



YEAR 5 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

A Warm Welcome to Year 5!

Dear Parents / Carers,

A very warm welcome to all our children and parents/carers - we hope that your children have had a wonderful summer and will enjoy a happy and successful year 5 at Leominster Primary School.

The Year 5 team consists of: Miss Brookes (5B), Mr Summers (5S) and Mrs Brookes and Mrs Thomas (5BT). Our teaching assistants are Mrs Haggart, Mrs Seaborne, Mrs Wilby and Mrs Hunt. Miss Lloyd will be providing PPA cover for 5B & 5S. Mr Peet will be leading Forest School sessions for each class (x2 afternoons). Our aim is to give the children every chance to develop mentally and socially, becoming independent and enthusiastic learners.

If at any time during the year your child has any worries or concerns, please encourage them to chat to their class teacher first; we are always more than happy to listen and try to help. If you would like to discuss any issues relating to your child, please contact us by phoning the office who will arrange a meeting or a telephone call with your child's teacher.

Curriculum and topic this term:

English: This term the children will be exploring '**Traditional Tales**' and the focus is on them producing their own stories to share with a younger audience. Later in the term, we will be focusing on writing '**Reviews**'. The children will also study '**Explanation, Diary and Discussion**' texts which will link into their topic.

Maths: In mathematics this term we will be following the objectives outlined in the National Curriculum. Our main foci for this term will be **Place Value, Number (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), Statistics and Perimeter and Area**. We will also be covering some revision units to help consolidate the children's learning from last year.

Science: We will be completing lots of exciting lessons linked to our '**Properties and Changes of Materials**' topic. The children can start thinking about the different types of materials that exist and their properties and uses.

Topic: Our topic for this term is '**Where has it gone?**' and is a geography-based topic. In this topic, we will be studying the water cycle and water distribution. We will be building the children's knowledge of the UK, and using Ordnance Survey maps and atlases. Later in the term, we will be exploring facilities and services in our local area.

PSHE: The theme for the first half term is 'Life in Plastic', which focuses on what can harm or improve the local and wider environment, and links in very nicely with elements of our main 'Where has it gone?' topic. In the second half of this term, we will be learning about 'Puberty' – information about this theme will be sent to you closer to the time, and teachers will be available to discuss any questions you may have.

R.E: The children will initially be studying the question, 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?'. After half term, we will look at the new question, 'Was Jesus the Messiah?'

Computing: In the autumn term, the children will focus upon E-safety in computing. They will have lots of discussions around using technology safely, respectfully and responsibly and recognising acceptable and unacceptable behaviour online. In particular, they will discuss the uses of various social media platforms.

French: This term we will be focusing on 'On Holiday' and 'Eating Out'.

Art: We will be exploring the work of Claude Monet. Children will experiment using different watercolour techniques, then complete their own watercolour masterpiece in the style of Claude Monet. You will have the opportunity to produce your very own masterpiece, under the guidance of your child, during our parental engagement activity, **on Wednesday 10th November**.

Reminders

Autumn procedures for beginning and end of the day: Year 5 and pupils may enter either the George street or Hereford road entrance on their own and enter the school site via the steps by the bike shelter. Year 5 pupils can leave the school on their own if the school receives permission from parents/carers, otherwise they must be collected from the hall by a nominated adult.

We are asking for pupils to only bring in necessary belongings (e.g. coat, lunch box, glasses, reading book).

Pupils may bring their mobile phones into school, but they must be handed in to the class teacher during the school day. Also, a consent form must be signed by their parent/carer.

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring that they come into school in their PE uniform only on the correct days:

5BT & 5B - Wednesday.



5S - Thursday.

Children being excused from physical education for a medical reason should bring a note.

Can we remind you that this must be the school PE uniform of; Black shorts, leggings or joggers, purple polo top with or without logo, black / black jumper or purple hoodie from Club sport.) Also, long hair should be tied back on PE days and only studs should be worn which should be removed or covered for PE.

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



As many of you already know, we are a healthy eating school and we would like to remind you that children should only bring in fruit to eat at break times. 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.



UNIFORM

All pupils will be required to wear school uniform from September. Can we remind you that this is; Purple jumper (not PE hoodie), white or purple polo shirt both with or without logo, grey trousers or shorts, grey skirt or grey pinafore. During the hot weather a purple/ white gingham checked dress is permitted. Please ensure all uniform is clearly named. All uniform can be purchased from Club Sport.

Homework

- Read at home daily (minimum of x3 times).
- Learn weekly spellings.
- Practise multiplication tables.
- Half-termly topic-related project.

(See separate 'Homework' sheet for details.)

Dates	Events
Monday 13 th September	5BT Forest School (pm)
Tuesday 14 th September	5B Forest School (pm)
Monday 20 th September	5BT Forest School (pm)
Tuesday 21 st September	5B Forest School (pm)
Wednesday 20 th October	Parents' Evening (3.45pm – 5.30pm)
Thursday 21 st October	Parents' Evening (5pm – 7 pm)
Half Term	
Wednesday 10 th November	Parental Engagement (Art)
Friday 3 rd December	5S Forest School (pm)
Friday 10 th December	5S Forest School (pm)
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Craft morning
Thursday 16 th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Service
Friday 17 th December	Last day of term (children return to school on Wednesday 5th January)

Yours sincerely

Year 5 Team: Mrs Brookes/Mrs Thomas, Miss Brookes, Mr Summers
Miss S Cartwright (Assistant Head)