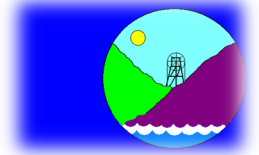


★Year 3 and 4 News★



Welcome Back– Spring 2025

Happy New Year to you all!

We hope you have all had a lovely festive break and the children are fully recharged. This term not only has many more opportunities for learning but we are also going to Carlton for an overnight residential! We are also pleased to welcome Miss Sheridan back who will be supporting KS2.

As always, we are expecting children to read a minimum of three times per week. Not all children have been achieving this and we will be aiming to support you in making this possible with your children for the rest of the year. I would also like to focus on spellings too as I would like to increase the average score in our spelling tests. The children will bring spellings home every Monday and we will test them on the Friday.

There will be some slight changes this term with regards to P.E. In the first half of the term we will only have P.E. on a Wednesday with people from Middlesbrough Football Club. This will be a full afternoon of P.E. so to ensure we can fulfil lesson expectations this will be the only day.

Finally, we are here to support so if you have any questions please contact us via Dojo or arrange an appointment.

Kind Regards
Mr Fairbridge & Miss Sheridan

YEAR 4 FAMILIES

Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

At the start of June, all Year 4 children will take a timed multiplication tables check. They will be asked 25 random questions up to 12 x 12 and we are hopeful that all of our children can excel at this.

We need your help in supporting them. Regular practise of their times tables at home through Times Table Rock Stars or just on the spot questioning will help with their confidence.

When the date is closer, we will arrange a meeting for you all to come and find out how this will work.

Highlights of last term



English

In the first half of the term, we will be using both Pugs of the Frozen North and Small to support our writing. We will start by rewriting parts of the Pug's story to entertain the audience followed by writing the procedure to support children who want to go to giants' school and not be squashed into a sandwich! This half term will be concluded by a week of poetry.

Spring 2, will involve persuading people to visit a European landmark/City and write an adventure story using *Around the World in 80 Days* as a key text focus.

We will also continue to develop our reading fluency through daily reading sessions; this will not only improve the speed and accuracy of our reading but also our ability to comprehend what we are reading.

Maths

During the Spring term, we will be working on addition and subtraction before beginning our focus on time. The rest of the term will be focused on multiplication and division.

This doesn't just include learning the multiplication tables, but the relationship between numbers and how we can use known facts to calculate with larger numbers—this helps the children retain more facts to support them with maths

It is so important for children to practise their multiplication tables. Five minutes per day at home on Times Table Rock Stars will support them with this and make a huge difference.



Our Geography focus for Spring

The Geography of the World

Following our study on the UK, we widen our horizons by exploring the world by understanding how lines of longitude and latitude are used to precisely locate a place. We will explore the impact of where a place is located on its climate. We embed this knowledge but also teach the children specific skills to understand how a geographer works.



Science

Animals including Humans

This term, we will be focusing on learning about the digestive system and food chains. Children will learn how our bodies process food and drink and the importance of each stage—we even get to simulate what it is like for our body to create poo!

We will also explore the role of different living things in a food chain and how we can identify these roles.

We will work scientifically through explaining the science and make conclusions.

Homework/Reading

All pupils in years three and four will be given one piece of homework a week. This will be given out on a Friday and expected back on the following Wednesday. Children can ask for support with this in school and Mr F. is available most breaktimes to help when needed.

At Lingdale, pupils are encouraged to read at home to an adult on a daily basis. **We are insisting that children read and return their reading diary at least 3 times a week.** They will then be entered into the weekly book draw. Thank you in advance for your support with this— hearing your child read a few pages— or paragraphs and asking a couple of questions to clarify their understanding is vital.

Computing

Online safety is an integral part of being a digital citizen and to this end we will have a dedicated online safety lesson every half term.

This term, we will be looking at how to stay safe online by knowing how to get help.

Our curriculum will be focusing on computer networks and how we are all connected online. We will then move onto learning computer science through scratch programming where children will answer the question—How does sequencing help?

RE

We have a focus on Christianity this term asking the questions:

Did Jesus heal people? Did He perform miracles or was there some other explanation?

What is 'good' about Good Friday?

British Values

Ask your child to tell you about democracy, tolerance, mutual respect, individual liberty and the rule of law.

Science Electricity

Science in Spring 2 will give the children the opportunity to learn about electricity.

They will learn how we use electricity in the home and learn how to make simple circuits.

This is a very practical unit in the curriculum and will give children the opportunity to work with real components including bulbs, switches and conductors and insulators.

Our working scientifically focus will continue to be explaining science and making conclusions.

PE

P.E will be on a Wednesday in the first half of the term with children working with MFC. They will be covering their move and learn series where children will get the opportunity to not only undertake physical activities but also learn some of the ideas behind this,

Spring 2 will return to the normal routines where the children will be learning how to play tennis.



Sports events will take place throughout the year so check diary dates for when these will be.

Earrings **must** be removed for PE.

P.E is a statutory lesson that all children must participate in.

PSHE

We will continue to use the Jigsaw scheme of work in Spring. The focus for the first half term is Dreams and Goals

The second half term will focus on Healthy Me.

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



Art & Design Technology

We always complete a half term of each subject.

In D.T. we will be learning about textiles and making a book sleeve by understanding different types of fastenings. Art will focus on Ancient Egyptian Scrolls ready for our summer topic of Ancient Egypt.

Music

Through the Charanga scheme of work, we will be learning the song Three Little Birds and then a song called Bringing Us Together.

Children will have the opportunity to perform one of these songs in front of parents in the second half of the term.

Parents' Page

Dates for the Diary

Tues 6th January—Back to school

Friday 30th January—PD day school closed

Thursday 5th February—Net and Wall Festival

Tuesday 10th February Valentine Disco £2 per ticket

Friday 20th February—Break up for half term

Monday 2nd March—Back to school

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day

Monday 23rd March—Overnight trip to Carlton Outdoor Centre

Thursday 2nd April—Break up for Easter

For all other dates, please check the insert to this newsletter.

Enrichment Opportunities

You will have received a letter with all of our fantastic after school clubs. Please note children can only attend if they have signed up at the beginning of term.

Monday—Lego Club

Tuesday—Sports

Wednesday—Dance Club

Thursday—Art Club



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. Who will receive a Dale postcard first?

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 greeted us!

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.

TRIPS

Carlton Outdoor Adventure
23rd March—24th March

General Reminders

Free Breakfast Club 8.10am—last entry 8.30am

Children who attend Breakfast Club are therefore already in school, which means they are 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 8.40am. Children are given the opportunity to practise retrieval skills in maths and focus on those basic skills that develop their understanding.

Bedtime routines and calm settled starts to the day are essential and we thank you for your support with this.