

LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 4 SUMMER NEWSLETTER



Highlights from last term ...



We had some amazing homework completed this half term – Well done to everyone who completed it

Curriculum and topic this term:

English: This term, the children will be engaging in our new 'Grammarsaurus', The Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar Scheme to improve their punctuation and grammar skills. Within the second half of the term, the children will focus on 'The Write Stuff' unit '*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*' where they will be engaging in fantasy writing.

Maths: In mathematics this term, we will be focusing on **Fractions, Decimals, Money, Time** and **Position and Direction**.

Science: Our science topics for this term are '**Electricity**' and '**Living things and their habitats**'

Topic: Our topic question for this term is '**What was it like to be a Maya?**' Within this topic, the children will explore where and when the remains of the Maya ruins were discovered; find out about how the Mayan civilisation developed over time; find out about everyday life for the Maya people and explore Maya writing and calendars.

DT: Our DT project this term will link with our science topic, 'Electricity'. The children will be designing, making and evaluating their very own torches.

PSHE: In PSHE, we will be discussing '**Emergency Situations**' and '**Life in Plastic**'. The children will be learning about the 'special people' who work in their community that are responsible for looking after them and protecting them; how to contact these special people when they need their help, including what is involved in dialling 999 in an emergency. They will also learn how to respond to fire safety issues within school and in the home and will learn how to identify the dangers water can pose and how these can be avoided or reduced. They will also learn concepts of basic first aid.

R.E: Our R.E question for the 1st half of the summer term is: When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost? And the 2nd half we ask the question - Why do some people think that life is like a journey and what significant events mark this?

French: During this term we will continue to look at 'Presenting myself' and 'My family'. We will then move on to learn about 'My home' and 'Habitats'.

Computing: This term the children will learn about coding. They will have the opportunity to create a simple program and learn how to de-bug independently.

Special Events

Military Activity Days (MAD) Experience

Wednesday 22nd May

The children will compete in various military style team building sessions and learn about positivity and a “can do” attitude. They will need to come in wearing their PE kit and bring a packed lunch/order a packed lunch from school as if the weather is good we will eat our lunch on the field.

Year 4 Government Multiplication Test

The children will complete a times table check on ipads during June. They will answer 25 questions that cover all times tables up to 12 X 12 with 6 seconds to answer each question. Please encourage the children to continue to practice these using Purple Mash or any online games.



Sports Day

It's that time of year again when the sun is shining (hopefully) and the children take part in a selection of sporting events. Sports Day for year 4 will take place on **Friday 7th June @ 9.30am** and we'd love for you to come and join in with the fun!

River Walk

We will take the children on a river walk following the River Kenchester/Lugg in Leominster to identify different features of a river. 4S + half of 4/5B will go **Thursday 13th June** and 4H + half of 4/5 B will go **Friday 14th June**. Children will require a waterproof coat and sensible walking shoes. The walk will take place during the morning and all groups will arrive back by lunchtime.

Big Sleep Over

Back by popular demand year4 will again have their 'Big Sleep Over'. This will take place on **Friday/Saturday 21st/22nd June**. More details to follow later.

Reminders

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring that they wear the proper games and PE kit – year 4 have PE/games on:

4H/4S – Wednesday – Cricket/Athletics (outdoors)

- Friday – Gymnastics (indoors)

4BT – Thursday – Cricket/Athletics (outdoors)

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 have a copy of their care plan too – thank you for your co-operation.



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.



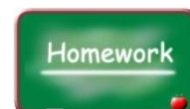
We would also like to remind you that as the weather gets warmer (hopefully!!!!) children come prepared with sun hats and sun cream applied before school if necessary. Children will have to apply cream independent if needed again throughout the day

Parental Engagement

Theme TBC

Wednesday 15th May 2:15pm

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 17 th April Thursday 25 th April	Forest School (4S)
Wednesday 15 th May	Parental engagement
Wednesday 22 nd May	Mad day (rearranged)
Half Term (Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May)	
Date to be confirmed (3 rd – 14 th June)	Year 4 Multiplication Check
Thursday 6 th June Wednesday 19 th June	Forest School (4/5B)
Friday 7 th June (am)	Sports day
Wednesday 12 June (AM)	Creation Projects
Friday/Saturday 21 st /22 nd June	Big Sleep over
Thursday 13 th June (4S+ half of 4/5B) Friday 14 th June (4H + half of 4/5B)	River Walk
Thursday 11 th July Wednesday 17 th July	Forest School (4H)
Friday 5 th July	Carnival - Fete

Yours sincerely

Year 4 Team – Miss Hollis (4H) – Miss H Lloyd (4/5B) – Mrs. Brookes (4/5B) – Mrs Styles (4S)