

LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 1 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another school year; we hope you have all had a wonderful summer break. The children all appear to have enjoyed their first few days and are beginning to settle well into their new classes and routines.

If at any time during the year you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see either your child's class teacher or myself.

Please check our year group pages on the school website for important information, letters and photographs. It also contains photographs of the team so that you can put a face to a name!

Key Stage 1 Team

Mrs Eckley-Gardner – Assistant Head and English Coordinator

Mr Grant – Maths Coordinator

1H – Mrs Harrison, Mrs Robinson and Miss Jones

1G – Mr Grant, Mrs Baker and Miss Arnold

1L – Miss Lloyd and Mrs Dunstan

2EGS – Mrs Eckley-Gardner, Mrs South and Miss Burrows

2T – Miss Taylor and Mrs Chandler

2P – Miss Powell, Mrs Williams and Mrs Seaborne

Miss Wisniewski, Ms Turner and Ms Bromhall – PPA cover

Topics this Term

Our topic question for the first half term is 'Who am I?' and the children will be generating questions for us to explore in our lessons.

English: Our main genre will be 'Key Stories with Familiar Settings' and we will be exploring Percy the Park Keeper and Topsy and Tim stories.

Maths: The two main topics we will be exploring are 'Place Value' and 'Addition and Subtraction'.

Science: We will be exploring 'Animals including Humans' and focusing on naming body parts and the senses.

History: We will be learning about life in the Victorian times, particularly life for a child during this time. We will explore toys, music, the differences between rich and poor and pleasure gardens. The children will participate in a 'Victorian day' at the end of the term.

Art: The children will explore portraits drawn by a variety of different artists.

Homework

Your child's main form of homework in Year 1 is **reading**. It is extremely important that you listen to your child read and ask them questions about what they have read including predicting what may happen in the text. Please read with your child as often as possible, ideally every day. Children also love to hear their parents and carers read and this helps them to become expressive, fluent readers so please take time to read to your child throughout the week - maybe a bedtime story!

Your child will also bring home their **Big Maths 'CLIC and Learn It' tests** which they complete on a weekly basis. Please support your child by looking over the tests and correcting any mistakes they have made, this will help them to hopefully beat their score the following week.

The children are expected to begin to join their **handwriting** in Year 1 so please encourage them to join their letters whenever they are writing. Practise sheets and demonstrations are available on the website we use at school; <http://www.letterjoin.co.uk/>. Please let us know if you require the log-in details.

By the end of the year there are **common exception words** which the children are expected to be able to read and spell accurately. These are available on the school website for you to practise with your child.

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 week or if you prefer for the whole of the half term. We can always send it home if it gets very dirty!



It is important to ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This includes coats and lunch-bags.



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 as often as possible with your children. The more they read, the sooner they will be 'Over the Rainbow' and will receive a book to keep. Although we do not comment on your child's reading in their journal, please be assured we do listen to your child read at least once a week.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 5 th October	Victorian day – children to dress up as a Victorian child for the day. More information to follow.
Week beginning 23 rd October	Half Term Holiday
Monday 30 th October	Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 1 st November	Parent/Teacher Evening
Thursday 2 nd November	Parent/Teacher Evening
Thursday 30 th November	Christmas craft session
Tuesday 5 th December	KS1 Christmas production
Friday 15 th December	Last day of term!

Yours sincerely

Mrs G. A. Eckley-Gardner