

# Leasowe Class

This leaflet will tell you about this term's topics and when P.E. kits, homework and reading books need to be in school.

## **English**

To start the term we will begin with a poetry focus where children will be using a range of figurative language in their writing. In Guided Reading lessons, pupils will study a range of poems and focus on the language used, the effect on the reader and the mood being created. As well as this, pupils will be learning a poem for the upcoming Poetry Recital performance. Every Wednesday we will have an Extended Writing lesson where we will start with writing diary entries, based around our Research Theme. Pupils will be given the opportunity to include a range of vocabulary and varying sentence types to develop their writing. Spellings will be given out each week. These should be practised at home as well as in school, in preparation for the spelling test on Fridays. Some of the spellings will be given over two weeks, allowing plenty of time for pupils to practise these.

## **Maths**

Maths will begin with a focus on Mental Mathematic skills. Pupils will learn to develop their sense of number and apply RaPaCoduNumbo to solve some challenging problems. They will also develop an understanding of mental and written subtraction as well as mental and written addition. Pupils will also develop their knowledge of statistics and interpreting data. Pupils will also continue to practise times tables daily, beginning with doubles and halves, followed by the threes. A times tables test will be given every Friday, so it is encouraged that these are also practised at home. Mathletics will also be used in school every week so that pupils are able to consolidate the work they have completed in school. Tasks will occasionally be set for homework too.

## **Science**

In Science, pupils will be learning about forces and magnets. During these lessons, children will set up and conduct investigations around the strength of different magnets, and they will find out about how forces work. Following this, we will look at Animals, humans and habitats – to link in with a whole school focus. Here we will look at what factors are important for survival and we will discuss what a balanced diet is. In Science lessons, children will use a range of equipment to set up fair tests. As a result, they will begin to use scientific language to make conclusions and evaluations from results collected.

## **Computing**

In computing lessons, pupils will begin with familiarising themselves with using the iPads. They will look at using apps called Seesaw and the blog to publicise their work. They will use Piccollage to create and present information they have gathered. Following this, they will be debugging and creating algorithms for a set of instructions. The laptops are used for pupils to access the school blog and share their school work with a wider audience.

## **Cross-curricular work**

The first half of the term will begin with a study of the Anglo-Saxon and Viking invasions. Pupils will order some dates on a timeline chronologically and they will look at weapons and armour used during the invasions. Following this we will be studying the Rainforest. Children will look at plants and animals that survive in the rainforest and focus on the climate. Work will be presented to the class using iPads and other resources.

## **PE**

In PE we will begin with developing control and skill when catching and throwing. Pupils will be given the opportunity to practise this skill independently and in groups. We will also have keep fit lessons each week whereby children will use a range of equipment in the hall to develop skills and learn about the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

## **Art**

Children will begin the year looking at Pop Art to design a front cover for their sketch pad. We will also use wax crayons against tree bark to create our own leafy rainforest effect. They will practise using different tones, tints and shades within their work.

## **Music**

Mrs Shakspeare will teach music on a Friday. Pupils will enjoy singing and learning new music as well as playing many musical instruments.

## **Important things to remember**

- **Full school P.E. kit** is needed on **Monday (Keep fit), Wednesday (Dance)** and **Friday for (Games/Keep fit)**.
- **READING BOOKS** need to be brought into school **everyday**. Children will change their home reader and Library book in school on a **Friday**.
- **HOMEWORK** will be set every **Tuesday** and will be due back in school the following **Tuesday**.
- **MATHLETICS HOMEWORK** may also be set on **Tuesday**, also due the following **Tuesday**.

Pupils will also be given spellings to learn and times tables to practise. Both of these will be tested on Friday.

***Throughout the term, work completed by the children will be put on to our blog or Twitter page. Please look at our work by visiting <http://www.castleviewprimaryschool.co.uk/> or Castle\_ViewPS***

If you have any concerns or issues, please do not hesitate to speak to me after school.