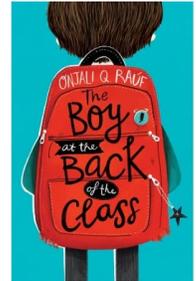


Autumn Term Curriculum 2021:

Maths: Maths in year 5 and 6 this term starts with a focus on number. We begin with an in-depth look at place value, exploring the significance and value of each digit in larger numbers. We will examine different ways of representing, comparing and ordering numbers up to 10 million, as well as rounding numbers to a given value. Later in the term, we will apply this knowledge to the use of formal and mental methods to add, subtract, multiply and divide ever larger numbers. In the latter part of the term, we will begin our study of fractions, recapping what fractions represent and how different fractions can be compared using the concept of equivalence.

English: A large amount of our writing this term will be derived from the wider curriculum and our class novel 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. We will be writing a range of genres including newspaper reports, letters, recounts, information texts; plus poetry and narratives. We have two guided reading sessions every week where the children will study extracts and also a novel in detail. We will work on improving spelling, handwriting, punctuation and grammar during morning tasks and English lessons. This term we will be focusing on spelling rules and patterns related to the statutory spelling list for years 5+6. We will be learning about word classes; nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs etc. and developing our understanding of more sophisticated punctuation e.g semi-colons, apostrophes, inverted commas, colons so that we are able to use them in our own writing.



Science: Our science topic for this term is "Earth & Space". As a part of this, we will be exploring the planets which make up our solar system and how they move in relation to the sun. We will also learn how this movement relates to the day/night cycle on earth. In conjunction with our D&T project, we will also explore the concepts of gravity and air/water resistance.

Topic: This term we will complete a unit on Geography, using a range of maps and atlases to explore the world. We will deepen our understanding of human and physical geographical features, before focussing in on economic activity and trade links focusing on the Nile and Suez Canal.

PE: Swimming – Begins on Wednesday 8th September.

Netball: defending and attacking. Positions of play and use of court.

Autumn 2 – Gymnastics: developing fluent sequences & Dance: developing and performing group routines.

Computing: We begin the term with a recap of how to stay safe online, before moving on to a unit of writing and debugging computer code.

RE: God – understanding a loving and holy God. Exploring our Christian Value 'Respect'; as well as work linked to Harvest and Christmas.

D&T: To complement our science theme, in D&T we will be building water bottle rockets, examining how air resistance and gravity affects the flight of our rockets.

Art: The art of still life – drawing from observation using a range of media. Exploring work of Paul Cezanne.

Arts Week – WB: 13th September – drawing and sketching in our local environment with artist Sophie Martin to create a whole-school collaborative piece based on theme of 'community'.

French: 'Les Sports'

Teaching in Class 4:

Mr Dean is the main lead for teaching in Class 4, but lessons during the week are also taught by Mrs Farraday and Mrs Craggs; and supported by Mrs Matheson and Mrs Mason.

Patterdale Residential 20th – 22nd June 2022:

Thank you to everyone for your deposits and commitment to this trip. Please can we request that a further £50 is paid towards the trip by Monday 27th September. A meeting will take place late in the spring term to share arrangements with parents and children.

PE and Swimming:

We start swimming next week on Wednesday morning. The children will need to bring in to school their kit which should include a swim hat to keep their hair dry so that they are comfortable for the rest of the day. As we will be having a later lunch on this day, your child may like to bring in a small mid-morning snack to eat in school before departure.

PE lessons take place on Monday afternoons with Mrs Craggs this term. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school. This comprises of a pale blue Levens PE t-shirt and hoodie with plain black shorts, joggers or leggings. Branded, fashion sportswear is not permitted. Training shoes will also be required as pupils are not permitted to undertake physical exercise in school shoes. If it is wet on our PE day, unless the weather is particularly poor, we will be outside so a thin, waterproof jacket would be very useful too.

Arriving and Leaving School:

Children in Class 4 are expected to come into the classroom independently and organise their own belongings. Reply slips and payments should be placed in the classroom box located by the internal classroom door.

If parents need to talk to us then you are most welcome to email our class account at class4@levens.cumbria.sch.uk, however, we are not always able to access emails before school, so if urgent, you may wish call or email the office. Unfortunately, we are not available for face-to-face discussions with parents in the mornings before school as we are preparing for teaching. If your query requires a little more time or is confidential please make an appointment to see us at another time, again either directly with ourselves or through the office.

We expect children to arrive through our fire-exit door between 8.35am and 8.45am each morning as they have a settling task to complete each day. Children who arrive promptly are able to make the most of this additional time and are more likely to be in the best mindset to begin their learning effectively. We aim to have everyone settled in class, working and ready for registration at 8.50am each day.

At 3pm, the children will leave through our fire exit and this can often be a good opportunity to catch up with us. We expect that your child is being collected by someone that is known to us and your child, unless we have been informed of different arrangements. If you are happy for your child to walk home on a regular basis please let us know by emailing us directly via our class email address.

Equipment:

Although we do have supplies in school, we try to encourage all children to have their own pencil case in class containing **essential** items only: pencils, writing pens, pencil crayons, a rubber and a sharpener. In our experience, children often come with pencil cases bursting with highlighters, felt-tips etc that are rarely used but don't have the basic necessities. This pencil case should be kept in school and small enough to be stored in their tray. Please note that we do not allow 'Sharpie' pens in our classroom. Please also ensure you have a named water bottle in school to use during lesson time as well as at break.

Homework:

This year the children will have a homework diary, a spelling book and a homework folder. As in previous years, homework will be set every week and it is each child's responsibility to record their homework task in this book and be organised with their homework. Please can you check your child's homework tasks and sign the homework diary regularly.

TTRockstars can be accessed at home and should be used regularly to support times table recall.

Spelling lessons are on Mondays where the children are taught strategies to support spelling and are given a list to learn. These will be tested the following Monday.

Tasks: The class will usually be set two tasks that may be Maths, English, Topic or Art. Homework will be set on Fridays and should usually be handed in by the following Friday.

Reading is also part of our weekly homework and everyone should read at least five times a week; keeping a note of all reading in reading records. This helps us to monitor reading and talk to the children about their reading routines and interests. Some children may prefer to read independently, although times to share a book and read with an adult are still really valuable to develop fluency and comprehension skills. Children, as well as parents, should write notes about reading in reading records.

Uniform:

The children look particularly smart at Levens School. All uniform, including PE Kit needs to be clearly named please. Jewellery, make-up and nail polish are not permitted on school days. Stud earrings are allowed to be worn, but they must be removed for all physical activities, including swimming. Long hair should be tied up and all children should wear sensible school shoes and have a coat in school every day. Pupils can choose to wear school trousers OR fights/long socks with skirts to keep legs warm as the days get cooler please; but leggings and joggers are not permitted.

We hope many of you will be able to attend our classroom drop-in on Wednesday 8th September starting immediately after school. However, in the meantime, if you have any questions, concerns or just want to say hello, please do not hesitate to catch us on the playground or email us directly; we are always keen to keep in touch and help with any question or concerns you may have.

With our best wishes

M. Dean & J. Farraday



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