



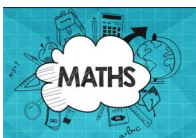
Levens Newsletter—Spring 2024

Happy New Year and welcome back to Levens Class! We hope you have enjoyed your Christmas break. This newsletter will be sent home every term to inform you of what your child will be doing in the up-coming weeks. Just a reminder that regardless of your child's year group, they will be taught at their own level to ensure they make the best progress. Sometimes we will do this together as a class and sometimes we will split into different groups and/or different rooms.

Maths

During this term we will be focusing on the following areas in Maths:

- Number and Place Value
- Measurement
- 2D and 3D shapes
- Counting and Money
- Multiplication
- Division
- Addition and Subtraction
- Fractions
- Position and Direction
- Time



Year 1 and Year 2 will both be covering the same areas in Maths but the objectives that are relevant to them and their learning.

English

This term we will be focusing on the following writing topics:

- Instructions
- Stories from other cultures
- Animal Adventure Stories
- Information Texts

We will be focusing on the following elements in our writing:

- Sentences
- Full stops
- Capital letters
- Question marks

Year 2—all of the above plus adjectives, connectives, spelling and use of other punctuation such as exclamation marks and commas.



Other Information

Levens Staff

Mrs Hales—all week except Wednesday mornings

Mr Eatock (TA)—all week

Mrs Dawson (SEND TA) - some mornings and afternoons throughout the week

Mrs Stembridge (PPA cover) - Wednesday morning
Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kendall might also be working with some of the children between Levens and Kent classes.

PE

PE is on a **Tuesday** and a **Wednesday** this term. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in the appropriate kit.

Arrival and Pickup Information

Please arrive at school from 8:45am, ready to start learning at 8:55am. A member of staff will bring the class out at 3:15pm to be picked up from the playground. If your child wants to leave their bike or scooter at school, please put them in the bike rack round the side of school.

How you can help your child at home

Reading

Children are encouraged to read in and outside of school. All year groups have access to the school library. The children will have the chance to choose a school library book for pleasure every Friday. Please return when finished. Please hear your child read as often as you can and comment in their reading record to let us know how they are doing at home. We will change books as soon as they are finished. We will have a separate book that we hear them read at school.

Homework

Homework will be sent home every Monday to be handed in the following Monday. This will consist of work set in their homework book. Please feel free to bring the completed homework in as soon as it is finished, you don't have to wait until Monday. It is completely up to you how you do it, some like to do it all in one go, some like to spread it out, some would rather do it during the week and others at the weekend. Ideally it should take around 15-20 minutes. To begin the year, we will be having a focus on phonics and spelling.

How can our actions today make a positive mark on history?

Hook: Vet Role Play (linked to Science work on animals)
Experience: Class trip to Leighton Moss (after Easter) linked to Science work
Celebration: Parents invited to see our wonderful Art and DT work.

History

This term children will be learning the skills and knowledge to become historians. We will be finishing looking at the key question: How can our actions today make a positive mark on history, with a focus on the Victorian Era. The children will be finishing looking at the Victorian Era, particularly Victorian seaside holidays and what they were like. They will look at the difference between seaside destinations then and now. We will link this to our local area and look at how Morecambe grew as a seaside resort around the village of Poulton-le-Sands. We will then be moving onto a new History topic where we start looking at the significant event of the moon landing. This will continue into the Summer Term so more information will follow about this in the Summer.

R.E.—Jesus and Easter Around the World

- Jesus—to know that Jesus was an extraordinary person who welcomed everyone as a friend. To develop knowledge and understanding that Jesus had the power to miraculously heal people.
- Easter Around the World—to know how Easter is celebrated beyond their own experiences in Britain to include worldwide Christian traditions. To develop their understanding of the Christian concept of salvation and that Easter is a celebration of the culmination of God's rescue/salvation plan.

Science—Animals and Humans

- Identify, name and label the basic parts of the human body and know which part is associated with each sense.
- Recognise that humans are animals and we have many differences and similarities.
- Y2—describe the basic needs for humans and know they have offspring that grow into adults.
- Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.
- Y2—identify that most living things live in habitats suited to their needs.

Computing—Lego Builders, Maze Explorers and Animated Story Books

- Lego Builders—children understand the importance of following instructions to complete a task.
- Maze Explorers—use direction keys to complete challenges then create and debug and set of instructions.
- Animated Story Books—children create a simple e-book adding text, images, sounds and background.

Music—Adding Rhythm and Pitch and Round and Round

- These unit sets out sequences of learning around a song in key musical areas which, over time, all contribute towards the steadily increasing development of musicianship.
- These are listening, singing, playing, improvising and composing and performing.

PE

We will be looking at fundamental skills together. We will be working on underarm and overarm throwing, hopping and skipping. We will also be looking at catching and bouncing a ball and practising the fundamental skills of running and jumping. kicking and rolling a ball.

We will also be continuing with some gymnastics too.

On our Wednesday P.E. session, Team Theme are coming in to teach them P.E. skills using lots of fun games and activities.

PSHE (SCARF)

Children will be looking at topics under the headings of:

Keeping Safe

Rights and Respects

Art and DT

In the first half term, we will be learning all about printing and using lots of different objects to print with. The following half term we will be looking at mechanisms in D.T.

Geography

We will continue looking at the local area of Morecambe and what it was like in the Victorian period as a seaside holiday. We will then move onto looking at France.

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