



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 10

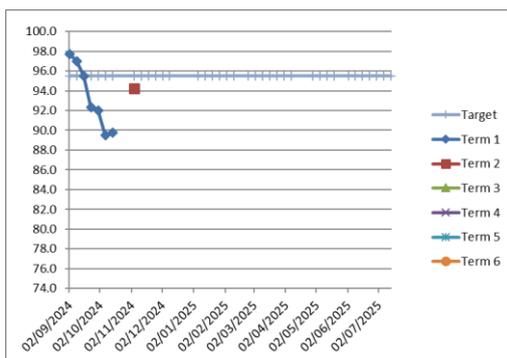
Dear Parents,

Attendance Monitoring

Following the new attendance guidelines we have implemented new procedures for monitoring attendance, good attendance and not so good attendance.

Emails about attendance have been sent to parents today. If you would like to discuss your child's school attendance please do not hesitate to contact us.

After a good start in September our whole school attendance has now dipped to 93.2% Our Governors attendance target is 95.5%.



As per our attendance policy, which can be found on our website at:

https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/school_policies/321303

'children must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence, in advance from the school.'

If your child is not going to be in school please ring the school office on 01594 822171, before 9.00 a.m. giving details of why they will be absent. An answerphone is available for you to leave a message. Many thanks

Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box Appeal

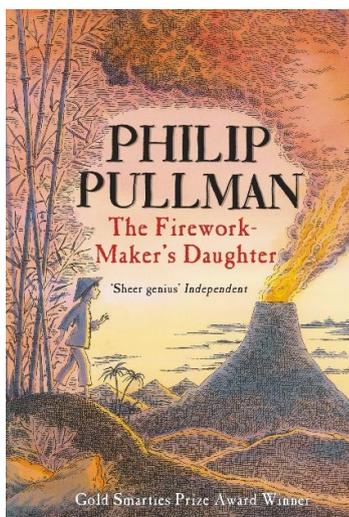
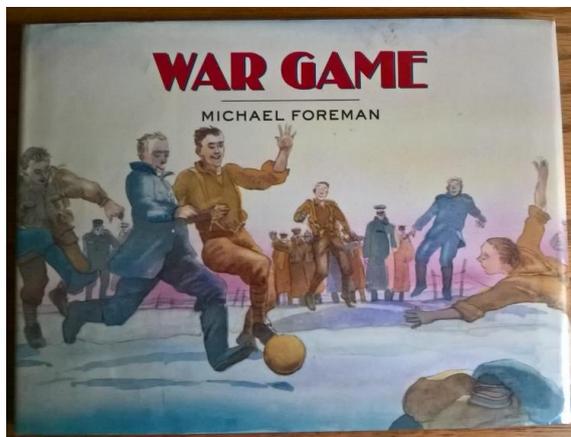
Thank you for your kind donations. You can still donation a shoe box online at www.shooboxworld.co.uk .



Chestnut Class

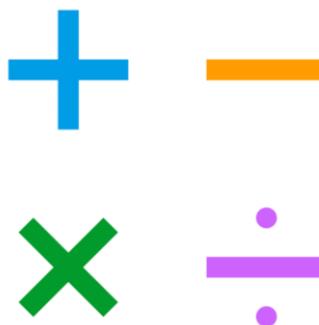
Chestnut Class have returned after the half term break ready and raring to go with what is set to be another busy term especially as we get closer and closer to Christmas!

We are enjoying the book 'War Game' by our focus author Michael Foreman. It has sparked lots of interest and discussion around World War 1. George has been our resident World War 1 expert sharing his wealth of knowledge with us!



Our English lessons this term are based on the book 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. We are currently working on writing a letter in character as Lila.

Maths lessons are continuing to focus on the 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We are working towards all children being secure with the formal written method for each operation with increasingly large numbers. As well as this, we are still working on learning all of our times tables to 12x12.

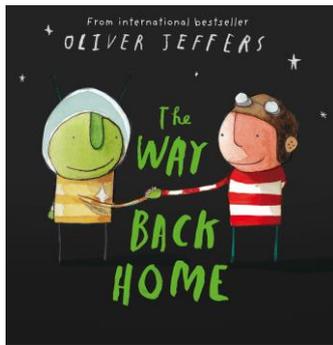


Toys and Teddies in School

A reminder that children should not be bringing in toys and teddies into school unless they have permission to do so. They can be distracting in class and cause arguments between friends.

Many thanks for your co-operation

Holly Leaves Class



Our topic this term is Out of this World Celebrations. We will be learning about celebrations and space.

We had fun learning all about Diwali with our visitor Aadeeb. The children learnt about Diwali traditions and had a go at making Diya lamps and rangoli patterns. For snack we shared rice with vegetables and then we learnt some Diwali dances.



Maple Class



This week, Maple Class completed the history topic - What did the Ancient Greeks do for us? They've learnt so much so please ask them about it. Our next unit of work will have a Geography focus - What is life like in the Alps?

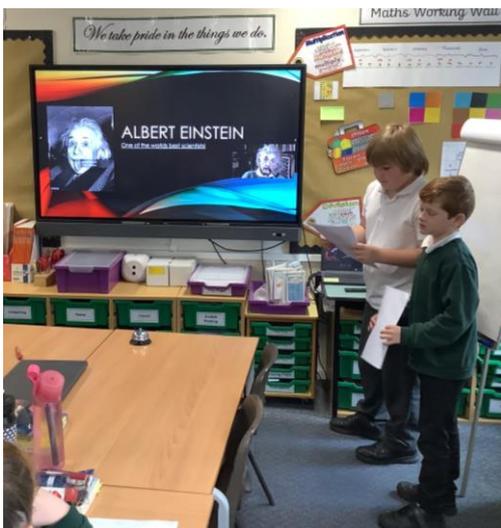


In science, we are continuing with the unit Mixtures and Separation before we move onto Properties and Changes.



