

Les Landes School

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Year 4

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! I hope you and your child have had a wonderful summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting Autumn Term ahead. This term, we have a lot of engaging learning planned, and I'm pleased to share what your child will be exploring in Year 4.

On transition day the children worked together to create a class charter rooted in the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)**. This process empowers children to understand their rights and responsibilities, fostering a respectful and inclusive classroom environment. Through this, they will learn to recognise and uphold the rights of themselves and others, promoting a culture of mutual respect and shared values. We will be revisiting this in the first few weeks.

English

Our English lessons this term will focus on:

- **Beowulf** by Rob Lloyd Jones – a gripping legend that will inspire our own storytelling.
- **A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens – where we'll step into Scrooge's shoes and write expressive monologues.

Alongside these, we'll delve into poetry, focusing on List poems and Kennings, and develop our non-fiction writing skills through explanations. Throughout, we'll continue to enrich our vocabulary and develop our understanding of grammar. We will focus on using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases, as well as the use of the possessive apostrophe.

Maths

In maths, we will learn about:

- Understanding place value up to 10,000.
- Mastering addition and subtraction with four-digit numbers.
- Practicing multiplication and division by 10 and 100.
- Exploring measurement, including length and perimeter.

Daily practice on Times Tables Rock Stars will help reinforce these skills. By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all multiplication and division facts up to 12×12.

PSHE

We will be continuing the *myHappymind* programme designed to help children develop positive mental health and emotional resilience. In the first module, *Meet Your Brain*, children are learning about how their brains work, including the roles of the Amygdala and how we can train our minds to focus and stay calm. They are exploring the concept of neuroplasticity and practising Happy Breathing as a way to manage emotions and build healthy habits. Children are also learning about their own character strengths, how to spot them in others, and how using these strengths can help them face challenges, solve problems, and feel more confident. These lessons are a fun and meaningful way to help children understand themselves and support their overall wellbeing.

Other Subjects

Acting Headteacher: Lisa Harber BEd (Hons) NPQH

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This term's scientific discoveries cover:

- **Animals, including Humans** – exploring the digestive system, diet, and food chains.
- **Electricity** – learning about its uses, safety, and creating simple circuits.

Our historical and geographical explorations include:

- **Invaders and Settlers** – focusing on Viking invasions and their impact.
- **Settlements** – examining the development of settlements.

PE lessons will be on a Monday and Thursday. This term, we will be looking at rounders and netball. After half term we will be doing indoor athletics and dance. Please ensure your child comes dressed in their PE kit and trainers.

In **Computing**, we will be learning to further children's understanding of technology and computer systems in relation to their hardware and software, introduce children to Logo programming, focusing on developing their understanding of basic commands and programming concepts, and introduce children to animation and the common techniques used by animators. We will also learn how to keep ourselves safe online.

In **RE**, we will focus on Hinduism and will explore answers to the questions, 'What do Hindus believe God is like?' and 'What does it mean to be Hindu in Britain today?'

In **Music**, we will focus on rhythm. We will copy rhythmic patterns and explore notation, as well as create our own rhythmic patterns.

Homework:

To support your child's learning at home:

- **Reading:** Encourage at least 15 minutes of reading each evening. Please record a signature in their Reading Record to acknowledge this. These will be checked on a Friday.
- **Spellings:** New words will be introduced on Friday and tested the following Friday. Daily practice using the 'look, say, cover, write, check' method is recommended.
- **Maths:** Daily practice on Times Tables Rock Stars (28 one-minute games in the 'Garage' section per week).

Additional Information

- Mrs White will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Mrs Hibbs will be teaching Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday.
- If you do need to email us, please email us both as this allows our handovers to be as smooth as possible.
- Please ensure all jumpers and cardigans are clearly marked with your child's name.
- Encourage your child to bring a water bottle (maximum 1 litre) to stay hydrated throughout the day.
- If you have an old shirt suitable for use as a painting apron, please send it in. We also welcome any old newspapers for art activities.

We are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead and to getting to know your child better. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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