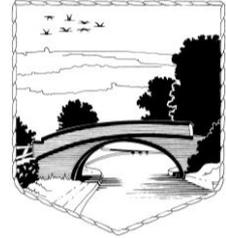




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Curriculum Letters - January 2025

Little Lawrences are excited about this term's theme Amazing Animals, followed closely by our Come Outside Topic! These topics provide us with opportunities to learn more about The World enabling the children to become curious learners. We will learn about where animals live, exploring the different continents as well as visiting outer space! We will be working very closely as a whole Foundation Stage team to plan exciting learning opportunities suited to the age and stage of your child. These will include lots of activities specific to our topic as well as focused learning activities based on developing your child's speech, language and mathematical skills and understanding. We believe that in order to learn best, children need to feel safe and happy so the children will be supported in their Personal Social and Emotional well - being. We will continue to work on developing the key skills of cooperation and shared learning. Children will be encouraged to play together - taking turns, sharing and developing ideas. This will be through whole class and small group work. We are also developing our use of the Zones of regulation bears to support children throughout the early years with emotional wellbeing. We will be learning from information books about the continents, animals and people. We will be learning the different types of bears and their habitats exploring differences and similarities. We will find out about David Attenborough and become explorers of our world outside. We will use both information and story books. Story books will include Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What can you do with a trail like this? and How to catch a star plus more. Through these we will learn about characters, settings and their sequences. We will continue to have rich phonic activities and play sound games. We will be focusing on counting, pattern and number play including numeral recognition. We will practise our counting and matching saying the number to objects as we count. Our shape work will include learning their names and their properties. We will also be doing a lot of work on comparative measures. We believe that parents/carers, families and preschool provide the best education as a team. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us and we will try to answer these and provide the support you need.

This term in **Reception**, our topic is 'Amazing Animals'. We will be learning all about animals that live in different habitats including our local environment, woodlands, jungles, deserts and seas. We will also think about how we can look after our planet. Alongside all this, we will follow the interests of the children and will ensure that the provision enables them to practise and consolidate essential social and physical skills, such as taking turns and forming letters correctly. In maths we will be exploring the relationships between numbers to 10 and in phonics learning new sounds and reading and writing sentences. In PE, our topic is 'dance'.

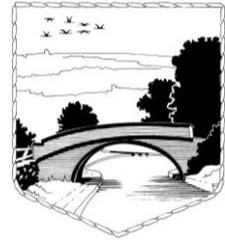
This term in **Year 1**, our topic is Toys and Transport. We will therefore be finding out a little of the history of these things and how they have changed over time. Included in this topic will be a short study of the Lego creator and other giants of the toys and transport history. We will be linking this to prior knowledge of materials learnt in science last term. In science this term, we are looking at seasonal changes between winter and spring and also 'Animals Including Humans'. The children will have the opportunity to explore and learn about the five senses and the human body. We will use Forest School to cover some of this science learning. In English, the children continue to focus daily on phonics and reading, learning the alternative spellings and pronunciations of sounds. We will also be linking our key texts to our topic by focussing on beautiful stories such as 'Lost in the Toy Museum' and 'Traction Man'. Through these texts, we will explore grammar, writing and link

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non-fiction texts where we can. In maths, we begin the term looking at the place value of numbers to 20 to ensure that the children have a really good understanding of number. PE continues to be taught on a Thursday by Coach Zach and Mrs George will join the class also on a Thursday afternoon to teach PSHE. What a busy and exciting term it is set to be!

In **Year 2** this term, we are discovering the everyday life of the 'Industrious Victorians' in Topic which links to our English. We will be looking at significant people during the Victorian era, timelines, discovering what homes, schools, hospitals and medicines were like and investigating the major inventions that improved life for ordinary people. We will also focus on art by William Morris. In Science, we are looking at 'Living things and their habitats' comparing the difference between living, never been alive and dead things, and the habitats they live in and food choices. We will be moving onto geometry and shape, money and multiplication and division.