Over the last two weeks we have been learning how to write good quality biographies in English. After looking at a number of biography WAGOLLs (what a good one looks like), we drew up a checklist of features we needed to include in ours. In pairs, children researched famous scientists and then created a biography presentation to share with the class. Some chose to present using a PowerPoint others made a poster. They were all really nervous when having to present to the class, but they did a wonderful job. Here's a few things we learnt from their presentations:

- Polish physicist and chemist Marie Curie had a pet tiger called X-Ray.
- Paleontologist Mary Anning found an Ichthyosaur skeleton when she was just 12 years old.
- Einstein's brain is in a museum in USA.
- Jane Goodall is a primatologist, studying chimpanzees in Tanzania.
- Charles Darwin ate exotic animals, such as, giant tortoises and iguanas



Holly Berries Class

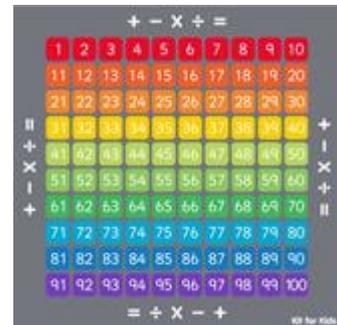
Our author for the term is Rachel Bright. She has written stories such as The Squirrels that squabbled and Love Monster.



Our maths topic this term is Place Value within 100.

Literacy we are looking at the text of Goldilocks and completing some exciting drama to learn the story and develop our understanding of characters.

Science- Our topic for the term is Materials -Uses of everyday materials.



At forest schools we have been using autumnal outdoor resources to make different creations. This includes nests, conker cars and flowers.



Remembrance Day Celebrations

On Monday Miss Evans and the Wellbeing Champions visited the War Memorial in Littledean to lay a wreath.



Pantomime – Friday 13th December 2024

A reminder that the whole school will be attending the Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury on Friday 13th December to see the Pantomime Cinderella.

We ask for a donation of £12.50 to cover the cost of the theatre ticket and transport to and from Tewkesbury, please pay through our online payment system at www.parentpay.com.

If you require a barcode letter to pay at paypoint, nearest is in Littledean Stores, please ask at the school office

Should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Packed lunches will be required on the day, these can be ordered through caterlink on the usual menu.



Bottle Tops

Mrs Walters is planning to do a science experiment with Chestnut Class next week and needs 26 milk bottle tops. If you have any can you send them into School. Many thanks

Friends Christmas Fair and Non Uniform Days

The Friends issued their Christmas Raffle tickets to the children earlier this week, we ask that you try to sell them if you can. Please return all unsold, sold tickets and money to school by Wednesday 27th November. More tickets are available from the school office. Thank you.

Our next non-uniform day for the Friends Christmas Fair will be Friday 22nd November in return for Bottles and Chocolates.

To make the Fair successful the Friends need volunteers to help either before the day, on the day setting up, running stalls, or helping to clear away. All money raised goes to the school.

Also we will be asking for donation of cakes for our refreshment stall on Friday 29th November.



Advance Notice – Last Day of Term

The last day of term for the children is Thursday 19th December 2024. We ask that children bring in a packed lunch as hot meals will not be available. A packed lunch can be ordered from Caterlink on the usual weekly menu

- ✚ 12.45 Pre-School will close for the holiday
- ✚ 1.00 Christmas Service at St Ethelberts Church, all welcome to attend
- ✚ 2.00 Parents to collect children from School as school closes for the Christmas Holiday

Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2024 / 2025 –

Term 2	Monday 4 th November 2024 – Friday 20 th December 2024
Term 3	Monday 6 th January 2025 – Friday 14 th February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 th February 2025 – Friday 11 th April 2025
Term 5	Monday 28 th April 2025 – Friday 23 rd May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 nd June 2025 – Monday 21 st July 2025

INSET Day	3	20 th December 2024
INSET Day	4	11 th April 2025
INSET Day	5	21 st July 2025

Holiday Requests

Please remember that the Governments guidance remains very clear that we cannot authorise holiday requests in term time unless there are exceptional circumstance. A Request for Leave of Absence form can be found on the school website at the following link or from the school office:

https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/attendance_at_school/169684

You may be issued with a penalty notice for taking your child out of school during term time. Please note that a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. A Penalty Notice is a fine of £80 if paid within the first 21 days which increases to £160 if paid between 21 and 28 days. Thereafter, if the penalty remains unpaid this may lead to prosecution through the Magistrates' Court.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 20 th November	Full Governing Board Meeting
Tuesday 19 th November	Maple Class Forest Schools Session
Friday 22 nd November	Friends Non Uniform Day
Thursday 28 th November	Visit from Bishop Robert
Friday 29 th November	Friends 'Santa's Christmas Boots' Fair
Wednesday 4 th December	Holly Leaves Nativity at St Ethelberts Church 9.15 a.m
Wednesday 4 th December	Governors Learning Walk
Tuesday 10 th December	Holly Berries Christmas Performance – afternoon
Wednesday 11 th December	Holly Berries Christmas Performance - evening
Friday 13 th December	Whole School visit to Roses Theatre Tewkesbury
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Service at St Ethelbert's Church
Wednesday 15 th January	Young Voice Concert – Birmingham
w/c Monday 12 th May	Year 6 SAT's