



YEAR 4 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

A Warm Welcome to Year 4!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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: Miss Cartwright (4C), Mrs Styles (4S) and Miss Nash/Mrs Thomas (4NT). Miss Pollard and Mrs Bromhall will also be teaching in year 4 on various days. Our SEN teachers are Mrs Watts and Mrs Hough. Our teaching assistants in year 4 are: Mrs Powell-Jones, Mr Powell-Jones, Mrs Jolly, Miss Tansley and Mrs Pugh. 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 or myself. 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 me or any of the year 4 teachers.

Curriculum and topic this term:



English: This term the children will have the opportunity to become newspaper reporters as we will be studying **newspaper recounts**; we will also explore and re-write a familiar **legend**.

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

Science: Our science topic for this term 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 Rainforest'**. Within this topic, we will look at what a rainforest is and where they are located; what the climate is like in a rainforest and the different layers of vegetation in a rainforest. We will also create soundscapes for a rainforest; sketch rainforest animals and study the artist, Henri Rousseau. We will also create a dance to link in with life in a rainforest.

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.

French: In French this term the focus will be on revisiting and consolidating all the vocabulary learnt in year 3. Pupils will also have the opportunity to produce some French written work.

Special Events



A day in Queenswood

On **Thursday 14th September** year 4 pupils will be spending the day at Queenswood. We will leave at 9.30am and return at 3.00pm. Children will require old clothes (not jeans), sensible shoes for walking, a waterproof coat, a large picnic and a drink (also a ruck sack if possible). If the weather is really awful we will reschedule the trip and inform you the day before.

Tropical Inc. Workshop



On **Thursday 21st September**, Tropical Inc will be coming into school to carry out a workshop with the Year 4 children. The workshop will be hands-on, interactive and will teach the children all about the rainforest in a fun and educational way. The children will also get the opportunity to see a range of exotic animals including: snakes, lizards, tarantulas, scorpions, frogs and parrots. **There is a charge of £7.00 for this workshop.**

Oral Health Care Visit



On **Wednesday 1st November**, we have an NHS advisor coming into school to speak to the children about oral health care. In this session, the children will learn everything they need to know about keeping their teeth healthy and sparkling white! This session will also feed into our science topic, 'Animals including Humans'.

Parental Engagement

On Friday 8th December, we would like to invite parents, family and friends into school for a rainforest themed afternoon. Parents, family and friends are invited from 2pm. We look forward to seeing you!

Reminders

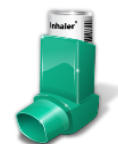
Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring that they have the proper games and PE kit in school at all times. Children being excused from physical education for a medical reason should bring a note.



Swimming lessons for year 4 pupils will begin on **Tuesday 14th November** - further details and additional dates to follow.



If your child is **asthmatic** please could you ensure that they have an inhaler, labelled with their name, 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 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.



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 twice a week please). Children should read their stage books Monday to Thursday then they can read a book of their choice over the weekend. It is also vitally important that you support your children with any spellings or multiplication tables they may need to learn. Each term we will also set the children a project based on our 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.

Meet and Greet



On **Thursday 7th September** parents/guardians are invited to a 'Meet and Greet' session in school between **3.30pm – 4.30pm**. During the 'Meet and Greet' you will be informed of any activities and trips that your child has to look forward to this year; you will be able to meet your child's teacher(s) and have the opportunity to see your child's new classroom. Meet and Greet sessions this year will take place in your child's new classroom. It would be great if you could make this session and the year 4 team look forward to meeting you!

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
Thursday 7 th September	Meet and Greet @ 3.30pm.
Thursday 14 th September	Year 4 trip to Queenswood
Thursday 21 st September	Tropical Inc Workshop
Tuesday 10 th October	Red Ridge Information evening @ 6pm
Half Term	
Wednesday 1 st November	Oral Health Care Workshops
Wednesday 1 st November	Parents' Evening
Thursday 2 nd November	Parents' Evening
14 th November 21 st November 28 th November 5 th December 12 th December 9 th January 16 th January 23 rd January	Year 4 swimming
Friday 1 st December	KS2 Christmas Craft morning
Friday 8 th December	Parental Engagement – Rainforest themed afternoon – parents, family and friends invited from 2pm.

We look forward to seeing you at the meet and greet.

Yours sincerely
Miss S Cartwright

(Assistant Head Years 3 and 4)

