



Class LF Newsletter
Autumn 2nd 2018

Monday 29th October

Dear Parents/Carers of Class LF,

We hope that you had a restful half-term in preparation for another fun-filled topic.

This Term's Learning: Frozen Kingdom

Welcome to the planet's coldest lands...vast wilds and hostile territories - incredibly beautiful, yet often deadly. This half-term we'll start by making and observing icebergs. We'll then find out more about them using non-fiction books. We'll learn technical vocabulary so we can write reports in the role of engineers. Using globes and maps, we'll identify the Polar Regions, comparing the Arctic and the Antarctic. We'll also think about how we can protect the polar environment. Then, we'll investigate the tragic story of the RMS Titanic and find out about the people on board. When we're more familiar with the Polar Regions, we'll write exciting stories, poems and diary entries from the perspective of the brave explorers.

Home Learning:

- ❖ Home learning books will be given out on a Friday and will be expected to be handed in by Wednesday.
- ❖ A topic home learning sheet will be stuck in your child's home learning book. Children will be asked to choose a set number of activities to complete over the half term. A copy of the week's maths and literacy activities will be also be stuck in the home learning book.
- ❖ If home learning cannot be completed and handed in on time please ensure that you have either emailed us or written a note in your child's diary explaining the reasons, ideally before Wednesday.
- ❖ Books that are handed in on time will be marked and returned on a Friday. Books that are late will be marked the following week.
- ❖ If home learning is late without a valid reason then there will be a sanction. If it is not handed in the following day, then they will have to complete the work at lunchtime under the supervision of a teacher. If home learning is repeatedly handed in late or not completed to an acceptable standard the Headteachers will be informed.
- ❖ Spare home learning sheets are kept in the 'homelearning' tray in the classroom.
- ❖ It is your child's responsibility to enquire about/collect any home learning that they have missed if they have been away.
- ❖ Maths home learning will either be a puzzle, game, challenge, investigation or a worksheet, online activity etc. Workings are to be completed in home learning book.

Reading:

- ❖ There will be a weekly guided reading lesson where the children will have the opportunity to read and discuss a text with an adult and their peers in a group. Children will read 1:1 with an adult as regularly as possible. In addition to this, children will read to themselves on a daily basis.
- ❖ Our class book this half term is 'The Snow Sister' by Emma Carroll

General:

- ❖ Children come into school and leave via the library door.
- ❖ Your child will need the following stationery: a black handwriting pen, a red biro, pencil, rubber, sharpener, glue stick, dry-wipe whiteboard pen, ruler and colouring pencils. Space on tables is limited so please ensure that pencil cases are 'appropriately-sized'. Your child may prefer to keep their colouring pencils in a smaller pencil case in their trays.
- ❖ Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday - please ensure children have the correct kit and footwear. (However, sometimes there are changes to the timetable so PE kits need to be in school all the time)
- ❖ No jewellery is to be worn for PE lessons
- ❖ Children may wear a watch and a pair of small silver/gold stud earrings for school - no bracelets
- ❖ No makeup (including tinted lip balm and nail varnish) is to be worn
- ❖ Hair is to be tied up (with an appropriate coloured and sized hairband) at all times during the school day.
- ❖ Your child should bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable to enjoy during story-time.
- ❖ Your child will also need a named bottle filled with water every day.
- ❖ We will check and sign diaries every Wednesday. As many of you may be aware, parents/carers signing the diary is a requirement at secondary school so it is important to get into this routine now. Your child should be asking you to sign the diary before Wednesday.

Key Dates:

- ❖ SirLinkalot - Monday 29th October
- ❖ Bring and Buy sale (wear spots for Children in Need) - Friday 16th November
- ❖ Staff training day - Friday 23rd November
- ❖ Flu immunisations - Friday 30th November
- ❖ School pantomime trip & PTA bazaar - Monday 10th December
- ❖ Christmas jumper day/Christmas dinner day - Tuesday 11th December
- ❖ Y6 Christingle Carol Service - Monday 17th December (St. Margaret's 6pm)

Y5 Swimming lessons - summer term (more details to follow)

Y6 SATs week: Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May

Y6 Hayling Island: Monday 3rd June - Friday 7th June

Y6 Play - Wednesday 10th July (6.00pm)

Y6 Leavers' Service - Wednesday 24th July (9.15am)

You can find us on the playground every Tuesday and Thursday from 8.45am should you need a quick chat. We are also available directly after school (clubs/meetings permitting) If you require a longer meeting with us to discuss concerns or issues regarding your child please make an appointment to see us by contacting the school office or sending us a quick email. Please note that our email address should only be used for brief enquiries and is not an effective way to address concerns or issues. We will aim to respond to short emails within the hours of 3.30pm and 6.00pm weekdays. Thank you for your support with this.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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