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“Learning Together, Learning for Life”

Aspiration

Independence

Resilience

Respect

Welcome to Layton Class Curriculum Letter

Summer Term 2026

Class Teachers:

Miss Walsh is the class teacher

Mrs Wittich teaches the class for P.E. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, French on Thursdays, daily spellings and Year 4 Jigsaw lessons.

Learning Support Assistants:

Our teaching assistants over the week in Bysouth Class are Miss Bryan and Mrs Browne.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun is starting to shine and we are ready for a fun filled, very busy summer term in Layton class!

Please find below details of our curriculum for this term.

We will be actively trying to demonstrate our values of:

Independence by selecting our own resources in and around the classroom to help us learn in the way that suits us best.

Respect by following the daily routines of the class and school, being kind, polite and helpful to one another, and building effective working relationships with each other.

Aspiration by encouraging each other to take risks and challenge ourselves to reach our goals.

Resilience by reflecting on our learning and choices, developing a growth mindset and using our mistakes as learning opportunities.

English

In writing, this term we will be looking at narrative poetry, stories from relative cultures and recounts.

Reading: As it is such a vital part of your child's home learning, the children should be reading at home at least **5 times a week**. When they are reading, please focus on developing fluency. In their home school communication book, you will find a sticker explaining the skills that they should be working on as part of reading at home. To read the book and work on the skills, the book will need to be kept for at least two days. It is very good practice to read shorter books three times. First to decipher new words and meanings; then to check for comprehension and, finally, to read fluently and with expression. Comments on their reading and skills should be recorded every day in the Home School Communication book. Children are welcome to take home one of the books we have looked at in our assemblies to read.

The children will also bring a library book home with them. Our library session is on **Thursdays** and children have free choice from a wide range of books. Books can be kept until finished, there is no pressure to change every week, but please remember to return the book in order to be able to choose another one.

Spelling: Spellings will be given out every Friday and tested the following Friday. Spellings will consist of 3 words from the year 3 / 4 statutory list or common words still to be secured for instant spelling recall. There will also be a focus on a specific 'rule' that we are working on in our spelling lessons. Weekly spelling words will be sent home in the Home School Communication books.

Maths:

This term in maths we will be focusing on fractions, decimals and money.

Times Tables: By the end of Year 4, the children should know all of their times tables up to 12x12 and related division facts; we work on these as a class throughout the year. In June, the Year 4s will be completing their Multiplication Tables Check. Please ensure your child learns their times tables and does a little work on TT Rockstars every day. Any Mathematics or Purple Mash activities will be recorded in the Home School Communication book. Parents are expected to sign the stickers to show completion of tasks. These activities will be updated each Friday.

Science

This term in science we will be looking at electricity. The children will learn what electricity is, identify common appliances that run on electricity and recognise some common conductors and insulators. They will also learn how to construct a simple electrical circuit, including naming and identifying its basic parts,

History

In history we will be learning about significant historical events, people and places in our locality.

Geography

In geography this half-term we will look at volcanoes. We will look at how volcanoes are formed, what happens when one erupts and what it's like to live near one! We also study the country of Italy.

Art

In Art we will be using the artist Henri Rousseau as inspiration, through painting, photography, textiles, and montage.

Computing:

We will continue to use the Chromebooks and Purple Mash in our computing lessons. This term, we are learning how to code, including how to create an interactive scene.

The children will also have a chance to use Chromebooks in other subject areas, for example to undertake research.

PE:

This term, the children will be applying their dance skills from previous units to take part in 'Dance for Diabetes' fundraiser dance.

We will also be focusing on the net game of tennis. Then, later on in the term, we will be dusting off the much loved rounders bats ready for our small school tournament: 'Rounders at Reed'. We will also be getting ready for Sports Day and fine tuning our athletics.

PE lessons will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children need to have their PE kit in school every day. If your child wears earrings, they should either be covered with surgical tape which you should provide or not worn on PE days.

PSHE:

Our Jigsaw theme this half term is: Relationships. This will focus on having healthy relationships with friends and understanding how to solve issues when they arise.

R.E:

We will be continuing to learn about religious beliefs and practises within Christianity and Sikhism.

Music:

Our Music unit this term will focus on folk and ballads and then on our summer performance.

French:

We will be focusing on our comprehension skills by listening to and reading familiar stories. We will also be developing our written French using familiar words and phrases.

Forest School:

This outdoor learning will take place on Friday with Miss Wilson. Please ensure that children come to school dressed in their PE kit. We will be outside whatever the weather, so waterproofs come the time are essential!

Additional information:

It is important that your child has a **named, clear water bottle in school every day**. This will need to be taken home at the end of the day, washed and refilled. All children should be drinking plenty of water. We will as ever, be ensuring that there are multiple times during the day when drinks are had, this includes every child having at least one cup of water with their lunch which they pour themselves.

All children should have a pair of wellington boots which can be kept in school in the class boot box outside.

School uniform: Please ensure you name all items of clothing (including footwear) clearly. Any earrings should be small plain studs. Please make sure hair accessories, socks and tights are in line with our expected uniform.

Home learning: Instructions around home learning will continue to be explained in the Home School Communication book. This book should be used and tasks completed, signed and commented on five times a week. We will monitor the home learning

completed and use your comments to help assess progress. As you know, we have recently reviewed our home learning policy and what you receive will reflect the agreed policy.

If you have any queries this half-term, please write a message in the Home School Communication book, arrange a meeting, or send an email to j.walsh@reed.herts.sch.uk Please note that emails may not get a response straight away, and any emails sent in the evenings and over a weekend/holiday may not be answered until the next school day.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to another wonderful term!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Walsh

(Layton Class teacher)