

# Ladysmith Junior School

## Year 6 Learning Letter

### Spring Term 1 2020

#### Reflecting back on the autumn term

**What we have been teaching for the second half of the autumn term:**

- World War Two
- Descriptions of the blitz and how to write a Wartime diary
- Arithmetic calculations, fractions, percentages and measure

**What the children have most enjoyed:**

- WW2 Day
- Making air-raid shelters
- Learning to play a brass instrument
- Pantomime workshop and visit to the Northcott to watch 'Beauty and the Beast'.

**What we have planned for the first half of the spring term:**

**Our topics:**

- Ancient Egypt-

Big question – *What do pyramids and their contents tell us about the Ancient Egyptians?*

- Design and make Egyptian wall paintings
- Study artifacts in order to find out about Egyptian way of life
- Designing and making a sarcophagus on the computer.
- Egyptian bread making
- Light and Shadow
- Sex and Relationship education as part of PSHE and Science.

For further details, please refer to the letter sent by Mr Wilkinson earlier this month. If you would like to view some of the BBC material we will be using, please use the link below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ks2-pshe/zbrg7nb>

The following sessions will also be taught as part of Science

1. Puberty and reproduction
2. Physical & emotional behaviour in relationships
3. The process of conception and pregnancy
4. Positive and negative ways of communicating in a relationship

### **Memorable and inspiring moments, including planned trips and visits:**

- Mummification Workshop

### **Key learning in reading:**

- Reading aloud with expression and correct intonation
- Using contents and index pages to find information in non-fiction texts
- Understanding authors intentions and word choice
- Develop and practice reading comprehension skills

### **Key learning in writing:**

- Handwriting and presentation
- Range of sentence structures including multi-clause using accurate punctuation
- Using correct layout and punctuation of speech
- Describing atmosphere, character and setting
- Using layout and features of non-fiction text e.g. bullet points, colons

### **Key learning in maths:**

- Solve multi-step word problems
- Measure – Time intervals, conversion of units, Time word problems
- Multiplying and dividing 3 and 4 digit numbers including money
- Shapes and angles
- Area and Perimeter

### **Key learning in other subjects:**

- Art - Sketching and drawing, painting using different medium
- 3D modelling making masks
- History – Ancient Egypt
- Invasion games

### **How you can help your child with their learning:**

- Read with them regularly and encourage them to take their Accelerated quizzes
- Encourage children to research aspects of Ancient Egypt
- Ensure children can fluently recall their times tables facts.
- Ask children 'real-life' shopping problems e.g. which special offer would work out best value?
- Encourage children to do their homework