

Lions' Class

Spring Newsletter



Welcome back Lions! I hope you have had a brilliant Christmas break and are ready for what this term brings. Mrs Brown and I would like to say a massive thank you for your kindness and generosity with Christmas gifts this year. We both feel incredibly spoiled! Although spring term may be short we have got a lot to get through!

What are the Lions learning this term?

In **Literacy** this half term Lions will be looking at writing defeating the monster stories and learning how to include dialogue effectively into our writing. We'll hopefully still be using all the descriptive skills from last term in our writing too! After half term we will be looking at instructions, so we love it if the children could have as much experience at following instructions as possible between now and then.

Maths this half term is focusing on multiplication and division. We are going to be exploring how the inverse can help us solve problems as well as looking at strategies, such as partitioning, to help us solve trickier equations. After half term we will be looking at time, so please practice as much as you can! Telling the time, finding out how long something takes and intervals between times would be really helpful.

Our **Topic** this term is *really* exciting! It is called ***Footprints of the Past*** where we will be looking at the history of dinosaurs, how the continents of the world changed and even exploring fossils! This is a fantastic link for us as in our **Science** lessons, we will be learning about different rocks and soils, how they are classified and formed as well as completing the odd experiment or two. The enthusiasm the children have for their topic is incredible so below are a few websites that might be nice to explore with them:

www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/dinosaurs

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/dinosaurs.html>

PE

Please could I ask that all PE kits are clearly labelled as we're beginning to get a bit of a collection left in the class. Some names seem to be washed out so please could they be checked, jumpers too.

As we no longer go swimming the children will have 2 PE sessions a week. On a **Tuesday morning** with Mr Taylor the children will be outside so please ensure they have jogging bottoms and jumpers as it can be chilly during their session. Their second session will be with me on a **Thursday after lunch** in the hall. We will be bare foot so please could verruca's be treated or covered appropriately.

Home learning

Homework and spellings will be sent out on Friday's and due back in on the follow Wednesday. Additionally, please encourage the children to continue with TT Rockstars as they're doing great! I have set the tables for **garage** games. Finally, please could you make sure that children are heard read aloud regularly and reading records are signed by an adult. We want to make sure the children are discussing the book they have read as this will get them ready for the quizzes they take independently in class.