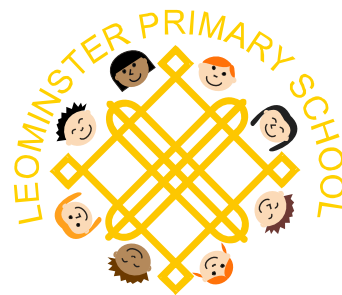




Leominster Primary School

Year 5 Autumn Newsletter



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 hope you have had a lovely summer break!

The year 5 team consist of: Mrs Price(5P), Mrs Oakley/Miss Brookes (5OB) and Mrs Brookes/Mrs Thomas (5BT). The year 5 teaching assistants include: Mr Hardwick, Mrs Davies, Mrs Seaborne and Miss Burt.

Our aim is to give our pupils every chance to develop mentally and socially, becoming independent and enthusiastic learners. School life can be demanding, and children are happier and perform better when healthy and well-rested. Sufficient sleep 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 the office who will arrange a phone call or appointment with your child's class teacher.

Enrichment: 'Meet the Greeks' Day

This term, Year 5 will be learning all about the Ancient Greeks and their part in British history. To help bring our topic to life, the 'Marvellous History' company will visit us for a Greek themed workshop with the children on Thursday 16th October.

The workshop will be hands on, and active, teaching the children all about the Greeks in a fun and educational way. They will also see and handle a range of objects and artefacts from the period. As part of this exciting day, we would like to invite the children to dress up in Greek costume.

Clothing for both women and men consisted of two main garments—**a tunic (either a peplos or chiton) and a cloak (himation).** The peplos was simply a large rectangle of heavy fabric, usually wool, folded over along the upper edge so that the overfold (apoptygma) would reach to the waist.



Homework

The most valuable ways we feel you can spend time with your child enriching their education is by continuing to check and improve the fluency and accuracy of their multiplication tables and to ensure they are frequently reading.

The best way for your child to develop their reading skills and fluency is to read...read...read! You can support them by helping them to discover books and authors that inspire their interest and enjoyment. Class teachers will use reading quiz information to guide them with a range of reading levels that are most suitable for them (school books will be labelled with their level, but these can also be found by searching on 'AR bookfinder' online). Many children love (and/or need) parents/carers to share their books together, so we will greatly appreciate your support with their individual reading journey.

Your child may sometimes be set other spontaneous tasks, for example spellings to learn or an area to research.

This term's main homework project will be based on our topic about 'Ancient Greece' and will be displayed in our classrooms. This is an open-ended task where we ask our pupils to focus on an area of the topic they are personally interested in and to be as creative as possible with their presentation. Previous examples have included fact sheets, posters, poems, paintings, 3-D models (from junk materials, lego, etc) and even edible creations – the choice is yours!

Please send in your project whenever it is completed by Friday 7th November.

Forest School Dates

SOB: Thursday 18th September and Thursday 25th September.

SBT: Wednesday 1st October and Thursday 13th November.

5P: Thursday 16^h October and Thursday 23rd October.

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 hot weather a purple/ white gingham checked dress is permitted.

On the children's PE day, they need to bring their PE uniform which is grey/black joggers or shorts, a purple t-shirt, a purple PE hoodie or jumper and trainers.

Please ensure all uniform is clearly named.

Reminders

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

5OB – Monday

5P – Tuesday

5BT – Wednesday

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 that is in date, labelled with their name and 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 (or a healthy snack) 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

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 16th October – ‘Meet the Greeks’ workshop

Wednesday 22nd October – Parents’ Evening (3.45pm – 5.30pm)

Thursday 23rd October – Parents’ Evening (5pm – 7pm)

Half Term: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

Monday 1st December- Reindeer Run for St Michael’s Hospice

Friday 11th December – Christmas jumper day and secret Santa

Tuesday 16th December – Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas crafts afternoon – parents/carers welcome from 2.15pm.

Thursday 18th December – Y5 Christmas Show @ 2.15pm

Thursday 18th December – Last day of term

(Children return on Tuesday 6th January)