



"All Learning Together"

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Curriculum Letter Autumn Term 2019 Foss Class

Dear Parents,

I am very excited to welcome back the Year 4 children, who I know well from last year, and also say a big hello to the Year 3 children joining Ouse Class this year. I am very excited to start my third year here at Langton and I'm looking forward to seeing the progress the children make throughout the year. I hope everyone has had a relaxing summer and feeling ready for our exciting term!

English

Our first fiction topic this term will be 'Adventure Stories,' and keeping with the theme from our Topic 'Tribal Tales', we will be using the children's classic 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King as our focus text for the unit. The children will focus on writing detailed setting and character descriptions before writing their own chapter of the book, where they will create an adventure for Barney and Stig.

Our Non-fiction work will be based around 'Information Texts', where the children will research an aspect of Bronze-Age life and culture to create their own non-fiction PowerPoint.

Our Poetry work will focus on Iron Age Celtic culture and we will explore similes, metaphors and rhyme. We will be stepping into the shoes of a Celtic bard who has to write a poem for his chief insulting his enemies and perform these to the class.

In our Spelling and Grammar lessons, we will focus on direct speech and paragraph/sentence structure. Spelling tests will continue to be on a Friday, although the spelling homework tasks will be slightly different. As well as practising spellings in their books, I would like the children to choose 5 sentences to include in a sentence each week in order to demonstrate understanding.

Maths

We will begin this half term with a focus on consolidating the foundations of number and place value. This will also include Roman Numerals, rounding and negative numbers for Year 4. Once secure we will move on to both mental and written methods of addition and subtraction, including carrying and borrowing. Throughout the term we will be applying our understanding in these areas to reasoning and problem-solving questions in all mathematical areas. As we move through the next half term we will apply our knowledge of times tables to calculate written multiplication and division problems.

Head teacher: Mrs Rachel Ray
Chair of Governors: Mr Andrew Priestley

Creates opportunity



Releases potential



Achieves excellence

Throughout the year, we will have a strong focus on times tables, in preparation for the new statutory Multiplication Tables Check that will take place in June for Year 4 children. You may now be aware that children have a log-in in their reading records for a website called 'Times Too'. Here the children have the opportunity to practise their times tables and earn certificates for continued practise and progression with their times tables. In addition, the children will have a small times tables test on Monday mornings in class to assess their rapid recall of multiplication facts.

Science

Science will be taught to Ouse class by Mrs Huntriss on Monday afternoons during the second half of this term. The first focus will be the Biology topic of 'Animals - Including Humans'. The children will cover nutrition, the skeleton and muscles, digestive system, types of teeth and food chains.

Topic/History

Our topic for our first half term will be 'Tribal Tales' through which the children will learn about prehistoric periods in history. Through our research, we'll learn about the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. What were people's daily lives like and what epic battles did they fight? We'll look closely at cave paintings and create our own. As we learn about the Bronze Age, we'll build monuments and investigate their shadows. Copying the Beaker folk style, we'll make clay containers. Then, we'll travel to the Iron Age to learn about hill forts and the life of chiefs and druids. We will have a special visit from an archaeologist, who will show us some genuine Stone-Age artefacts and learn about what it's like during an archaeological dig.

Computing

Children will focus on e-safety during this half term. In connection with their English topic of information texts, we will also focus on using multimedia and creating interactive PowerPoints.

RE and PSHE

For the first half of this term, Mrs McAfee will teach the children on a Wednesday afternoon, covering the topics of RE and PSHE. In **RE** the topic will be 'What do different people believe about God?' The children will explore the Christian and Islamic faiths to learn more about their belief systems and compare this with Humanism. In **PSHE** the topic will be 'Going for Goals' which follows on nicely from our work on resilience and keeping focused on achieving our personal best.

Homework - Children will receive homework on a Friday and it should be brought back into school on a Wednesday, unless it is a whole school Topic homework, which children have 2 weeks to complete.

PE will be on Mondays and Thursdays. For the first half term then Wednesdays and Fridays after half term. Please make sure children have their kit in school on these days.

Ouse Class will have **French** with Mrs Anne Conroy in half termly blocks starting in the Spring Term.

I look forward to working with you over the course of the Year and if you have anything you would like to discuss, please feel free to come see me.

Kind Regards

Miss R. Boyle