

Leigh on Mendip School
Nurturing Curious Minds

Newsletter 1 – 9th September 2022



We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all of our children and families at the beginning of another school year. We hope you managed to have an enjoyable summer break and found time to relax and enjoy the amazing summer sunshine.

The teachers and support staff have all been very impressed with the attitude and behaviour of the children during their first week back at school. We have welcomed a new Reception cohort as well as a few children further up the school and know that everyone at the school will make them feel at home.

Following the sad news about Queen Elizabeth II yesterday, the children have spent some time today in class recognising her significance and discussing what is happening next. As always our children showed considerable respect, as well as curiosity and undoubtedly will talk about this more at home over the weekend.

Following a staff meeting this week, we have made some decisions about what homework we will be setting the child during this academic year. This will start as early as next week for some children.

Kingfishers

Reception -Daily reading, soundbooks

Year 1 - Daily reading, weekly Number Sense activity, Doodlemaths

Starlings

Daily reading, weekly Number Sense activity, Doodlemaths and weekly spellings

Goldfinches

Daily reading, weekly Number Sense activity, Doodlemaths and weekly spellings

Swallows

Daily reading, Doodlemaths, weekly spellings, weekly Maths or English related task

The week after next, there will be an opportunity after school for a 'Meet the Teacher' session for parents; more details will follow early next week.

Mr Turull and Mrs Phillips

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

Each Week

Monday	<u>pm</u> - Violin lesson for Goldfinch Class <u>after school</u> Dance Club
Tuesday	<u>7.45 am</u> Breakfast Club PE for all children with Mr Groves <u>after school</u> Sports Club with Mr Groves
Wednesday	<u>after school</u> - Sunflower Club
Thursday	<u>7.45 am</u> Breakfast Club <u>after school</u> – Sign Language Club

September

Monday 12th Sept 7.30pm FOLS meeting in the school hall. All welcome.



News from the Classrooms



Welcome back and hello to our new Robin starters. We have had a lovely week hearing about your holiday adventures and getting back into routine. We have enjoyed lots of group games including "What's the time Mr Wolf?" Next week we will be starting our topic 'All about me.' Please feel free to bring in photos of your families for the children to share.

Monday will continue to be our outdoor session. Please could the children attending on Monday bring in appropriate clothing. Thank you.



This week, Reception class learned about daytime and nighttime animals, practised our cutting skills, learnt about matching pairs in maths, practised our names and learnt four sounds s a t p. What a great first week!

Year One have also written their own brief story about night animals who go on a wonderful night adventure!



In Starling class this week, we have been thinking about reading for pleasure just like the main character in the English book we are studying 'Little Red Reading Hood'. I was delighted to receive so many photos of the children reading in unusual places at home.



In Goldfinch class the children have loved learning all about the Stone Age this week and have enjoyed our English topic based around 'The Stone Age Boy.'



Swallows have been enjoying investigating as part of their Science topic by exploring the effect of gravity and air resistance on falling objects.

