

# LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

## YEAR 5 SPRING NEWSLETTER

### Highlights from last term ...



**Rudolph Run** This year we had so much fun completing our 'Rudolph Run', to support St Michael's Hospice. We were overwhelmed with how much money was raised within our school community. A staggering **£6525** was raised in total... this is absolutely PHENOMENAL and we are so grateful for your incredible efforts in raising so much money. Thank you!



**Pembridge River Trip** What a wonderful time we all had at the riverside in Pembridge! It was delightful to see our children playing educational games in such beautiful natural surroundings, and breathing in our local countryside air! We were extremely proud of the good manners and enthusiasm our pupils displayed as they rolled up their sleeves and got their hands (and wellies!) wet to collect kick samples from the river. Who knew how many different species could be found in a small tray of river water?

### Curriculum and topic this term:

**English:** This term we will be diving into an exciting new writing approach called the 'Write Stuff', where the children will build up their skills to write an adventure story and a journal linking to our Science topic 'Earth in Space'. Later in the term, we will use our Greeks topic as a vehicle to study and write '**Mythological stories**'.

**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 did the Greeks do 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. In order to cover costs, we are asking for a contribution of **£7.00**. Please can all payments be made through Parent Mail by **Wednesday 12th January**. Unfortunately, if insufficient funds are received then we will have to cancel the workshop.



**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:

**5BT & 5B – Tuesday (gymnastics for the 1<sup>st</sup> half term) & Wednesday (outdoor games).**

**5S – Tuesday (outdoor games) & Wednesday (gymnastics for the first half term).**

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.



## UNIFORM

All pupils are required to wear school uniform. Can we remind you that this is; purple jumper (not PE hoodie), white or purple polo shirt both with or without logo, grey trousers or shorts, grey skirt or grey pinafore. During the hot weather a purple/ white gingham checked dress is permitted. On the children's PE day, they need to wear their PE uniform which is grey/black joggers or shorts, a purple t-shirt, a purple PE hoodie or jumper and trainers. When children have gymnastics, it is advisable for them to wear shorts- they will be allowed to change into these at school. Please ensure all uniform is clearly named. All uniform can be purchased from Club Sport.

## Special Events and Parent Engagement

We are keeping our fingers crossed that the following events will be able to go ahead, as planned, but will keep you up to date with any changes we have to make in response to any emerging government guidelines.



**Bikeability:** Children taking part will gain skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads.

**Parental Engagement- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> March:** As part of National Science Week, we will be completing some science related activities.

**Pottery workshop:** All of the pupils 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.



**Western Power Production and Workshop:** On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Western Power Distribution are coming into Leominster Primary School. Pupils will receive a theatrical assembly followed by workshops in the classrooms, where they will receive information on safety with electricity, the dangers and consequences as well as their responsibility to others.

## Homework

- Read at home daily (minimum of x3 times). Entries in reading record must include the date, page reached and signature or initial of parent/carer, please. (When a new book is started, please write the title and AR reading level.)
- Learn weekly spellings.
- Practise multiplication tables.
- Half-termly topic-related project.

(See separate 'Homework' sheet for details.)

## Dates for your diary:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> January	5BT Forest School (pm)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Bikeability
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> January	5B Forest School (pm)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Pottery workshops
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Western Power production and workshop
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day- Dress up
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Parental Engagement (Science)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	5S Climate Change workshop
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	5BT Climate Change workshop
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	5B Climate Change workshop
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March & Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	5S Forest School (pm)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' evening 3:45-5:30pm
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Evening 5-7pm

Yours sincerely

The Year 5 Team: Mrs Brookes/Mrs Thomas, Miss Brookes and Mr Summers  
Miss S Cartwright (Assistant Head)