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Class Teacher – Mrs Hannaford

Teaching Assistant – Mrs Forshaw (3 days per week)

PPA Cover – Mrs Forshaw (Thursday afternoons)

General Information



- Classroom door opens at 8:50am for the start of school
- 8:50am – 10:30am – Worship and Maths
- 10:30am-10:45am – Break
- 10:45am-12:00pm – Guided Reading and English
- 12:30pm-1:15pm – Lunch
- 1:15pm-3:20pm – Foundation Subjects
- School finishes at 3:20pm

- Please ensure you are signed up to Class Dojo and check it regularly for any important information or messages.
- Please ensure you inform myself or Mrs Forshaw if your child is being collected by someone else – we are unable to release your child to another adult without this communication.

Class Rules, Rewards and Behaviour Policy



- Our class and school rules have been agreed with the children
- Class Dojo is our main rewards system – A weekly champion is announced at the end of the week and they receive a certificate, 2 prizes from our prize box as well as their name displayed in class for the week.
- Gel pen given as a special prize each week for an individual we have noticed that is trying hard with their handwriting in all subjects.
- Weekly awards celebrated in front of the whole school (Learner of the Week and 'Always')
- Our school behaviour system follows a 4 step process. Further information on this can be found on our school website.



Our Autumn Term curriculum is as follows;-

Maths: In Maths this half term, we will be focussing on place value and addition and subtraction.

- TT Rockstars practise 3 times per week is part of the weekly homework required (10-15 minute sessions) so children can rapidly recall multiplication facts. At the end of Year 4, all pupils in England sit the Multiplication Tables check. The end of Year 4 requirement is that children must know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12.

English: The books we will be studying this term are 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne and 'Leon and the Place Between' by Grahame Baker Smith and Angela McAllister. We will be writing narratives based on these books.



Reading: Children have the opportunity to read every day in school through guided reading lessons and through our other curriculum subjects. We will also have a daily story time at the end of the day to read our class novel (The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate) and children are given opportunities to spend time in the reading corner independently throughout the week. We have key stage reading areas across school too (please feel free to take a look at these at our Meet The Teacher evening!)

Home reading: Children are able to change their school reading books twice each week, but are not required to change it each time if they have not finished it. At Latchford St James, we expect all children to read at home at least 3 times each week and for these to be recorded on Boom Reader. I access Boom Reader weekly and record on our school records which children are reading the expected amount of times. Please speak with me if you need copies of log-in details.



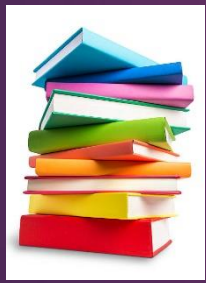
The Importance of Reading

- Results from the world's largest study of school-aged reading habits showed that children who make more than expected progress in reading, meeting and/or exceeding their age expectation, read for an extra 6 minutes per day, compared to their peers. An extra 6 minutes per day equates to 2190 extra minutes per year = an extra 36.5 hours per year. That's 255.5 hours in total throughout primary school
- Studies suggest that from age 6, children no longer gain new vocabulary from adults, but rather from the vocabulary they are exposed to
- Children who read books often gain higher results in maths, vocabulary and spelling
- Studies have found that reading for pleasure enhances empathy, understanding of the self, and the ability to understand one's own and others' identities
- Studies have shown that those who read for pleasure have higher levels of self-esteem and a greater ability to cope with difficult situations
- Children who enjoy reading are three times more likely to have good mental wellbeing than children who don't enjoy it

Fostering a pleasure for reading it all adds up!

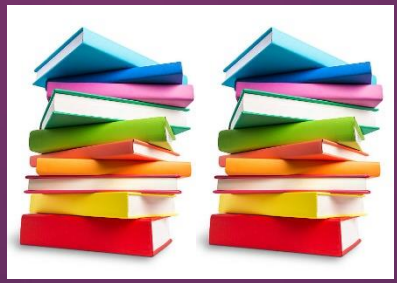
IF YOU READ A NEW BOOK EVERY WEEK...

