



YEAR 4 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

A Warm Welcome to Year 4!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to year 4!

A very warm welcome to all our children and parents - we hope that your children will have a happy and successful year at Leominster Primary School. The year 4 team consists of: Miss Cartwright (4C), Mrs Styles (4S), Miss Brookes (4B) and Miss Lloyd. Our teaching assistants in year 4 are: Mrs Pugh and Mr Powell-Jones. Our aim is to give the children every chance to develop mentally and socially, becoming independent and enthusiastic learners.

School life is very demanding and children cannot cope with it if they are tired. It is very important that they are getting sufficient rest. Children of this age should be in bed ready to sleep by 8.00pm at the latest.

If at any time during the year your child has any worries or concerns, please encourage them to see their class teacher. We will be more than happy to listen and try to help. If you would like to discuss any issues relating to your child, please do not hesitate to pop in to see me or any of the Year 4 teachers.

Curriculum and topic this term:

English: This term the children will have the opportunity to become newspaper reporters as we will be studying **newspaper recounts**. We will also explore and re-write a familiar **legend**.

Maths: In mathematics this term we will be following the objectives outlined in the National Curriculum. Our main foci for this term will be **Number, Place Value** and **Shape**.

Science: Our science topic for the first half term is '**States of Matter**'. Within this topic the children will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. Pupils will observe that some materials change state when they are heated and cooled. They will also identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle. After October half term, our topic is '**Animals including Humans**'. Within this topic the children will study the human digestive system, teeth in humans and construct a variety of food chains. They will also recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways.

Topic: Our topic for this term is '**The Rainforest**'. In this topic, we will look at what a rainforest is and where they are located, what the climate is like in a rainforest and the different layers of vegetation in a rainforest. We will also create soundscapes for a rainforest; sketch rainforest animals and study the artist, Henri Rousseau. In dance, we will be creating a sequence of movements linked to life in a rainforest.

R.E: Our R.E question for this term is, '**What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?**'

Computing: The focus in computing this term will be based around E-safety; teaching pupils how to stay safe online. We will also explore using Microsoft PowerPoint.

French: In French, the focus will be on revisiting and consolidating all the vocabulary learnt in year 3. Pupils will also have the opportunity to produce some French written work.



Special Events



A day in Queenswood

On **Thursday 12th September** Year 4 pupils will be spending the day at Queenswood. We will leave at 9.30am and return at 3.00pm. Children will require old clothes (not jeans), sensible shoes for walking, a waterproof coat, a large picnic and a drink (also a ruck sack if possible). If the weather is really awful we will reschedule the trip and inform you the day before. The cost of this trip is **£6**.



Tropical Inc. Workshop

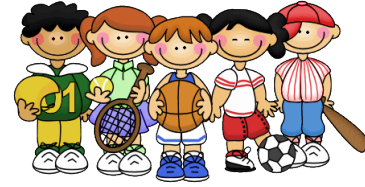
On **Wednesday 11th September**, Tropical Inc will be coming into school to carry out a workshop with the Year 4 children. The workshop will be hands-on, interactive and will teach the children all about the rainforest in a fun and educational way. The children will also get the opportunity to see a range of exotic animals including: snakes, lizards, tarantulas, scorpions, frogs and parrots.

Parental Engagement – Spelling Workshop

On **Thursday 24th October**, we would like to invite parents/carers into school for a spelling workshop. The aim of the workshop is to provide you with a bank of ideas and resources to support your child with learning their spellings in a fun and interactive way. Parents/carers are invited from **2pm**. We look forward to seeing you!

Reminders

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring that they have the proper games and PE 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!**



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.



Homework

Please encourage your children to read as much as possible at home - recording reading comments in their reading journals regularly (parent comments/signature at least three times a week please). Children should read their accelerated reading book as much as possible but can also read other books that they enjoy if they wish to do so. It is also vitally important that you support your children with any spellings or times tables they may need to learn. Each half term we will also set a task around our current topic. 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
Wednesday 11 th September	Tropical Inc Workshop
Thursday 12 th September	Year 4 trip to Queenswood
Friday 4 th October	Non school uniform – donations to school Bingo
Thursday 24 th October	Parental Engagement – Spelling Workshop 2pm Red Ridge Meeting for Parents – 6pm
Friday 25 th October	'Wear what you like' day – donations to school charity (Air Ambulance)
Half Term	
Wednesday 6 th November	Parents' Evening (3.45pm – 5.30pm)
Thursday 7 th November	Parents' Evening (5pm – 6.45pm)
Friday 6 th December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Craft morning

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