

Luther-King Newsletter

Summer 2017

We have a very exciting term planned and we will have lots of opportunities for great learning!

Topic – Bright sparks (Electricity and Magnets)

In science, we will learn:

- How to make an electrical circuit
- Which materials allow electricity to pass through them
- What happens when we change a circuit
- How to build bigger circuits
- About magnetism and electricity
- About using electricity as heat
- How to keep safe around electricity

In technology, we will create our own houses with a doorbell!

Topic – Active Planet

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- About how the Earth is formed
- What a volcano island is and where they are in the world
- What causes an earthquake
- How earthquakes can be measured

In technology, we will make our own survival kits and create suitable clothing to survive.

Times-tables

It is important that your child continues to practise their tables.

You will soon receive a chart to see how your child is getting on with them and which they must practise.

The following website has access to lots of free games to help your child enjoy their practise:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

Maths

This term we will focus on:

- Finding the perimeter of shapes
- Spotting right-angles in shapes and turns.
- Recognising parallel and perpendicular lines.
- The properties of 2d and 3d shapes.
- Solving problems with money
- Using the 'inverse' to solve problems.
- Finding different combinations using trial and improvement.
- Interpreting information from charts and graphs
- Finding non-unit fractions of shapes and numbers
- Solving problems with fractions.

Literacy

This term we will cover:

- Compound and complex sentences.
- Irregular verbs
- Using persuasive language
- Creating 'detective' stories.
- Spelling homophones
- Adding adverbs to our stories
- We will study the books of an author.

Grammar Hammer

Starting this week, your child will now be sent home a grammar hammer to practise each week, as well as their homework. Please focus on the questions they are more unsure of. Feel free to ask me about unfamiliar questions.

PE Kits

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school for **Tuesday and Friday PE** sessions. Their kit **must** include a t-shirt, shorts, jogging bottoms and pumps/trainers that fit.

I am sending home PE kits next week so you can check with your child that everything still fits and they have everything they need to change for PE in the bag.

We do not have spares for children to use and they may miss out if their kit is not available.

Spelling

Please ensure spellings are practised little and often when they are sent home each week. This extra practise does make a difference. It would help your child if you could test them and see if their score improves at home. Feel free to record this in their homework folders for me to see.

Remember you can make spellings fun:

- Paint them
- Draw them
- Do them with their eyes closed
- Build them out of Lego/Play Doh

It's lovely to see when they have been practised in different and interesting ways.

Reading at home

We are loving 'How to train your dragon'! Thank you to all parents and children who have persevered reading this challenging book.

Your child should be writing in their green reading record the chapter or pages they have been asked to read. Please let Mr H know if you do not see this.

Keep reading, the end of the book is even more exciting!

Talk 4 writing showcase

As you know, your child has been learning text to memory using 'talk 4 writing' this year. It has been amazing to see how it has helped their understanding of language, spelling and punctuation when writing. A little later in the term you will be invited to a 'showcase' of the texts we have studied this year, along with seeing some of the wonderful writing and ideas that have been produced using this. I will send a date for this in a separate letter.

A thank you message

I would like to take the chance to thank parents and children for some of the lovely homework that has been produced this year. Mrs Murrie and I enjoy reading it together each week. Keep it up! There will be prizes at the end of the year for the best homework folders.

The next **Stay and Learn** session will be on Thursday 22nd June 8:40-9am. We look forward to seeing you.

If you ever have any queries or questions, you are always welcome to chat to us at the end of the day. If you have any notes that need to be passed on before the day starts, please write these in a short note for your child to bring into school.

Mr Hazeldine, Miss Cashmore and Mrs Murrie