



Welcome to Luther-King's first class newsletter. I hope you have all had a lovely summer. This half term, for some of your children, is the beginning of their journey into their last year with us and I am sure this year will be full of creating life-long memories. As a school, we will continue to display our school values and demonstrate resilience when faced with challenges.

As you can see, we have a lot of fantastic learning ahead of us this half term. In order to meet you all and put my face to the name, I welcome you to a 'Meet the Teacher' event on Thursday 7th September after school, where you will have the opportunity to meet with myself and discuss any questions you may have in regards to the upcoming academic year.

**Maths**

In maths this half term, we will focus on the notion of place value, involving numbers up to ten million. In addition to this, the children will begin the process of becoming experts in identifying prime numbers, common factors, multiples and will be able to square and cube numbers with ease. Before moving onto long multiplication and division. Year 6 and Year 5 will have their maths lessons separately.

**DT:**

This term, we are having a dedicated day for DT. We believe that giving a whole day for this subject will mean the children will have time to plan, create and improve their designs. This term, the children will become cooking connoisseurs by taking part in their very own 'Come Dine with Me.' competition.

**Science:**

Be prepared for your child to become anatomy experts. This half term, we will be focussing on the human body, particularly focussing on the heart, lungs and blood vessels. The children will have the opportunities to explore the human body through different mediums including practical learning—seeing the journey blood takes through our bodies.

**Geography/History:**

As historians we will delve into the world of Human Rights. The children will learn how human rights have been ignored in the past, which will set good foundations for the rest of the year's learning which will focus on WW1 and WW2.

As geologists, the children will take on the challenge of understanding time zones (linking with lines of longitude and latitude) and map reading to gain a insight into data about places, people and the environment.

**English:**

This half term our writing is based on the text 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman. Over the weeks the children will gain the skills to write an explanation text, a balanced argument and a setting description. The children will learn how to begin sentences with different word classes to enhance imagery for the reader. Alongside our writing lessons, the children will be exposed to reading skills such as text marking whilst reading Wonder by R.J.Palacio.

**Computing:**

Keeping safe online is vitally important in this modern world, which is why our first topic will cover a range of online safety advice. Our second topic during this half term, will link to our music lessons where the pupils will tinker with technology creating 'new beats'. Hopefully, we may have an upcoming music producer in our class!

**PE:**

YR 6 Children of Luther-King are diving to new depths in our swimming lessons. This half term, the children are building on skills learnt last year and aiming to pass the swimming standard for primary aged children.

In school, we are taking part in fitness lessons, where we are learning how to build up our endurance and speed.

**PSHE & RE:**

In PSHE we are focussing on the notion of respect, bullying and challenging stereotypes. This will also link with our learning of human rights in history.

This half term, in RE, we are learning about different pilgrimages people take and why.

**Music:**

Lights, camera and action! The children are in for a treat this half term. In music, the children will learn the importance of looping and remixing within the music industry. At the end of the unit, the children will compose and remix their own piece of music using instruments and technology.

**Class messages:** I'd like to start the first class message with a class proverb, "A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships and new challenges. The slate is clean and anything can happen."

**Important dates to remember:**

1. 26th-29th September—Book Fair
2. Friday 29th September—McMillan Coffee Morning
3. Friday 13th October - Curriculum Open Evening (15:10 to 16:00)
4. Wednesday 25th October— Year 6 Ingleborough Hall Meeting