The **Year 3** topic this term is the Ancient Egyptians and this will inspire many areas including English and art. We will build geographical skills, looking at maps and practising using atlases to locate Egypt in the world. We will think about the importance of rivers and how the life of the Ancient Egyptians was influenced by the River Nile. We then become historians and archaeologists, learning about Howard Carter and the tomb of Tutankhamun, the pyramids, Ancient Egyptian Gods and hieroglyphs. Our English begins with the beautiful text 'Cinderella of the Nile'. We will use this to inspire writing, including news reports and fables. We will be learning how to punctuate direct speech and include dialogue in our writing and enhance our narratives. The focus in maths is on multiplication and division. Times tables are so important to success in maths so we hope children will be practising their new tables (3s, 4s and 8s) at home. The times table world cups offer a special incentive! Our science topic this term is humans and other animals. We will be learning about food and nutrition, skeletons and muscles. After half term, we turn our attention to the wonderful world of plants. We look at what plants need to grow and have our ever-popular bean growing competition! Look out for the Big Garden Bird Watch too! In computing, we become coders. We will use scratch to learn about algorithms and make our own. In PSHE, we are thinking about difference and the importance of respecting each other and celebrating all of our wonderful differences. Our RE unit looks at the importance of art in expressing different worldviews. As we near Easter, we explore the Christian concept of salvation, with a special focus on why Christians refer to the day Jesus died as Good Friday. With all that, and more, it looks set to be a wonderful (and very full) term!

Year 4 is excited to be using a wide variety of sources when studying the geographical, historical, religious, political and social aspects of ancient Greece this term. In particular, we are looking forward to: identifying and ordering significant events on timelines and comparing them with those of other civilisations around the world; comparing powers and influences of Greek myths and legends; analysing features of daily life for different sectors of society (rich, poor, enslaved, military); and looking at trade, battles, transport, diet, money and the emergence of democracy. In science, we are exploring how living things and habitats are categorised, before moving on to states of matter. Our English text for the first part of term will be Greek mythology-based. *Leo and the Gorgon's Curse*, which we are currently reading. This will be followed by *Jonathan Swift's Gulliver*, which will allow us to lean into the theme of discovery and to create our own fantasy countries.

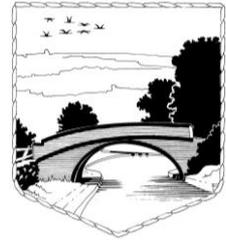
Welcome back to all our **Year 5** children, we have an exciting term of learning ahead of us. Our English text this term is 'The Sleeper and the Spindle' by Neil Gaiman and Chris Riddell - a dark and exciting retelling of fusion of classic fairy tales. We will be exploring the impact of

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vocabulary, literary techniques and the art of story-telling to engage a reader, making sure we are covering many of the key reading and writing skills for Year 5. In topic, we are learning all about the ancient Romans in Britain. We will be looking at the geography of Italy and Britain, learning about Britain before the Roman invasion, considering why the invasion was successful, understanding the role of the Roman army and how the invasion change many things in Britain including physical geography, culture and religion. Maths, we will have units on fractions, multiplication and division methods, decimals and percentages. The children will have PE on Monday afternoons and Friday afternoons for the first half term. On Monday they will completing a dance unit with Super Stat Sport and on Friday they will be doing a rotation of sports and skills with George from Coventry Rugby.

Welcome to an exciting new term in **Year 6!** This term, our learning journey takes us to the Yucatan Peninsula as we explore the fascinating world of the Ancient Maya through history and geography, delving into their gods, number systems, writing, and food, while studying Mexico's geography. In English, we'll enhance our reading skills with *Rain Player* by David Wisniewski, focusing on vocabulary, retrieval, inference, spelling application, handwriting, and grammar, including active/passive voice and semicolons. In Mathematics, we're preparing for SATs with a focus on fractions, decimals, percentages, algebra, and ratio, alongside quick recall of times tables and number bonds through 'Maths World Cup' activities. Science lessons will cover 'evolution and inheritance,' exploring adaptations and changes in living things over time. Computing sessions with Mr. Delaney will involve designing websites and programming games using Microsoft Kodu. In PE, we'll alternate between gymnastics and invasion games, while Music continues with the inspiring 'Sing Up' program, focusing on pitch notation and performance. We'll also incorporate German phrases across the curriculum and are hatching some plans to celebrate St. David's Day. In RE, we'll explore creation stories across religions, and in Art, we're developing watercolour skills whilst aiming for a bigger display. It promises to be a busy and rewarding term as the children grow in confidence and skills!