

Loddiswell Primary School Curriculum Overview.

Spring Term 2023

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<p><u>English</u></p> <p>This term we will be continuing to develop our reading and writing skills through a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our topics, which will be Arctic Expeditions in the first half term. In the second half term we will be looking at text linked to farming and growing.</p>	<p><u>Maths</u></p> <p>The focus for this term will be continuing our deep dive into the numbers from 1-5, now venturing into numbers beyond 5. Our goal this term will be to secure our number facts and to become confident saying how many there is without counting. We will also be exploring length and weight this term.</p>
<p><u>Reading/ Phonics</u></p> <p>This term in phonics we will be learning our set 3 sounds, which are all digraphs (two letters one sound) and trigraphs (three letters one sound). This will open up many more words for the children to read. Once again, the children will receive a suitable phonics reading book for their ability, <u>please read these with your child daily</u>, until they can read the book without hesitation. We will be collect the phonics books on a Friday, so please ensure these are in their reading bags daily.</p> <p>Additionally, there will be weekly 'Tricky Words' included in their reading record, please practice reading these too. We will also be visiting the library again each week to choose a reading for pleasure book.</p>	<p><u>Forest Schools/The Natural World</u></p> <p>We are welcoming Mr Blackwell to our Federation family.</p> <p>Mr Blackwell will continue to deliver our Forest School sessions on a Wednesday.</p> <p>Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the different weather conditions that we will encounter!!</p>
<p><u>Foundation topics (Understanding the World/Expressive Arts and Design)</u></p> <p>During the first half of term, we will be exploring the exciting world of the Arctic! We will be creating some chilly themed paintings, exploring our own arctic worlds, drawing maps, melting ice and looking at some of the famous explorers who travelled to the North and South Poles!</p> <p>After half term, our topic will be 'Growing', allowing us to explore all things farming! We will be growing our own plants in our garden area, watching, documenting and investigating as they grow. We will also be visiting a farm during this term!</p>	
<p><u>PE/Physical Development</u></p> <p>Active 4 All are back again this term, this time taking the children across to the village hall to explore all things gymnastics. The children did wonderfully in PE last term, impressing us with their hand eye co-ordination and listening skills. This term they will be exploring some apparatus and putting together some movement sequences to music!</p>	<p><u>PSHE/Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u></p> <p>Once again, this term we will be focusing on helping the children to self-regulate and evaluate their emotions. We will also be continuing our PSHE conversations and discussions during play, circle time and snack time.</p>

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Home learning

Your support at home is of paramount importance to the success and outcomes of your child throughout their time at school. Please continue the hard work you put in last time by listening to your child read their phonics books for ten minutes each day, practicing their new sounds and tricky words daily (these are trickier than last term, so practice will be key!)

Thank you so much for your support last term, the children made such wonderful progress and it is so exciting to see how much they will grow again this term!

Key dates and events

Week commencing 6th February: Open Afternoon- come and look at your child's work

January



2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very Happy New Year to you all! Welcome back! I hope you've had an exciting and fun filled Christmas break and that the children are ready to hit the ground running for their first Spring term!

Please find attached an overview of the main topics and subjects we will be covering in Reception this term as well as a reviewed copy of your child's timetable.

We are lucky to have Miss Ashdown will be back supporting Reception this term. Once again, our door is always open so, please do pop in and speak to us if there are any questions or issues that you feel need addressing, additionally, a message in your child's reading record will be read daily.

A few key expectations to remember:

- Reading Records will be checked regularly for any messages, and to see what reading your child has been doing at home. Please make a note regarding any reading you do at home; the expectation is at least 10 minutes a day.
- Please ensure your child has a warm coat and water bottle in school. (During the colder weeks, gloves and hats are encouraged – please could these have names in them!)
- We are a school which promotes a healthy and balanced diet. Please ensure that lunchboxes reflect this and that they contain at least one item of fresh fruit or vegetables.
- PE lessons are on Wednesday, please can you send your child to school in their PE kit, including sensible sports shoes, with their school uniform and school shoes in their bag.
- Forest School with Mrs Moore is on Tuesday morning, please can children arrive at school in their forest school clothes with additional waterproofs and wellies. Please pop their school uniform, shoes and some spare clothes in their bags.

Key dates, information and events appear on our weekly newsletter.

We are always pleased to welcome you into school if you have concerns about your child's educational or social development or if you would like to volunteer your talents!

Thank you so much for your support, let's have another successful term!

Mrs Nixon
Reception Team