

LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 5 SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER



A warm welcome back...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to year 5!

I hope you have had a restful break and are ready for all the new learning and challenges this term will bring.

The year 5 team consists of: Mrs McAtear (5M - Assistant Head), Mrs Brookes/Mrs Thomas (5BT), Miss Pearson (5P). Miss Lloyd and Miss Powell will be providing PPA cover for the classes. Our teaching assistant is Miss Thompson. Our aim is to give the children every chance to develop mentally and socially while becoming independent and enthusiastic learners.

If at any time during the year your child has any problems or worries, please encourage them to see their class teacher or myself. We will be more than happy to discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child. Appointments can be made via the office.

Curriculum this term:

It is another very busy term with a lot to look forward to. We have many exciting things planned for both children and parents. There will be a wide range of extra-curricular clubs on offer.

The children are exploring 'Reviews and playscripts' in **English** 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 *Greeks*

In **Mathematics** this term we will be following the objectives outlined in the National Curriculum. These can be found on the government website:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/335158/PRIMARY_national_curriculum_-_Mathematics_220714.pdf

Our **Science** topics are 'Forces' and 'Earth and Space'. The children can start thinking about the different types of forces that exist and start reading about planets.

Our main topic this term will be **History** based, it's title is '**What have the Greeks done for us?**' and we will be studying aspects of Greek life and linking it to our modern world.

The children will also have whole class reading, SPaG - spelling, punctuation and grammar, RE, PSHE, French, Computing, Art, PE and collective worship (daily). Any books, artefacts or information the children are able to bring into school would be very much appreciated

Special Events and News

Parental Engagement

Parents and carers are invited to join their child for an afternoon of **Thursday 2nd April** where the children will 'showcase what they have done during our topic on Greeks in their **'Greek Gallery'**.

There will be a mixture of art work, topic, clay pots and ICT.

Parents Evenings this term.

Reminders:

Reading: Please try to read with your children as regularly as possible. We ask each child to read as often as possible - every evening, Monday to Thursday and record it in their reading record. Please can you confirm that regular reading occurs by an adult signing reading records on a weekly basis.

Games and PE: Children will need to have a school winter PE kit (joggers and sweatshirt) for games every **Tuesday**, as well as a purple t-shirt, shorts and trainers for PE. Please ensure that all uniforms are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Asthma: If your child is asthmatic, please could you ensure that they have an inhaler (labelled with their name) in school at all times!

Healthy Eating: 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 or vegetables 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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dates:	
Friday 7 th February	Final day for Potter/Dome payment (£10)
Tuesday 11 th February	Pottery Day
Half Term (17 th February)	
Wednesday 26 th February	Bikeability Level 1 (1/2 of children - letter to follow)
Thursday 27 th February	Bikeability Level 1 (1/2 of children- letter to follow)
Thursday 5 th March	Explorer Dome
Monday 9 th March	Science week
Wednesday 25 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 26 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 2 nd April	Greek Gallery - parents/carers/grandparents 2:30pm

Mrs S McAtear, Assistant Headteacher (years 5 and 6)