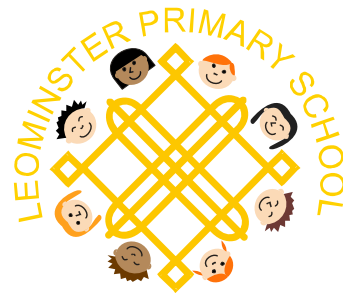


# LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

## YEAR 4 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



### A Warm Welcome to Year 4!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to year 4! A very warm welcome to all our children and parents - we hope that your children will have a happy and successful year at Leominster Primary School. The year 4 team consists of: Mrs Styles (4S) Miss Hollis (4H) and Miss Brookes (4/5B). Our teaching assistants in year 4 are: Mrs Pugh and Mr McShane. Our aim is to give the children every chance to develop mentally and socially, becoming independent and enthusiastic learners.

School life is very demanding and children cannot cope with it if they are tired. It is very important that they are getting sufficient rest. Children of this age should be in bed ready to sleep by 8.00pm at the latest.

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 pop in to see any of the year 4 teachers.

#### Reminders

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring that they bring their PE kit in to school on the correct days. Can we remind you that this must be the school PE uniform of: black shorts, leggings or joggers, purple polo top with or without logo, black jumper or purple hoodie from Club Sport. Also, long hair should be tied back on these days and only studs should be worn which should be removed or covered for PE. Year 4 have PE on the following day:

#### **Friday**

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!**



We are asking for pupils to only bring in necessary belongings (e.g. coat, lunch box, water bottle and glasses).

#### Homework

Please encourage your children to read as much as possible at home - recording reading comments in their reading journals regularly (parent comments/signature at least three times a week please). Children should read their accelerated reading book as much as possible but can also read other books that they enjoy if they wish to do so. 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. 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.



### **Curriculum and topic this term:**

**English:** This term the children will be using the Write Stuff English scheme. In 4S and 4H, we will be completing narrative writing based on the animated short film called Feast.

In 4/5B, we will be completing poetry writing based on the poem, 'Still I Rise' by Maya Angelou, before moving on to narrative writing based on the book and animation, 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan.

**Maths:** In mathematics this term we will be following the objectives outlined in the National Curriculum. Our main focus for this term will be **Number, Place Value** and **Shape**.

**Science:** Our science topic for the first half term is '**States of Matter**'. Within this topic the children will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. Pupils will observe that some materials change state when they are heated and cooled. They will also identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle. After October half term, our topic is '**Animals including Humans**'. Within this topic the children will study the human digestive system, teeth in humans and construct a variety of food chains. They will also recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways.

**Topic:** Our topic for this term is the '**Ancient Egyptians**'. Within this topic, the children will learn when events from Ancient Egypt took place; the importance of the River Nile and understand what life was like as an Ancient Egyptian.

**R.E:** Our R.E question for this term is, '**What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?**'

**Computing:** The focus in computing this term will be based around E-safety - teaching pupils how to stay safe online. We will also explore using Microsoft PowerPoint.

**Music:** Throughout the year the children will be learning to play the recorder. Each half term they will learn a new note starting in the autumn with B

**French:** In French, the focus will be on revisiting and consolidating all the vocabulary learnt in year 3. They will then move on to learning vocabulary for the seasons and vegetables. Pupils will also have the opportunity to produce some French written work.

**PSHE:** Our topic this term is "**Falling out and making up**". The children will look at why friendships are important, what makes a good friend and what happens when they fall out. They will discuss what it feels like to be left out and what makes a healthy friendship.

### Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Egyptian Day
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening (3.45pm – 5.30pm)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening (5pm – 7 pm)
<b>Half Term</b> <b>October 30<sup>th</sup> - 5th November</b>	

Yours sincerely

Miss Hollis, Miss Brookes and Mrs Styles