

Loddington C of E Primary School

2023

Autumn Newsletter

Year 3 & 4



Welcome Back

I hope you have all had a super, restful summer holiday with your families and are ready to start another exciting year at school. We have lots to look forward to!

Curriculum

Our topic this term will be the Romans. This will run until Christmas, however we will be focusing on a different element each half term. Until the October break, we will be exploring Roman Invasion. This will include learning how the Romans built up their empire, how and why they invaded Britain, the effectiveness of their army and the role of some significant people during this time. In Science, we will be studying Light and Shadows. During this unit we will be learning what light and dark are, investigating how some objects and materials reflect light and exploring how shadows are formed. We will develop our scientific skills by measuring shadow length and drawing conclusions about what makes shadows change.

PE Day

Our PE day this year will be on a **Tuesday**. Please wear your PE kit to school as you did last year. PE kits should include a white or red t-shirt, navy or black shorts, trainers, navy or black jogging bottoms (only in the winter).

Homework

This year, we will no longer be sending Maths and English CGP books home. This is to place an emphasis on daily reading and times tables practice.

Maths

Times tables are very important, and children should be regularly practising these. By the end of Year 4, children are required to know all their tables up to 12 x 12, and recall facts at speed. All children should have their own times tables rockstars accounts - please do let me know if they haven't or can't remember their logins, and I will send out a reminder. Please support them to practice as often as possible at home using the websites below:

www.ttrockstars.co.uk

www.timestables.co.uk

www.topmarks.co.uk/hitthebutton

Maths Key Instant Recall Facts for Autumn 1

Yr 3:

Number bonds to 100

eg - $63 + 37$ $41 + 59$

Doubles and halves of any number to 100

Counting in multiples of 50 and 100

10/100 more or less than a given number

2/3/4/5/8/10 x table recall

Yr 4:

Count in multiples of 25

1000 more or less than a given number

Round numbers to the nearest

10/100/1000

(Times tables in addition - ongoing)

Reading

Reading books will be taken home every day - please do read at home as often as possible and record in reading diaries. This should include asking questions for your child to answer on what they have read - below are some examples of questions that could be asked to check understanding.

Remembering When and where did the story take place? Who are the main characters? What does the main character look like? How does the book begin? Where in the book would you find...?	Understanding What is the book about? From whose point of view is the story told? What is happening? What might this mean? Which part do you like best? Why?
Applying Can you think of another story with a similar theme? Can you think of another story character similar to a character in this book? Have you had any similar experiences? Which stories have openings like this? Can you think of another author who writes in a similar style?	Analysis How has the author used description to show how this character is feeling? How does the layout help...? Can you explain why...? Why did the author choose these words? What evidence can you use to support your view?
Evaluating Which text/story is better? Why? Which parts of the text could be improved? Which text is more persuasive? Why? Did it have an effective ending? Who would you recommend this to?	Creating Using the evidence in the text, what do you think about...? If you were the main character, how would you have reacted to this? What would this character think? Are there any other reasons why this might have happened? Have the views in this text affected your opinion? Why? How?

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. My email is K.Evans@loddington.pdet.org.uk or alternatively a message can be sent on Seesaw.

Autumn Half Term - Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October. Return to school Monday 30th October.