



KING'S LANDER
PRIMARY ACADEMY

Redwood Class Spring Newsletter

Happy New Year!

Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed a lovely, restful break and are looking forward to the term ahead. We have plenty to look forward to in Year 6. Your child will be taught by Mrs Dickinson Monday-Wednesday and by Mr Sheerin on Thursday and Fridays.

Maths

This term we will be focussing on decimals, measure, word problems and percentages. Our Maths lessons will be delivered through our Maths No Problem curriculum. We will also be continuing daily Fluent in Five and Rapid Reasoning activities to develop our mental arithmetic skills and will be including additional arithmetic sessions each week. This term we will be completing a number of assessments to track your child's progress. This is a great opportunity for us to develop your child's stamina, confidence and test technique in Maths! Your child is expected to know all multiplication facts up to 12×12 and all corresponding division facts. We can't stress enough how much this knowledge impacts on many concepts in Maths. Please support your child by practising regularly with them and encouraging them to use Times Table Rock Stars at home.

English

In English this term we will be focussing on a wide range of writing genres including discovery narrative and explanation texts. We will be using the 'Origin of the Species' by Sabina Rediva as our stimulus. In addition to this, pupils will have grammar, spelling and comprehension lessons to develop and support their comprehension skills, spelling strategies and punctuation and grammar understanding. We will also be continuing with our Accelerated Reader programme. Pupils have all completed their star reading tests and have been given a 'zpd'. They have all chosen a book which matches their reading ability which will provide appropriate challenge in order to move them forward. Your child has also been given a reading journal, which they should complete as they are enjoying their book. They then complete a quiz on their book. We will be continuing to hold half-termly 'Starbooks' reward sessions for ten 100% scores in quizzes! Please ensure that your child has their chromebook and reading folder in school every day as we will have regular Accelerated Reading sessions in class throughout the week.

Science

This term we will complete our topic 'How Light Travels,' before focusing on 'Electricity' in Physics. Pupils will learn to understand how number and voltage of cells affects components and use symbols to represent circuit diagrams. Our Biology topic for this half term is 'Evolution and Inheritance'. Children will be classifying living things including micro-organisms, learning to understand reasons for classification, developing an understanding of fossils and evolution, as well as offspring variation and environmental adaptation. Your child will continue to develop their working scientifically skills by setting up and completing fair investigations in the Lab. They work well in their Science teams and there are often photographs of our experiments on our school twitter page!

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Opening Worlds

In Geography, the children will continue learning about oceans. This will include finding out about how oceans affect climate, their role in climate change, and the human impact on oceans. In History, we will be looking at Anglo Saxon Britain. We will learn about how the collapse of the Roman Empire affected Britain, before moving onto the new Kingdoms and what was found at Sutton Hoo. In R.E., we continue learning about the Islamic faith. The children will develop their understanding by learning about rules and pilgrimage.

PE

PE will continue to take place on Tuesdays and Fridays each week. Please make sure your child has their full school PE kit on both days. Due to unpredictable weather, we may need to have more indoor PE sessions, so it is important your child is equipped for both. PE will be delivered by Coach Tom from Community Sports and Mr Edmunds on Fridays.

Spanish

Spanish will be delivered by Mr Halsall in Year 6. Our Spanish topic this term is 'My House' and we will apply vocabulary learned during this unit to written, spoken, reading and writing activities. Children really enjoy the interactivity these lessons bring.

Homework

Homework will be set every Wednesday and collected in the following Wednesday; this will be posted on Google Classroom. Your child should also ensure that they read and journal throughout the week, ready to quiz on their book on school. We expect two journals to be completed at home each week. Pupils should also spend time working on their multiplication and division facts on 'Times Table Rockstars' online. We encourage children to be more responsible and ensuring they complete homework each week is a good step to get them high school ready! Children who do not complete homework will be given opportunity to during break time.

My Happy Mind

Children are really enjoying our My Happy Mind sessions focussed on developing understanding of mental wellbeing. This half term we are focussing on gratitude. The children will be considering what they are grateful for in terms of their experiences, personal qualities and others around them.

As always, please contact school if there is anything you think we should know or you would like help with. Our drop-in day after school, should you need to speak to us, is a Monday from 3:15pm – 4:00pm. If this is not convenient, please contact the school office and we can make alternative arrangements. Thank you for your continued support and let's look forward to enjoying a fantastic

Spring Term in Year 6!
Mrs Dickinson and Mr Sheerin
Year 6 Class Teachers