

Dear All,
Welcome to the Spring Term in Larch Class.



Our Topic this term is 'Treasure', covering the historical periods of Vikings and Anglo-Saxon invasions of Great Britain. As we endeavour to organise a class trip or a visit each term, please look out for information about our trip this term to Sutton Hoo.

In English, we are going to read and learn about a variety of texts, e.g. fairy tales based on work of Brothers Grimm, the various versions of the legend of Beowulf, The Hobbit by JR Tolkien and kenning poetry.



In Science we will be learning about materials and their properties, in the first half-term; animals including humans and changes in the human bodies including puberty, in the second. The last topic will also link to the relationship and sex education part of the curriculum.

PE lessons will be again on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons; we will aim to be outside for games on Tuesdays and inside for dance lessons on Wednesdays. Children need to have complete PE kit at school every day, every item clearly labelled; as children seem to be growing constantly, please check that their shoes (especially) fit to avoid discomfort and injury. If your child has a verruca, please inform the office or the class teacher asap.



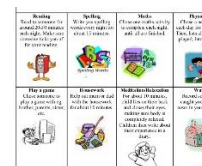
Knowing timetables is paramount for developing confident mathematical skills and understanding, so please keep using TTRockStars, MathsShed and other resources to practise.

Spellings lists and activities have been sent home for the six weeks ahead; your child should know their spelling test day - it is written down in their planner. If some spellings are incorrect on the test day, they will be sent home via the child's planner and tested again next time.



Please, give your children a healthy snack for the morning break.

The Homework grid has been sent home with a variety of activities for your child to choose from. Please complete three activities this half-term and another three by the end of the term. It is probably best to bring in the completed items as soon as they are done, historically these inspire other members of the class to try various tasks as well. Start now to avoid the end of the term rush. ☺ Children's homework also includes: reading regularly, practising their spellings and times tables and completing at least one session of Bedrock.




<https://www.bedrocklearning.org/>

Bedrock Vocabulary is an online programme that helps children learn new vocabulary. To make good progress, it is necessary to complete at least two sessions a week; children will be given an opportunity to have at least one session in school, and will be expected to complete one session as part of their homework (Larch class will be scheduled to have their session on Wednesday). There is a 48 hour window when children will not be able to access the next session, to help long-term memorisation. Children will have access details in their planners from week starting 13 January. We are looking forward to seeing and hearing children using an exceedingly higher level of vocabulary as a result of this! ☺

