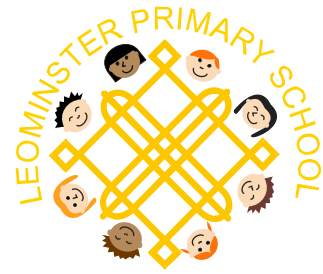


LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 5 AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER



A warm welcome to Year 5!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to year 5!

I hope you have had a restful break and are ready for all the new learning and challenges this year will bring.

The year 5 team consists of: Mrs McAtear (5M - Assistant Head) Miss Pullen (5P), Miss Rees (5R). Miss Bromhall, Miss Turner and Mrs Hopper will be providing PPA cover for the classes. Our teaching assistant is Miss Roberts. Our aim is to give the children every chance to develop mentally and socially, becoming independent and enthusiastic learners.

If at any time during the year your child has any problems or worries, please encourage them to see their class teacher or myself. We will be more than happy to discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child. Appointments can be made via the office.

Curriculum this term:

It is a very busy term with a number of changes and a lot to look forward to. We have many exciting things planned for both children and parents. There will be a wide range of extra-curricular clubs on offer.

The children are exploring Traditional Tales in **English** and the focus is on them producing their own stories to share with a younger audience. Later in the term we will be focusing on writing 'Reviews'. Theatre, film, book and TV will be the areas we will be investigating, comparing formal and informal writing styles.

In **Mathematics** this term we will be following the objectives outlined in the National Curriculum. These can be found on the government website:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/335158/PRIMARY_national_curriculum_-_Mathematics_220714.pdf

Our **Science** topic for the first half of the term is 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. The children can start thinking about the different types of materials that exist and their uses.

This term's focus for **Geography** will be 'Map skills' and we will be developing this using Ordnance Survey maps and atlases. We will explore Leominster's position in the 'wider' world. We are taking the children on a trip to the Elan Valley to explore geographical features and discuss the water cycle.

Every week the children will have guided reading, SPaG - spelling, punctuation and grammar, RE, PHSE, French, Computing, PE and collective worship (daily). This term children who can not swim will go swimming on a Tuesday afternoon as part of the PE curriculum.

Special Events and News

On Wednesday 20th **September** year 5 children will be visiting the Elan Valley. They will be walking through woodland and viewing the Dams. We will leave at 9:00am and return at 4:30pm. Children will need to wear sensible walking shoes, their school sweatshirt with sensible trousers (joggers would be ideal), a waterproof coat and a picnic with drink.

Parental Engagement

On **Wednesday 4th October**, we would like to invite parents, family and friends in for an afternoon of art. We will spend time reproducing the 'works' of Monet. Weather permitting, we will paint landscapes of the school environment. We look forward to seeing you all.

Reminders:

Reading: Please try to read with your children as regularly as possible. We ask each child to read every evening, Monday - Thursday and record it in their reading record.

Games and PE: Children will need winter kit (joggers and sweatshirt) for games as well a purple t-shirt, shorts and trainers for PE. Please ensure that all uniforms are clearly labelled with your child's name.

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 or vegetables 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.

| Dates: | |
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| Tuesday 12 th | Year 5 swimming starts (afternoon during school time) |
| Wednesday 20 th Sept | Elan Valley Trip (return 4:30pm) |
| Wednesday 4 th October | Parental Engagement - Art of Monet - Parents, family and friends invited from 2pm |
| Half Term | |
| Wednesday 1 st November | Parents Evening |
| Thursday 2 nd November | Parents Evening |
| Friday 1 st December | Christmas Craft Morning - parents, family and friends invited. |