WEST VALE ACADEMY

Class Luther-King Newsletter

Spring 2

Welcome to Luther Kings class's newsletter for Spring 2. I hope you have all had a lovely half term and a well deserved break. Over the last half term, I saw fantastic dedication to studies and great curiosity—particularly in

This half term, the children will be working towards their upcoming exams beginning May 13th. The children will build metacognition skills and confidence to do their best. We have an array of learning taking place over the half term including: WW2, Human Rights, Diversity and signing for victory. I cannot wait to share the learning your child has completed over this half term, keep an eye out on Seesaw and Facebook (Thursday). If you are having any problems with Seesaw, please contact me so this can be fixed.

Maths

In maths, we will be focussing on fine tuning our arithmetic knowledge as well as moving our learning forward by discovering what a mean is. In addition to this, we will become experts on, statistics, algebra, ration, angles, reading time and timetables. The children will delve further in the world of reasoning and application of maths in a series of problem solving challenges.

DT:

This term, the children will become designers and makers of automata toys. The children will plan, design and make a toy that moves in line with the design brief given to their groups. The children will then evaluate the effectiveness of their toy by using the success criteria.

Science:

The children will discover how light is vital to our world, working up to creating their very own periscope! The children will solidify their prior knowledge of shadows and delve deeper into how refraction causes the illusion of a rainbow.

Geography/History:

As historians we will discover how the rise of Hitler and the Nazi party lead to World War 2. We will conduct research into the infamous 'Night of the Broken Glass'.

As geologists, we will be focussing on South America particularly focussing on the agriculture and energy produced in Brazil. The children will explore South America's deforestation problems. At the end of the unit, the children will compare North and South America.

English:

This half term we will be focussing on gathering different writing pieces for our end of year assessments. Over the half term, the children will create an emotive diary entry based on our class text 'Rose Blanche'. The children will also strengthen their knowledge on newspaper reports and setting descriptions. I know the children have worked hard and have become great writers. I'm looking forward to see their final pieces.

Computing:

As IT technicians and historians we are going to go back through time and explore computing heroes of the past such as: Katherine Johnson and Alan Turing. The children are then going to aspire to be their own computing heroes by designing their own piece of futuristic technology.

Our PE lessons, this half term we will becoming the countries best badminton stars of the future! The children will learn how to serve

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

PSHE & RE:

In PSHE the children will be learning about citizenship, where the children will learn about democracy and Human Rights.

This term, in RE we will focus on what Christians believe about death and res

Music:

In music, the children will learn how to sing and perform a 12 bar piece of music focusing on the genre of 'The Blues'. The children will then use their knowledge to compose their own piece of blues music.

Class messages: This half term, our proverb will focus on determination and persistence. Our class will live by the proverb, 'A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work'.

Important dates to remember:

- 5th March—Luther King's Mother's Day Breakfast
- 2. 3. 6th March—International Women's Day
- 7th March—World Book Day
- 4. 8th—13th March—British Science Week
- 8th March—International Women's Day 5.
- 21st March—Poetry Day