

# ★ Year 5-6 Newsletter ★



## Happy New Year—Spring Term

A very happy New Year to you all. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. This term is once again a very important one, and we will be working hard to ensure that all children continue to make strong progress.

We will continue to promote our three school rules: being safe, respectful and ready. Alongside this, our school values of kindness, ambition, resilience, respect, fairness and teamwork will further support the children's personal and academic development.

All of the children made good progress last term; however, I believe the class is capable of achieving even more. Positive attitudes towards learning are essential, and we will be encouraging high expectations and improved focus throughout the term.

Please remember that we are always happy to talk with you about your child's successes as well as any concerns you may have.

### Behaviour

As you will be aware, Lingdale Primary School follows a positive behaviour plan. Children are rewarded in a variety of ways for excellent work, positive attitudes to learning and good behaviour. We have already awarded stickers, certificates and prizes to recognise the fantastic attitudes we have seen.

There are occasions when pupils make the wrong choices. On these occasions, appropriate sanctions will be applied in line with our behaviour policy, and we appreciate your support in helping us maintain high standards.

### **Uniform**

Last term, standards of uniform were not consistently good enough. As uniform is an important part of our school policy, it is an expectation that all pupils adhere to it at all times.

We are pleased to say that the children returned looking very smart in the first week back — a real sea of blue — and we thank you for your efforts in supporting this improvement. It is important that these high standards are maintained throughout the term.

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

«Nail varnish and make up is not allowed.

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

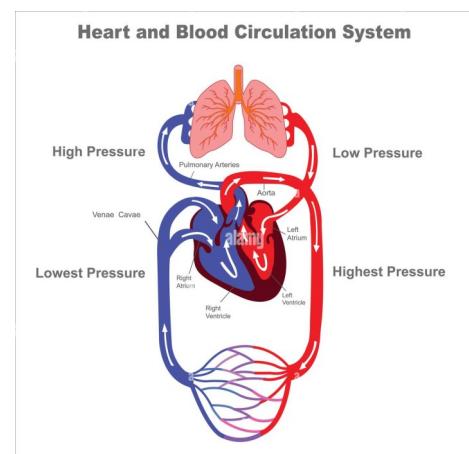


# What will my child be learning this term?

This term, we will be diving into a range of engaging topics! In English, our focus to start with will be non-fiction, focusing on Wolves. The children will be using non-chronological features to create a report on Wolves. They will then move onto some narrative writing and exploring various genres, including fantasy and adventure stories. Students will also develop their comprehension skills through reading a variety of genres and texts. I encourage you to support your child by reading together at home, discussing the storylines and characters, as this greatly aids their understanding and enjoyment.

In Maths, we will be covering multiplication and division before moving onto fractions, decimals and percentages.

Our Science topics this term revolves around animals including humans and the focus will be circulatory system. We have some exciting practical activities planned and I am sure the children will thoroughly enjoy this hands-on learning approach.



## History

Turning our attention to history, we will be beginning an exciting unit on the Anglo-Saxons. The children will learn about life in Anglo-Saxon Britain, including settlements, daily life, beliefs and the impact this period has had on our country today.

# Geography

In geography, we will be focusing on Iceland and exploring what makes it known as the *land of ice and fire*. The children will learn about Iceland's unique physical features, including glaciers, volcanoes, geysers and hot springs, and how these shape the landscape and way of life.



## General Information

Free Breakfast Club 8.10am

Children who attend Breakfast Club are already in school and ready to begin learning promptly. For children who do not attend Breakfast Club, please ensure they are lined up at the pencils by **8.40am**. During this time, children are given the opportunity to be heard read and to practise basic skills, so punctuality is extremely important.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that reading and spellings are completed at home and that children come to school each week ready to engage with their learning. We would also appreciate your help in encouraging children to take responsibility for their belongings, particularly as we move into the cooler months and begin wearing coats and other outdoor clothing.

DT this half term will focus on pulleys and gears. After half term, we will be looking at *Architecture*.

PSHE is Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me.

**PE lessons** will take place on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** this term. Please ensure that children have the correct PE kit in school on these days.

**Year 6 booster sessions** will be held on **Wednesday evenings**. These sessions are incredibly important and provide valuable support, so we strongly encourage all Year 6 pupils to attend.

For key dates, please refer to the diary dates letter sent out separately.

