

LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 4 SPRING NEWSLETTER



Highlights from last term



Curriculum and topic this term:

English: This term the children will carry on using 'The Write Stuff' scheme and our writing will be based on the 'Dream' chapter from the Roald Dahl book – BFG (Big Friendly Giant). The children will then independently write a description of a dream in the style of BFG, gobbledygook words.

In 4/5B, we will be completing a non-chronological report, before moving on to writing based on the traditional tale, 'The Princess & the Pea', followed a unit called 'The Present', a story about how hobbies and interests can change.

Maths: In mathematics this term, we will be focusing on '**Multiplication and Division**', '**Properties of shape**', '**Fractions**' and '**Decimals**'.

Science: We will be continuing with our current science topic "**Animals including Humans**" and then beginning our new topic, '**Sound**' later in the Spring term.

Topic: Our topics for this term are Geography based and for the first half of the Spring term our topic is based on Poland – asking the question "**Would you rather live in Hereford or Gdansk?**". The children will gain an understanding of where Poland and the UK are in Europe and compare their contrasting land-uses and human and physical features. The second half of the spring term is based on **Rivers** – asking the question '**What part do rivers play in the water cycle?**' Within this topic, the children will gain a greater understanding of the features of a river and the part rivers play in the water cycle.

R.E: In R.E. this term, we will be asking, '**What is like to be a Hindu in Britain today?**' and after half term, '**Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?**

French: The children will be learning words and phrases connected to the topic '**Presenting Myself**'. We will then move on to learning about '**My Family**'.

PSHE: This term we carry on with our '**Nutrition & Dental Health**' and then we will be focusing on '**Respect**'.

ICT: Within ICT the children will learn about PowerPoint presentations and will learn how to design and create a PowerPoint presentation that presents data and information about Gdansk/Hereford.

Special Events



Friday 8th March the children will compete in various military style team building sessions and learn about positivity and a “can do” attitude. They will need to come in wearing their PE kit, to include a warm jumper, sensible footwear and a rain coat in-case the weather is cold or wet as we will try to engage in all the activities even if the weather is not kind to us. *There will be a charge of £12 for this event*

Easter Concert

Wednesday 20th March the children will take part in a concert to celebrate the story of Easter. You will be invited to come and watch, details will be confirmed closer to the performance.



World Religion Day

Friday 19th January, we have invited a visitor from the Baha’l religion and the children will be taking part in a workshop to learn about this religion.

Parental engagement.

Thursday 1st February, we will be having a Spelling workshop where we will be going through our spelling scheme and showing you some fun ways for the children to learn and recall their spellings.

Reminders

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring that children bring their correct PE uniform on their PE day:



4H – Thursday

4S – Thursday

4/5B -Thursday

We will also have an extra PE lesson every fortnight on a Friday, starting this week (12/01/24) which will be 4S starting and 4H the following week (19/01/23) and every fortnight for each class.

Children being excused from physical education for a medical reason should bring a note.

Swimming lessons for year 4 pupils will begin in February. This year each class will undertake a week of intensive lessons, swimming every day for one week. *All payments and goggle permission slips can be completed via Parent.*

If your child is **asthmatic**, please could you ensure that they have an inhaler, labelled with their name, in school **at all times!** It is also important that school has a copy of their care plan too – thank you for your co-operation.

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. Only water should be in their water bottles in class. 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 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.

Dates	Events
Wednesday 10 th January	100% Attendance Tea Party
Thursday 11 th January	Winning House Reward
Thursday 18 th January – 4S Tuesday 30 th January – 4S Wednesday 10 th January - 4H Thursday 29 th February - 4/5B	Forest Schools
Friday 19 th January	World Religion Day (Yr4 Baha'i)
Thursday 1 st February	Parental engagement
WB – 5 th February – 4S/4B	Year 4 Swimming
Half Term Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February	
Friday 8 th March	MAD day
WB – 19 th February – 4H/4B	Year 4 Swimming
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 4 Easter Performance (details to be confirmed closer to the date)
20.03.24 21.03.24	Parents' Evening 3:45/5:30pm 5.00/7.00pm
Date TBC	River walk
22.03.24	Inset day
End of term – Easter Break Friday 22nd March – Friday 5th April	

Yours sincerely

The Year 4 Team: Mrs Styles, Miss Hollis, Miss Lloyd and Miss Brookes