

# WEST LYNN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Year 3 Class – Newsletter Spring 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support last year, we are delighted to welcome the children back after Christmas and look forward to introducing our new topics this term. Below is a brief overview of some of the exciting things they will be learning about this term.

### Who were the Mayans?

In our topic this half term we will be finding out about the Mayan civilisation.



We will explore the huge span of time in which the Mayan civilisation existed. Pupils will learn about the architectural genius of the Mayan people and the significance of their religious buildings. Pupils will also learn the impressive achievements of the Mayans including the introduction of the calendar.



### English

Children will be continuing their hard work in English. We will look at both fiction and non-fiction text. The children will be studying the book "The Rainmaker Danced" by John Agard and creating their own poems. They are also working with the story Grendal: A cautionary tale about chocolate." The children will continue to plan, evaluate and redraft their work to improve it and our grammar work will be based on pronouns verbs and past tense.



### Maths

This half term we will be looking at multiplication and division as well as measure. We will be thinking about mental and written strategies and there will be time in every maths lesson spent on embedding rapid recall of times tables. We will also be looking at word problems in maths and how to solve two and three step operations.



### Science

In Science our topic is 'The power of forces.' Children will begin to learn about forces by looking at the difference ways to make objects move. The children will investigate different types of forces as well as explore magnets.



## Reading

Children will continue to have the opportunity to read every day in school and we would encourage them to find a little time every day to read at home as well. Children need to continue to fill their reading records in and have them in school every day.

## P.E.

The children will be taught badminton by our visiting coach for two Tuesdays. After that, the children will be working on dance linked to our topic. Please could children have their PE kit in school at all times for occasions when we may have the opportunity for extra PE. Children in year 3 will also be swimming for the first half of term.



## Homework

Home Learning activities will continue like last term. Children have produced some fantastic pieces of work so far and we hope this will continue into this term. In addition, spellings, reading activities and a set of mathematical calculations (from the weekly Maths skills taught) will also be sent home on a weekly basis.

**HOME  
LEARNING**

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs A Dale and Mrs Taylor  
Y3 Class Teachers**