

# LANGTOFT PRIMARY SCHOOL

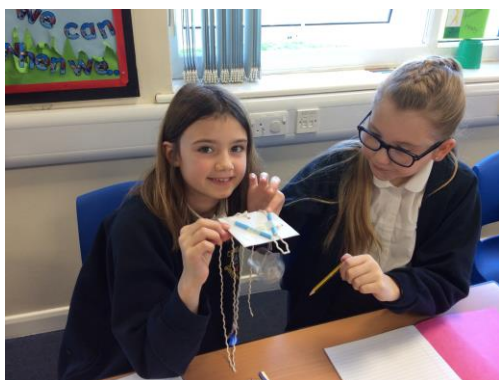
## FRIDAY BULLETIN

18 March 2022



### SCIENCE WEEK

Children in each year group have enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities, investigations and experiments as part of Science Week, from planting seeds to finding out about the human skeleton. Year 5 joined in with Mars Day researching whether there is life in Mars, completing experiments involving yeast and effervescent vitamins to imitate the effect of there being dormant life on Mars which needs to be activated as well as making their own pulley mechanisms as would be seen on the Mars Rover.



On Monday 21 March, Year 4 and 5 are in for special treat when they take part in a rocket building workshop organised by Perkins in Peterborough.

### FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS

The Cluster football competition started this week; a series of home and away matches against other local schools from Deeping and Baston. Our team played a cracking game against Linchfield Primary School yesterday with the B team winning their match and the A team missing out by a couple of goals. Excellent play and teamwork from both teams. Some children were rather nervous to begin with but, by the end they were asking to go back on and play!

Their next match is on Thursday 24 March against Deeping St James Primary School. Feel free to come along and show your support if you are available.





## MRS DILLEY

It is with sadness that Mrs Dilley is leaving Langtoft Primary School at the end of this term. Mrs Dilley has made the tough decision to take a short break from teaching in order to look after her young family.

To ensure as little disruption to the children as possible, for the summer term Mr Dolby will continue to teach in Year 3 on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with Mrs Strawbridge, who the children are familiar with, teaching on a Wednesday.

I'm sure you'll join me in thanking Mrs Dilley for her contributions to the school and in wishing her all the best for the future.

## UKRAINE APPEAL

The children came dressed in blue and yellow and donated £1 to show our support and raise funds for the people of Ukraine. The collection of items you kindly donated were packed and delivered by Boxes of Hope to Wroclaw in Poland where they were unloaded into the interim facility forming and fulfilling dedicated orders of supplies to go to the refugee centres in Poland and then onto Ukraine directly.

Thank you for all your support you have shown so far.



Should you wish to donate further, we are directing you to Unicef, with whom we are linked as part of our Rights Respecting Schools status.

[https://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/donate-now-to-protect-children-in-ukraine/?gclid=Ci0KCQjwuMuRBhCJARIsAHXdngPO7z3f7vzWjg\\_plmvfYsgQbrpE7PiYUc9uvQzqugAGwUxdYf3deF4aArKVEALw\\_wcB](https://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/donate-now-to-protect-children-in-ukraine/?gclid=Ci0KCQjwuMuRBhCJARIsAHXdngPO7z3f7vzWjg_plmvfYsgQbrpE7PiYUc9uvQzqugAGwUxdYf3deF4aArKVEALw_wcB)

## CHOIR

Our new choir club started this week and all the children were excited to be singing a variety of songs. We are looking forward to hearing them perform next term.

## WANTED: FISH TANK

As part of a science topic, we would like to have frog spawn in school. If you have a small fish tank that you could give or lend us, please contact the school office.

## WRITERS OF THE WEEK

This week's Writers of the Week are **Arthur P** in Foundation, **Lily W** in Year 1, **Mille R** in Year 2, **Harrison D** in Year 3, **Jessica G** in Year 4, **Amellia D** in Year 5 and **Oliver C** in Year 6.

# CLASS UPDATES

For week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Please find information about what each class are learning next week.

## FOUNDATION STAGE

The eggs from the Happy Chick company will be arriving on Monday! The children will observe them and watch them hatch out throughout the week. They will have the opportunity to draw the chicks, write about them and hold them later in the week. In maths, they will begin to name and describe 3D shapes. Please could you send some recycling in from home (cereal boxes, tubs, puts, tubes, etc) for the children to identify the shapes and sort them into different groups. They can then use them to do some junk modelling. In phonics, the children will learn the sounds 'air' and 'ir'. We will continue our art journey and begin to learn about Henri Matisse and his cut outs. The children will have a go at designing their own floral and leave shapes and cutting them out. This will provide an extra opportunity for careful scissor control.

