



Highlights from last term ...

Reindeer Run



We all had great fun completing our adapted 'Reindeer Run' within our class PE sessions, to support St Michael's Hospice. Each class set their own walking targets and were so pleased that they all achieved them. Children were delighted to be given their own set of reindeer antlers (donated from St Michael's Hospice) to take home. A huge thank you for your extremely kind and generous donations.

Curriculum and topic this term:

English: The term the children will be exploring '**Reviews**' and '**Playscripts**' and the focus is on them producing their own reviews to share with their class and a playscript they can perform. Later in the term, we will be focusing on writing '**Mythological stories**' which links to our topic on the Greeks

Maths: In mathematics this term, we will be following the objectives outlined in the National Curriculum. Our main foci for this term will be '**Multiplication and Division**', '**Fractions**', and '**Decimals and Percentages**'. We will also be covering some revision units to help consolidate the children's learning from last year.

Science: This term we will initially be exploring '**Forces**'. Children will learn about types of forces such as gravity, friction, water resistance and air resistance. Children will also learn about the use of mechanisms such as levers, gears and pulleys. We will then study '**Earth and Space**' where children will learn about the shapes of the Earth, Sun and Moon. They will describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. They will also use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.

Topic: Our main topic this term will be history-based and our question is '**What have the Greeks done for us?**' The children will be studying aspects of Greek life and linking it to our modern world. The children will also learn about Greek Gods/Goddesses and study Greek artefacts, including Greek vases. We are also hoping the children will have the opportunity to use a potter's wheel to make their own pot which they will bring home once it has been glazed and fired.



R.E: Our R.E questions for this term are: **‘What does it mean if God is Holy and Loving?’** and **‘Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?’**

Computing: This term, the children will be analysing different websites for purpose and audience and then using these websites to gather information about a Greek philosopher of their choice. With this information, they will then create the basics of a webpage on Publisher and learn how to create hyperlinks. The children can finally enjoy sharing their 'websites', and all that they have learnt, with each other.

French: We will be learning vocabulary and sentences around the topics of hobbies and a school trip. The children will be introduced to different hobbies, including musical hobbies, and how to ask and answer questions about these. They will then learn vocabulary around a school trip, including the journey on a bus and trips to a museum or the countryside.

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.



Reading and Homework

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible at home. Due to the current situation, please could we ask that you do not send your child's reading journal and any reading books into school for the time-being. We will provide your child with some reading books to take home – these books will need to remain at home until further notice. If you have books of your own at home, encourage your child to read these too!

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>

Purple Mash

You should have all now received login details for our new learning resource (Purple Mash). Please encourage your child to explore this as much as possible – there are lots of fun and exciting resources to access and games to play! Please also remember that we will be using Purple Mash for remote learning if a year group bubble has to isolate.

Dates for your diary:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday 12 th February	Valentine's Day Wear What You Like
Wednesday 24 th March	Parents' Evening
Thursday 25 th March	Parents' Evening

Yours sincerely
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