



## LKS2 (Years 3 and 4) Newsletter –Spring 2025

Values this year: Gratitude, Respect, Empathy, Acceptance, Trust

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely festive time with your families. We are very proud of what a great start the children have made to the Spring Term!

The Spring term is a little shorter but we still have much to teach and learn. It will really help your child if you could hear them read regularly and support them with their times tables and spellings.

We are looking forward to our geography river walk on Thursday 16th January. On this day, please could children wear trainers or other suitable shoes for walking as the path could be wet or muddy. Please could they also bring a SMALL BACKPACK containing their water bottle, a healthy snack (fruit, vegetable, bread stick or rice cake), a warm raincoat, hat and gloves and a plastic bag to sit on. Thank you.

### Mathematics

We begin the term on the second block of multiplication and division.

Many children are struggling because they are not confident with their times tables. Year 3 need to concentrate on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables, while Year 4 need to know them all up to 12 x 12.

Following this, we will be learning to measure length and perimeter before moving on to fractions.

Year 4 then move on to decimals while Year 3 tackle mass and capacity.

### English

Appropriately for the current weather, we are starting the year with work inspired by *The Snow Queen*. This will include role-play, narrative writing, spelling, punctuation, grammar and reading for inference.

Later in the term, we will be using *Little Mouse's Big Book of Fear* by Emily Gravett to look at recounts.

Our poetry unit will include a medley of Poems including Free verse and Narrative verse.

For non-fiction work, we will be looking at famous explorers including Edmund Hillary and Mary Anning.

We will also have a unit of work based on the fantastic fiction book, *'The Lost Thing'* by Shaun Tan. This will inspire work on Stories in imaginary worlds

### Science and Foundation Subjects

We begin the year in science looking at sounds and how vibrations cause sounds and how sounds travel, as well as how sounds can change pitch and loudness. This will be followed by focussing on rocks and fossils.

In History we are studying the Anglo Saxons and asking how hard it was to invade and settle in Britain.

In Geography we will be exploring Antarctica and using the work of Shackleton to inspire our own expedition around the school.

In Art our topic is painting and mixed media focussing on light and dark. We are sure our budding artists will produce

#### LKS2 timetable

Dolphin Class PE: Tuesday and Wednesday

Orca Class PE: Monday and Tuesday

Sea Lion Class PE: Wednesday and Friday

Tuck Shop—20p for Thursday

#### Reminders

- Please only send fruit, vegetables, breadsticks or rice cakes for break time snack.
- Please ensure your child brings a water bottle and coat to school on a daily basis. We do go out to play in light rain showers!

For a complete list of diary dates and further information, visit our website on

[www.langfordvillageacademy.org.uk](http://www.langfordvillageacademy.org.uk)

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