakfast club 8am every day allowing children to have a bite to eat and interact with their peers.

Reading is always the cornerstone of learning and all children should be reading a minimum of 3x per week to not only support your child's learning but it gives them an opportunity to win a FREE book.

We have some excellent after school clubs— children must bring a kit for the sports clubs otherwise they will be unable to take part.

★Year 3 and 4 News★

Happy New Year. Welcome to 2023



We hope you had a wonderful holiday season however you chose to celebrate it and feel refreshed and inspired for this new calendar year. As teaching staff, we are extremely excited about this term. The children will be exploring a range of learning opportunities that will excite and challenge them.

As always, we have reading at the forefront of their learning and are still actively encouraging them to read every night—not only their school reading books (which should be read a minimum of 3 times a week) but books that they already love that they can share and enjoy over and over again. In school, we will be reading the Iron Man by Ted Hughes as the basis for our English work.

Our history and geography work will have a focus closer to home—exploring local history and the mining heritage of East Cleveland. The children will get the opportunity to visit the mining museum at Skinningrove after the half term break.

For our Year 4 families I would be actively encouraging you to support your children with their multiplication tables through either reciting them or practising on Times Table Rock Stars as they will have a multiplication test set by the government in June. By the end of Year 4 they should be fluent in all tables up to 12 x 12; your support is vital in achieving this.

Mrs Robson will continue to work with the class in Design Technology, Art, music and P.E. and Miss Sheridan will be working with the children to lead P.S.H.E.



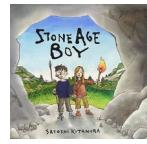
The children worked so hard last term and this needs to continue into this term to help them reach their potential and we are excited to be on that journey with them.

Kindest Regards,
Mr Fairbridge & Miss Sheridan

Highlights of last term



English



Our text for this term is the fantastic story *The Iron Man*, written by Ted Hughes. Children will be learning how to write newspaper reports and creating poetry around the story in Spring 1. In the second half of the term, we will look at instructional writing and will be exploring persuasion. Throughout this term children will be exploring different genres of book to enhance their vocabulary and understanding of what they are reading. We will continue to have grammar focused lessons and guided reading to really develop the skills children need to be successful in their learning of English.

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? Please practise the tables daily to ensure they are confident.

- * This term we will continue to build on our rapid recall of all the times tables (practise makes perfect!)
- * Children will also develop the skills to use multiplication and division in a variety of ways and build their fluency of this skill.
- * Children will also learn about different elements of measure and begin their work on fractions.

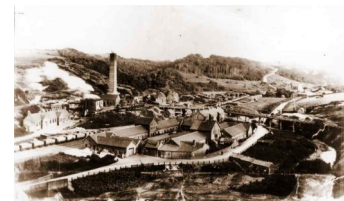
History, Geography and Art + Design

Spring term has a focus on the history of the local area specifically about the mining history of East Cleveland. Children will understand what it was like to be a miner and how this industry helped the area grow. We will also have the opportunity to visit the Skinningrove Ironstone Museum to get an in depth experience of mining life.

Geography will also focus on the local area exploring the changing face of Lingdale and the surrounding area through use of Ordnance Survey maps, keys and digital mapping. This will give children valuable fieldwork experience.

Pneumatics will be the D.T. topic in the first half term where children will learn how to make pneumatic toys. Spring 2 will give the children the opportunity to improve their art skills and learn more about great artists from around the world.

Our themed work for Spring: A local study on the history of mining in East Cleveland



Science

Our science focus throughout the whole term will be light. They will learn about the importance of light through a range of learning opportunities:

- * Recognising that we need light to see
- * Notice how light reflects from surfaces
- * How to protect their eyes
- * How shadows are formed and how the size changes

Homework

Homework will be sent out on a weekly basis—normally a rotation between reading, grammar and maths. There will be occasions where themed based homework will be sent.

This will be handed out each Friday and expected back to school on a Wednesday or before. The intention of homework is to consolidate what the children have already learnt or giving them the opportunity to research something new. If children are struggling, we are available to support in school before hand in day.

Computing

Children will continue to build fluency and confidence in using digital technology to prepare them for life in a digital world.

Children will continue their work on animation before moving onto learning how to programme computer characters and using publishing tools to create pieces of work digitally.

Science

Working Scientifically

Alongside the children learning about light, they will have opportunities to work like a scientist by working scientifically.

They will set up their own experiments, report on their findings, use scientific diagrams and answer questions following their findings.

PE

P.E. will take place on a Monday and a Thursday and will be taught by Mrs Robson and Mr Fairbridge respectively.

- * Most P.E. sessions throughout this term will be indoors but please make sure they children are dressed appropriately for outdoor learning too.
- * Children will be completing their work on gymnastic skills before moving onto dance on a Monday.
- * Thursdays will be focussing on net and wall games with a focus on tennis
- * Please note on PE days earrings will not be permitted and should be removed before children come to school otherwise they won't be able to take part.

Earrings must be removed for PE.

PSHE

Children will continue to be taught using the Jigsaw scheme of work..

This term will be focused on Dreams and Goals followed by Healthy Me topics.

Miss Sheridan will be leading this in class and will be followed up and linked with British Values through sessions with both Mr Fairbridge and Miss Sheridan/

RE Spring 1

Children will continue to be taught by Mrs Norris. During the first half term they will be learning about "Prayer". Who prays? Why, where and how do people pray?

Spring 2

Children will examine the Christian celebration of Easter and the meaning of Lent.

French

Children will learn how to describe objects and animals through the use of colour and size and will learn French playground games alongside numbers and age.