

# LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 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: Mrs Styles (4S), Miss Nash and Miss Powell (4NP) and Miss Cunningham (4C). Our teaching assistants in year 4 are: Mrs Pugh and Mrs Cole. 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 be exploring and re-writing a local legend, which is based on the dragon of Mordiford. They will also have the opportunity to become newspaper reporters as we will be studying newspaper recounts.

**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 '**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. After October half term, our topic 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.

**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.

**PSHE:** In PSHE, the focus will be on nutrition, thinking carefully about what constitutes a healthy diet. Pupils will be also be learning about teeth and the importance of dental hygiene.

## Special Events

### Rainforest Workshop



On **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September**, 'Life in the Rainforest' 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: beetles, spiders, scorpions, millipedes, frogs, stick and leaf insects, gecko, snake and mantids, just to name but a few. The cost of this is **£4** and all payments should be made through Parent Mail. If your child has any allergies that you think we should be aware of before this workshop, please see your child's class teacher.



### A day in Queenswood



On **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September**, year 4 pupils will be spending the day at Queenswood. We will leave school 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 **£4.50** – please can all payments be made through Parent Mail. Further details to follow on a separate letter.

### Parental Engagement – Come and find out what we have learnt about the rainforest!

We would like to invite parents/carers into school to give the children the opportunity to showcase their work. A date will be confirmed later in the term. We look forward to seeing you!

## Reminders

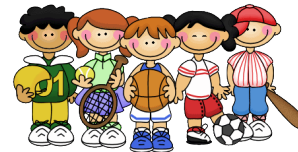
Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring that they come into school in their PE kit only on the correct days. Can we remind you that this must be the school PE uniform of: black shorts, leggings or joggers, purple polo top with or without logo, black jumper or purple hoodie from Club Sport. Also, long hair should be tied back on these days and only studs should be worn which should be removed or covered for PE. Year 4 have PE on the following days:

4S – Wednesday and Thursday

4C – Wednesday and Friday

4NP – Wednesday and Friday

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!**



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

## 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
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Rainforest Workshop
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Trip to Queenswood
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening (3.45pm – 5.30pm)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parents' Evening (5pm – 7 pm)
<b>Half Term</b>	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Craft morning
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Carol Service

Yours sincerely

The Year 4 Team: Miss Cunningham, Mrs Styles, Miss Powell, Miss Nash  
Miss S Cartwright (Assistant Head)