Lyng CofE Primary Academy

Autumn 2 2026 Newsletter

Oak Class

Year 5/6

Welcome Back!

We hope you enjoyed your well-earned half-term break. Our value this half term is **Kindness** which is a great value to express and learn more about through our new topics in Oak Class. We will be focussing on what Kindness looks like and how it can be expressed during our Collective Worship; in class and around our wonderful school.

PE for Oak Class will continue to be on:

MONDAY (OUTDOOR)

THURSDAY (INDOOR)

- As the weather begins to decline, please can appropriate clothing and footwear be considered.
- Please continue to come into school wearing your PE kit on both days.

This half term's learning:

This half term, we start a new topic:

Global Challenges

This means our topic focus this half term will be

Geography

Our half term topic introduces and explores different global challenges that our world faces, including: climate change, sustainability and migration. We will be exploring the following questions:

- *How is our world changing?*
- *How do we distribute the world's natural resources?*
- *How does the world trade?*
- *Sustainability: How does this challenge affect the globe?*
- *Climate Change: How does this challenge affect the globe?*
- *Movement of borders and people: How does this challenge affect the globe?*

English Learning Objectives:

This half term, we begin with a short story unit with a sustainability/conservation/environmental theme, seeking inspirating from our new class novel, The Last Bear.
A short task follows where we will be learning and applying letter writing skills, to write a letter of complaint.
Our final unit will involve writing a hybrid non-fiction text about an animal facing conservation issues and endangerment. The text would inform the reader about the animal and persuade them to take suitable action to raise awareness and protect it.

Maths Learning Objectives:

In maths, we begin to explore a very crucial part of the curriculum, which forms a high percentage of the content in the end of KS2 maths assessments. We begin by exploring the fundamentals of fractions before learning how to efficiently use formal methods to multiply and divide.

Other Curriculum areas:

In **Science,** we will begin our new topic of Classification, learning all about how plants, animals and microorganisms are grouped and classified.
In **DT**, linked to our Global Challenges topic, the children will be researching, designing and creating their own flood-proof house, using the Practical Action schools initiative: Beat the Flood!
In **PE**, we will be continuing to learn Tag Rugby skills, applying them in game scenarios, and continuing to learn Fundamental Movement Skills in Real PE.
RE will see us unpick the key question: *Was Jesus the Messiah?*
PSHE will be learning all about 'Keeping Safe'.
In **French**, we will be starting the unit: My Family.
Music continues with the wonderful Mrs Drake from the Music Hub.
Computing focuses on Digital Wellbeing.