



Welcome to Luther Kings class's newsletter for Spring 1. I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and a well deserved break. Over the last half term, I saw great leaps in terms of academic and social progress and I am sure I will be amazed yet again this half term.

This half term, the children will have an array of learning taking place with many subjects interweaving in terms of knowledge and prior learning. I cannot wait to share the learning your child has completed over this half term, keep an eye out on Seesaw. If you are having any problems with Seesaw, please contact me so this can be fixed.

### Maths

In maths, we will be focussing on decimals, percentages, measurement, with year 6 focusing on algebra and ratio. The children will learn how percentages, decimals and fractions link closely and will be able to apply this to reasoning questions. Ratio and algebra are challenging topics, its true, but your children will be given the skills and confidence to tackle these questions head on.

### DT and Art:

This term, the children will become designers and makers of stuffed toys. The children will brush on their sewing skills by making their own new and forward-thinking stuff toy that will become West Vale's best seller! In art, the children will become architects designing their own building.

### Science:

Be prepared for your children to become fully fledged electricians, as we explore the world of electricity. The children will make series' of complex circuits, discovering how power outages occur. The children will then become IT security experts, designing and making their own electrical circuit to protect the crown jewels.

### Geography/History:

As historians we will discover how Suffragettes paved the way for equal rights for women. We will look at the a.

As geologists, we will be focussing on North America discovering what countries lie within the continent as well as it hosting many biomes. The children will explore North America's urbanisation problems. We will also compare and contrast North America's rivers to London's.

### English:

This half term we will be focussing on a truly inspiring book: Hidden Figures based on the true events relating to the accomplishments at Nasa during the Cold War. The children over this half term are going to produce outstanding newspaper reports, emotive speeches and a persuasive letter. The children will continue to build on their SPaG knowledge this term where we will focus on: colons, semi colons, parenthesis and hyphens.

### Computing:

As IT extraordinaires, the children will become code breakers and password hackers linking to the history of Bletchley Park and the World War 2 effort. The children will discover coding heroes of the past where they will present their learning on google slides.

### PE:

Our PE lessons, this half term we will be becoming the countries best netball stars of the future! The children will learn how to defend, attack and pivot within a game.

Swimming lessons will continue on a Wednesday, where the children will be assessed against the swimming standards before Easter.

### PSHE & RE:

In PSHE the children will be learning about economic wellbeing so that children have the skills to be responsible with money.

This term, in RE we will be answering the question: How do Sikhs show commitment to their faith?

### Music:

In music, the children will learn how to sing and perform songs for victory linking to WW2. They will focus on the notation, pitching up an octave and harmonies of the song 'The White Cliffs of Dover'.

**Class messages:** In the run up to SATS it is never too late to make progress. Our class will live by the proverb, 'A journey of a thousand miles, begins with a single step'.

### Important dates to remember:

1. 8th January—Young Voices (choir members)
2. 15th January—Martin Luther King Day
3. 23rd January—Handwriting competition parent voting session 3:30pm
4. 29th January—Afternoon trip to Sheards Packaging
5. 8th February—KS2 Spelling Bee Competition
6. 9th February—PFA Valentines Disco