



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 will have a happy and successful year at Leominster Primary School. We are very pleased to have all the children back in school – we have missed them very much!

The Year 5 team consists of: Miss Cartwright (5C – Assistant Head), Miss Lloyd (5L) and, Mrs Brookes and Mrs Thomas (5BT). Our teaching assistants are Mrs Dorn and Mrs Jolly. Miss Powell and Mr James will be providing PPA cover across the year group. 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. Many children have not been in school for a very long time and for some it will take a little time to adjust back into the school routine. Sufficient rest is fundamental therefore children should be going to bed at a reasonable time.

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 contact any of the Year 5 teachers.

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**'. Theatre, film, book and TV will be the areas we will be investigating as well as comparing formal and informal writing styles. The children will also study '**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 initially be introducing '**Electricity**'. Children will learn about what electricity is and how it was discovered. They will identify which appliances use electricity in their homes and how to keep themselves safe. Children will construct circuits, start to create pictorial circuits and explore different switches within circuits. We will then study '**Properties and Changes of Materials**'. 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.

R.E: In RE, the children will be studying the question, **'Why do some people think God exists?'** Within this, they will be thinking about who believes in God and why, and understanding the terms theist, atheist and agnostic along with how different people have many different beliefs.

After half term, we will look at the new question, **'If God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship?'** The children will think about what a place of worship is, what it is used for, and then look at Christian, Hindu and Jewish places of worship.

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: In French, the focus will be on revisiting and consolidating all the vocabulary learnt in Year 4. Pupils will also have the opportunity to produce some French written work.

Reminders

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

5C - Tuesday and Thursday.

5L - Monday and Thursday.

5BT - Wednesday and Thursday.



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 and this will be available for you to access on the school website. 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.

Home-Learning

If for some reason your child is unable to attend school (possibly because they are self-isolating), we will be providing home-learning tasks for them to complete. This work will be available on the Year 5 school webpage:

<https://www.leominsterprimaryschool.co.uk/children/year-pages/year-5>

Yours sincerely
Miss S Cartwright
(Assistant Head Years 5 and 6)