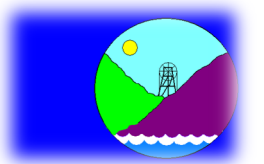




Year 5-6 Newsletter



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The children are taught about a range of religions throughout their time at school to give them a deeper understanding of the world and people's differing beliefs. This term, we are focusing on what is the best way for a Christian to show commitment to God.

PSHE

We will continue to use the Jigsaw scheme of work in Summer. The focus for the first half term is Relationships.

The second half term will focus on Changing Me.

Both areas do discuss how our bodies and emotions change so if you would like more information please contact school

These sessions will be led by Miss Sheridan and take place on a Friday afternoon.



The last term—Summer is here

We've made it to the last term and the sun is finally beginning to appear! We hope you enjoyed a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

We are really excited about the half term ahead, as there are lots of brilliant opportunities planned for the children, including our trip to London, Sports Day, various sporting competitions and much more. It promises to be a busy and enjoyable time for everyone.

This is also a particularly important half term for our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for their SATs. While we know this can feel challenging, we are incredibly proud of them already and are confident that they will do their very best and show just how much they have learned.

As always, we will continue to promote our three school rules: being safe, respectful and ready. Our school values of kindness, ambition, resilience, respect, fairness and teamwork will remain at the heart of everything we do, supporting both personal growth and academic success.

The children made good progress last term, but we know they are capable of achieving even more. We will continue to encourage positive learning attitudes, high expectations and strong focus throughout the term.

Please remember that we are always happy to speak with you about your child's achievements or any concerns you may have. We look forward to a fantastic half term ahead.

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.

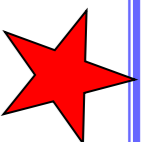
There are occasions when pupils make the wrong choices. On these occasions, appropriate sanctions will be applied in line with our behaviour policy, and we appreciate your support in helping us maintain high standards.

Uniform

Last term standards of uniform were improved but we could still improve. 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.

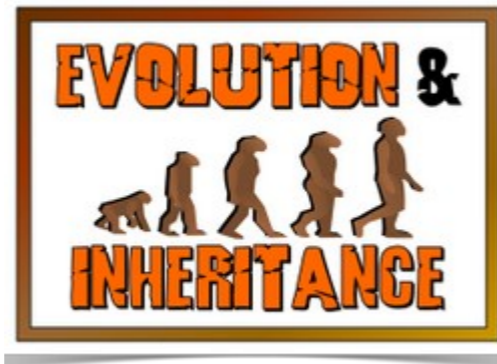


What will my child be learning this term?

This term, we will be diving into a range of engaging topics! In English, we will begin by focusing on *Odd and the Frost Giants*, a fiction text which will allow our children to explore writing in first person and creating a diary entry. 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 recapping all maths learning for our Year 6 students to enable them full coverage before their sats. Year 5 are focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages.

Our Science learning this term will focus on evolution and inheritance. The children will explore how living things have changed over time and how characteristics are passed from parents to offspring. We have some engaging activities planned to bring this topic to life, and we are sure the children will enjoy developing their understanding through this exciting area of science.



History

Turning our attention to history, we will be starting an exciting unit on the **Vikings**. The children will learn about Viking life, including their raids and settlements, daily life, beliefs and the lasting impact the Vikings have had on Britain 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 using our science knowledge and creating a doodler, which is powered by an electrical circuit. After half term, we will be looking at photomontages and how we recreate paintings in Art.

PE lessons will take place on **Tuesdays** 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** but will end when SATs is over. 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. Thank you for your ongoing involvement and support. I look forward to a final productive and enjoyable Summer term ahead.