By the time a child starts school aged 4



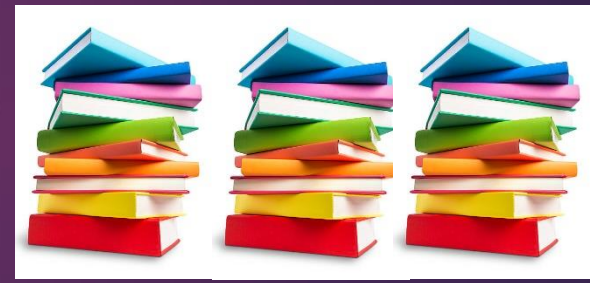
they will have read
208 books

By the time a child reaches the end of Year 2, aged 7



they will have read
364 books

By the time a child finishes primary school aged 11



they will have read
572 books



This half term we will be learning about; -

Science – Classifying Living Things and States of Matter

History – Ancient Greece

Art - Drawing

Music – Mamma Mia!

R.E - 'Good News' and 'God'

PSHE - Being Me in My World

P.E - Improving our co-ordination and balance and Rugby with Warrington Wolves

Year 4 will have their P.E lessons on a Monday afternoon (Rugby) and a Tuesday morning this half term. Children need to leave their P.E kits in school throughout the week and it will be sent home at the end of each half term. Please provide your child with both an indoor and outdoor P.E kit so that, weather depending, we can take our learning outdoors.



P.E Kit List

T-shirt (plain white or one with the school logo)

Shorts (plain purple)

Tracksuit bottoms (plain black – for outdoor P.E only)

Trainers (for outdoor P.E) **and** black pumps (for indoor P.E).

Children will need both!

For Health and Safety reasons, if your child has pierced ears please ensure they take their earrings out on P.E days. They are only allowed to be taped if they are recently pierced. Please also ensure children wear socks rather than tights on P.E days, it is a huge help!

Swimming



Year 4 will have weekly swimming lessons that start in the Spring term (January). More information about swimming lessons will follow nearer the time.



Water Bottles

It is important for your child's well-being that he/she has access to fresh water throughout the day. Please make sure a clearly named water bottle is provided, which will be taken home each day to be cleaned and refilled for the following day. Children are able to keep their water bottles next to their desks.

Uniform

Please ensure all pieces of your child's uniform are clearly labelled with their name. Children are responsible for looking after their uniform in school. Below is a reminder of our school uniform requirements;

- Grey trousers
- Grey skirt or pinafore
- White polo shirt / white shirt.
- School purple sweatshirt / cardigan
- Sensible shoes (not trainers) – black, flat and supporting.
- Grey / white socks or dark tights.
- Purple gingham dress (summer option)
- School purple fleece (optional)



Homework

Reading: It is very important that your child reads at home as much as possible, but we expect 3 times each week. Reading is to be recorded on Boom Reader.

Maths: A Maths activity will be sent home each week on a Friday and due the following Thursday.

TT Rockstars: TT Rockstars should also be used at least 3 times per week in 10-15 minute sessions. Please let me know if you need copies of log in details.



Snack

As we are a healthy school, snack must be a healthy option such as a piece of fruit or vegetables. The children can also order a snack from the kitchen each day which can be paid for via Parent Pay. Please ensure this is kept topped-up with credit as the kitchen can refuse to give snack if there is not sufficient funds on your child's account.

Communication

Communication between school and parents is very important. If you do have any questions, worries or queries, please message either myself or Mrs Forshaw on Class Dojo, or contact the school office. A meeting can be arranged at the end of the school day if you need to speak to us in person.



ClassDojo

Llandudno Residential



Summer Term 2 – 2024 – Details to be confirmed

The purpose of the visit is to enhance our Geography learning in the summer term which is about 'Coasts'. Activities include visiting the beach and exploring the coast line, learning about Llandudno as a tourist town, visiting The Great Orme and tobogganing.

Further information will follow.

Another meeting will be held nearer the time to share information and for you to be able to ask and answer any questions.



Thank you for attending this evening.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to ask.

Feel free to have a look around our classroom, our Key Stage and the rest of our school to see our lovely learning areas and some of the learning that is taking place around school.

