

LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

KS1 SPRING NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to another exciting term and Happy New Year to you all; we hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break. The children have started the term very well and quickly settled back into school routines. They have enjoyed recounting and sharing their holiday news with their teachers and friends. All the classes have discussed 'New Year's Resolutions' with all children choosing their own resolution for the year ahead!

The Spring term is packed full of fun events and we are sure the children are going to absolutely love learning about their new topics. We are continuing our mission of trying to exercise every day through the 'daily mile' and 'go noodle' so please ensure your child has suitable shoes in school.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions throughout the term please do not hesitate to come and see me. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Eckley-Gardner

Spring Term 2018 - Topics this term:

Year 1

This term Year 1 children will be completing a range of tasks in order to become a 'qualified' Cloudspotter! This topic will be explored during **Geography, Art, Science** and **English** lessons.

English: The children will read the beautiful story 'Cloudspotter' and have the opportunity to join 'The Great Cloudspotter Club'. They will learn how to write letters, information texts and stories all based around the 'Cloudspotter' book. How exciting!

Maths: We will continue to teach the National Curriculum objectives by using the Big Maths and Numicon schemes to support our teaching.

Weekly **P.E.** sessions will take place with the focus on dance and outdoor PE. The children will learn about 'healthy bodies' in **PSHE**.

R.E: Children will learn about the religion of Christianity.

Year 2

The children will be learning all about Africa, including experiencing African drumming and dancing. This topic will be explored during all of our foundation subjects, which include **Geography, History, Art, D.T., Music** and **P.E.** lessons. The topic will last for the whole of the Spring term with an African performance at the end of the term.

English: Children will learn about the genre 'fairy tales'. They will explore the features of fairy tales and discuss characters and settings within the stories. They will have the opportunity to read a range of fairy tales before writing their own version of a known fairy tale. The children will also learn about the genre of letters and write letters to our partner school in Tanzania, Africa. Towards the end of the term, they will need to use what they have learnt about Africa to write informative non-chronological reports about the continent.

Maths: We will continue to teach the National Curriculum objectives by using the Big Maths and Numicon schemes to support our teaching.

Science: 'Materials' will be the topic for our Science lessons which will be linked to the materials used to build houses in Africa and the U.K.

R.E: This term we will explore the religion of Islam and learn 'Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?'

Reminders

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring they have their P.E. kit in school. It should be in school for the whole of the half term. We can always send it home if it gets very dirty!



Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day, which should include their reading book and reading journal. This enables the children to change their books regularly and for us to read any comments you have made in their journals. Please read daily with your children.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 31 st January 2.40pm	2EGS class assembly – Parents/Carers invited
Friday 16 th February	Last day of term
Monday 26 th February	Back to school
Wednesday 28 th February, Thursday 1 st and Friday 2 nd March	Year 1 and Year 2 Road Safety
Friday 2 nd March	Full House Friday – Non-school uniform
Wednesday 14 th and Thursday 15 th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Wednesday 28 th March	Year 2 Africa day – African visitors - drummers and dancers. African performance – Parents/Carers invited – time to be confirmed
Thursday 29 th March	Wear a hat for charity (TBC) Last day of term



Reading

On Thursday and Friday at 3pm our classroom doors will be open early.



You can come and read with your child in their classroom. We hope that this will provide an atmosphere where your child enjoys sharing a book with you and promotes a love of reading, as reading is the key to all learning! Reading with your child will also help them to get over the rainbow! We hope to see you there! This will begin on Thursday 25th January.

Yours sincerely

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