Longmoor Community Primary School

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Year 4 Autumn 1 Home Learning Helper

Small steps at home make a big difference!

Here are some simple and enjoyable ways you can support your child at home with their learning this half term.

English

Leon and the Place Between

- Share the story together and discuss how Leon feels at different points.
- Create your own 'place between' – it could be a drawing, a poem or a short piece of writing about a place that feels special to you.
- Look for examples of Standard English (e.g. verb endings like -ed / -ing) in books, films or everyday conversations.



Reading

A World Full of Animal Stories

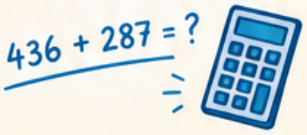
- Read a range of folk tales and legends together (or choose your own) and discuss the characters, setting and plot.
- Ask questions to improve understanding (e.g. Who was your favourite character? Why?)
- Encourage your child to make inferences about characters' feelings and motives, using clues from the text.



Maths

Place Value, Addition & Subtraction

- Look at numbers beyond 1000 – can your child read, write, order and compare them?
- Practise rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000.
- Use everyday money or items at home to practise addition and subtraction (up to 4 digits), using the column method if needed.
- Try inverse operations – e.g. if 436 + 287 = 723, what is 723 – 287?



Science

Biology and Classifying Organisms

- Go on a mini nature hunt – can your child identify and name different living things? Use classification keys or simple grouping.
- Discuss the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates. Can you spot examples in your local area or on a nature walk?
- Look at plants in your garden or nearby – can you identify flowering and non-flowering plants?



History

The Roman Republic

- Read about the Roman Republic and discuss how it was governed.
- Look at a map of ancient Rome – can you find the city and surrounding areas?
- Find out about a famous battle between Rome and another state (e.g. the Battle of Cannae) and discuss why it was important.



Geography

The Rhine & the Mediterranean

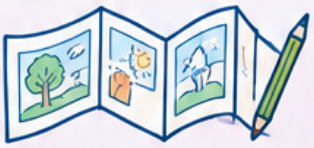
- Find the Rhine River, Suez Canal and Mediterranean Sea on a map or globe.
- Discuss how water is used in everyday life (e.g. drinking, farming, transport).
- Look at how towns and cities grow – what factors might influence where people settle?



Art & Design

Storytelling Through Drawing

- Look at examples of comic strips or illustrated stories. What do you notice about how the artist tells the story?
- Create your own accordion book or comic strip to retell a favourite story or poem.
- Experiment with different drawing styles and materials (pencils, pens, pastels, charcoal).



Computing

Collaborative Learning

- Explore online tools such as Google Docs, Slides or other apps to work together on a project.
- Discuss how technology helps people collaborate in real life (e.g. group projects, video calls).
- Encourage your child to be a digital citizen – talk about being kind, respectful and safe online.



Music

Body & Tuned Percussion

- Create rhythms using your body percussion (clapping, stamping, clicking).
- Use household items to make tuned percussion (e.g. spoons, pots, boxes).
- Listen to and discuss the piece 'Fingal's Cave' by Mendelssohn – can you spot changes in dynamics, pitch and texture?



PE

Swimming & Fundamentals

- Encourage regular swimming (if possible) or practise water confidence and safety skills.
- Practise fundamental movement skills such as throwing, catching, balancing and agility.
- Try simple at-home challenges: e.g. a mini obstacle course, skipping or ball skills.



Design Technology

Mechanical Systems

- Explore simple mechanical systems at home (e.g. toys with wheels, levers or pulleys).
- Look at how different vehicles move – can you spot the mechanical parts?
- Design and make your own simple mechanical car using recycled materials.



PSHE / SRE

My Healthy Self

- Talk about healthy choices – food, exercise, sleep and screen time.
- Discuss how to manage feelings and support mental wellbeing.
- Encourage your child to set a small goal for their health or wellbeing this term.



Thank you for supporting your child's learning!

— The Year 4 Team —