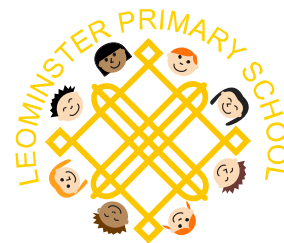


LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 3 SPRING NEWSLETTER



Highlights from last term ...



Broomy Hill



Pedestrian
Training

Curriculum and topic this term:

English: This term the children will be exploring 'Diaries' and 'Stories with historical settings'.

Maths: In mathematics this term we will be focusing on 'Multiplication and Division', 'Measurement - Money', 'Statistics', 'Length and Perimeter' and 'Fractions'.

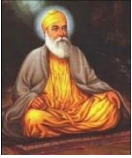
Science: Our science topics for this term are 'Rocks' and 'Light'. The children will compare and group together different kinds of rocks; describe how fossils are formed and recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter. They will learn that light is needed in order to see things and notice that light is reflected from surfaces. They will also understand the dangers of the sun and explore shadows.

Topic: Our topic question for this term is 'Would you rather live in the Stone Age or Iron Age?' Within this topic, the children will learn about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age and will find out how people lived during this time. Aspects of DT and art will also feed into this topic.

R.E: For the spring term, year 3 pupils will be exploring the questions, 'What do different people believe about God?' and 'Why are festivals important to religious communities?'

French: The children will complete 30 minutes of French a week and they will cover a range of topics.

Computing: In computing this term, year 3 pupils will be focusing on using Microsoft Word and coding.



Special Events

Trip to Gurdwara (Smethwick)

On **Monday 14th January**, year 3 pupils will be visiting the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Smethwick. This will be an amazing opportunity and we hope this will give the children an insight into life as a Sikh.



Stone Age Trip – The Discovery Centre

On **Thursday 24th January**, year 3 pupils will be going on a Stone Age trip to the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre - this trip will support and enrich their study of the Stone Age. The children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities related to both the Stone Age and Iron Age. It will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to see and use artefacts, and learn about life in the Stone Age.

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz Performance



On **Tuesday 29th January**, the children will have the opportunity to watch a wonderful production of 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz' – kindly paid for by the PTA. The children will join Dorothy as she embarks on a magical voyage from dreary Kansas to the land of Oz. Along the way she makes friends with an assortment of colourful characters and does battle with the Wicked Witch of the West and her Winged Monkey, Keith!

Reminders

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring that they have the proper games kit in school at all times. Children being excused from physical education for a medical reason should bring a note.



If your child is **asthmatic** please could you ensure that they have an inhaler, labelled with their name, in school **at all times!** It is also important that school has a copy of their care plan too – thank you for your co-operation.

Parental Engagement

Stone Age Gallery

On **Thursday 4th April**, Year 3 would like to invite parents, family and friends into school from 2.30pm for the opportunity to admire the children's artwork/topic work based around the Stone Age.

As many of you already know, we would like to remind you that to eat at break times. It is also very important to 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.



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Homework

Please encourage your children to read as much as possible at home, recording reading comments in their reading journals regularly. Children should read their banded books Monday to Thursday then they can read a book of their choice over the weekend. It is also vitally important that you support your children with any spellings or multiplication tables they may need to learn. Please ask your children if they have any homework and give them every encouragement to do it – we greatly value your support in this area.

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
Monday 14 th January	Trip to Gurdwara – Smethwick
Thursday 24 th January	Stone Age trip to Craven Arms – The Discovery Centre
Tuesday 29 th January	The Wonderful Wizard of Oz performance
Half Term	
Wednesday 27 th March	Parents' Evening (3.30 pm – 5 pm)
Thursday 28 th March	Parents' Evening (4pm – 7pm)
Thursday 4 th April	Parental Engagement – Stone Age Gallery – Parents, family and friends invited from 2.30pm.

Yours sincerely
Miss S Cartwright
(Assistant Head Years 3 and 4)