# LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

# YEAR 2 SUMMER NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting term. We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. The children have started the term with excitement and quickly settled back into school routines. Hopefully the sunshine will soon make more of a regular appearance! Please remember to send a sun hat with your child and apply sunscreen as the weather gets warmer. We do like to get outside as much as possible.

If at any time during the year you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or our assistant headteacher – Mrs Eckley-Gardner. The year group email address is year2@lps.hereford.sch.uk

Please check our year group pages on the school website for important information, letters and photographs.

#### Year 2 Team

Mrs Eckley-Gardner – Assistant Head, English and Maths Coordinator

Mrs Hough - SENCO

Miss Evans – Maths Coordinator

2EGP – Mrs Eckley-Gardner (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Poyner (Thursday and Friday)





2E - Miss Evans

Supported by Mrs Newman and Mrs Jolly

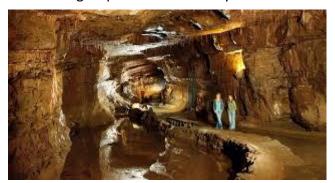
PPA cover: Miss Arnold/Miss Nash

2NR – Miss Nash (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Rutterford (Thursday and Friday)

Supported by Mrs Chandler and Miss Jackson

#### What are we learning this term?

We will be exploring the question 'what is it like to be an explorer?' this summer term with the build-up of children becoming 'explorers' for the day!





**English:** The fictional series of 'Emily Brown' will be used as a stimulus for children to learn about becoming an explorer in adventure stories. Using these stories as a starting point they will then write their own adventure stories with Stanley the rabbit! Later on in the term, we will learn about Neil Armstrong, as part of our Explorers unit, and we will write a recount about him.

**Maths:** We will continue to teach the objectives set out in the National Curriculum. We will be looking at measurement, statistics and position and direction.

Science: We will be looking at 'living things and their habitats' and continuing to look at 'plants' this term.

**History:** We will we learning about different explorers and what they discovered.

**P.E:** We will be learning about 'attack, defend and shoot.'

R.E: We will be learning about the key question 'What is the good news Jesus brings?'

**Computing:** We will be continuing to work on work processing skills and looking at how to open, edit and save work whilst creating a presentation.

**Music:** We will be continuing to use instruments to explore pulse, rhythm and beat.

**Arts**: In DT we will be designing our very own moving monster and sewing a fabric pouch.

**PSHE:** Our PSHE unit will focus on 'Caring for the Environment'.

## Reading

Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day, which should include their reading book and reading journal. This means we are able to read any comments you have made in their journals.

Your child's phonics teacher will give them new sounds/words or book three times a week. If your child is on the AR programme then they choose their own book after they have quizzed.

Please read as often as possible with your children. Although we do not comment on your child's reading in their journal, please be assured we do listen to your child read at least once a week.



#### Homework

Your child's main form of homework in Year 2 is **reading**. It is extremely important that you listen to your child read and ask them questions about what they have read including predicting what may happen in the text.

The children are expected to join their **handwriting** in Year 2 so please encourage them to join their letters whenever they are writing.

By the end of the year there are **common exception** words which the children are expected to be able to read and spell accurately. These are available on the school website for you to practise with your child.

Class teachers may also send out homework specifically for your child, please support your child in completing this. We really do value your support.



## **Physical Education (P.E.)**

Please ensure your children bring in their labelled PE uniforms.

We will send their kit home every half term to be washed.

Earrings are required to be taken out or covered over with tape on PE days.

We will be going out for PE regardless of the weather conditions. Therefore, please ensure you provide your children with appropriate clothing



### Reminders

If your child is **asthmatic** please could you ensure that they have an inhaler, labelled with their name, in school <u>at all times!</u>

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As many of you already know, we are a healthy eating school and we would like to remind you that children should be bringing in healthy packed lunches and snacks. It is also very important children have a water bottle in school – we strongly encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Water helps keep them hydrated but also improves their levels of concentration and learning.



It is important to ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This includes coats and lunch-bags.

# **Dates for your Diary**

Dates	Events
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1 & 2 School Disco (3.30pm – 4.15pm)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Earth Day (children wear green)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	'Wear what you like day' and cake sale
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday KS1 SATs week
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of half term
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Yours sincerely
The Year 2 Team
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