## YEAR 1

Next week in year 1 we have a very busy week. On Tuesday we will be visiting Peterborough Museum where we will be spending the day as a student nurse! In Science and English we will be learning all about Spring and writing our own Spring poems, in Maths we will be starting to learn about volume and capacity, and finally enjoying our pyjama and teddy day on Thursday!

## YEAR 2

In Year 2, we will be reading the beautiful text, The Tin Forest by Helen Ward. The text will be the inspiration for our writing where we will be writing diary extracts to show what was happening to the main character. In maths, we continue to develop our understanding of fractions by finding out about unit and non-unit fractions. We will use apparatus to help our understanding when calculating three quarters and to help us visualise how a half is equivalent to two quarters. In science, we hope to be able to plant seeds and bulbs before finding out more about how different plants adapt to live in their habitats. In RE, we will be learning how Christians welcome a new baby. We have learnt lots of poses in yoga and this week we will be learning about poses linked to animals found on a farm.

## YEAR 3

Next week we shall be using The Vanishing Rainforest for our inspiration in English. We will be exploring tribal life in the Amazon; the impact on the rainforest and the global impact of deforestation before ultimately composing a recount on this text. In science, we will discover the process of photosynthesis and recognise why rainforests are an essential part of our world. In PE, we continue with rallying in tennis whilst improving our hand-eye coordination in golf. As part of our rainforest topic, we shall compare data collected from the Amazon to that of our local area and draw conclusions. In mathematics, we move on from division to explore money involving pounds and pence; adding and subtracting and finding change.

## YEAR 4

This week in Year 4, we shall be beginning a new learning journey in maths. We are going to look at decimals and start to make connections with our prior knowledge of fractions. We are still working hard to learn our times tables and this has proven to be a vital skill when learning about fractions of quantities recently. In English sessions, we shall be continuing to look at formal letter writing. We will be gathering

information during our history sessions about the Roman army and using these to inspire us with some ideas for our own independent writing. In science, we will be devising our own investigations into changing states of matter. In art, we will be experimenting with relief patterns in papier mache to create our own Roman coins.

## YEAR 5

We shall begin our week with an exciting rocket launching workshop, led by STEM ambassadors and complementing our previous science learning on forces.

In science, we shall complete our thermal insulator investigation. We would be grateful for disposable cups (plastic / paper / polystyrene) if anyone has some to spare. Some children also wanted to test out certain cups from home - they are welcome to bring these in and do so if they wish, on Wednesday.

In maths, we will move on from the area model and work towards more formal multiplication methods, multiplying 2-digits by 2-digits and then 3-digits by 2-digits.

In English, we shall continue with our non-fiction unit on persuasive texts. There was some fabulous persuasive writing last week, persuading people to visit Alton Towers.

As science took over last week, we shall catch up on our history this week. We think about the impact of the Industrial Revolution, engaging with historical sources to make observations about a British city before and after the Industrial Revolution. Pupils will learn about changes to cities, employment, living conditions and the landscape and will have the chance to reflect on whether the effects of the various changes brought about were positive or negative ones.

PE days are on Tuesday (fitness) and Thursday (outdoor adventurous activities).

## YEAR 6

This week, we will be doing mock SATs. It is a great opportunity for us to familiarise ourselves with the procedures and expectations before 9th May. The results of the tests will be invaluable in guiding our learning over the coming weeks. You are all ready for this, so now is the time to do your best 😊. For your information, the timetable is shown below.

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 and Paper 2
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	English Reading
Thursdays 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic Paper 2: reasoning
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

The rest of the week will be 'business as usual'. Writing will focus on explanation texts; therefore, we will immerse ourselves in good examples and learn the skills needed. In maths, we will calculate scale factors and solve problems involving ratio and proportion. We will continue with badminton and work on our stomp/clap dance in P.E. Our work on coasts will continue. In art we will use our understanding of colour theory and posterising, exploring the rule of thirds to create artwork based on our faces. Why not have a look for posters online? Can you spot the features we have been studying? Computing will see us develop understanding and use of spreadsheets.