



As you may well be aware, we have a new reading programme from Year 2 upwards called Accelerated Reader. This is designed for children to work at their own pace and level - referred to in the scheme as their 'zone' - and has a great track record of improving children's reading skills. It allows children to choose books they want to read within different levels and we believe this will help them continue to develop a love of reading.

Some of the hardest work involved in Accelerated Reader is categorising and labelling all the books. Therefore I want to say a very big thank you to the group of parents who met at the school last Saturday morning to carry out this task. We have always been lucky at Leigh to have such a great community spirit and it is times like this that it is really appreciated. Spearheading the whole task was Emma Brooks, who has worked tirelessly over the last few weeks, giving every spare minute to organising this. A special thank you to her as the children would not be where they are with the scheme without everything she has done.

As you can see in the picture on the right, our footballers were very excited to receive a new football kit today courtesy of the Premier League Primary Stars Kit Scheme. The children are now looking forward to the summer term when they will be able to wear it for the first time in a competitive match. Meanwhile the numbers continue to grow for the football club on Mondays next term so please sign up for it if you think your child will be interested in playing.



Please can I remind you that children should not be accessing the play equipment on the field after school. While they will get a chance to use this at break times in the summer, they will always be supervised. However after school, the equipment is not supervised and we don't want any child to get hurt, so please can you make sure your child is not using any of it. Thanks for your support with this.

I said I would update you earlier this term regarding Mrs Phillips' absence. Unfortunately she is still not very well and therefore has not been back in school this term. It is unlikely that she will return straight after the Easter break, but we hope to see her slightly later in the summer term. Until then we all wish her the very best.

Following on from the Goldfinch Year of the Recorder performance at the Cheese and Grain last week, we now have the OperaPlus performance coming up on Monday evening for Goldfinches and Swallows, with 23 children attending. The children will have had two workshops in school, including one with professional singers yesterday and are really looking forward to the performance.

Finally, with Mrs Turner sadly leaving us at the end of next week, we will be putting out an advert shortly for someone to work in the office for a day and a half a week alongside Ms Claxton. Please look out for this if it is something you may be interested in.

Have a great weekend!

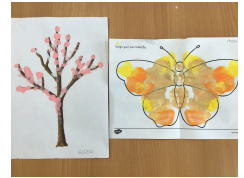
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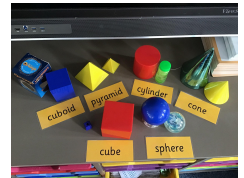
News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins we have been experimenting with colour mixing with paints and created some Spring pictures.



This week in Kingfishers we learned the name of some 3D shapes and challenged ourselves to find them within our environment. We also learned about "safe strangers" and what to do if we ever get lost without an adult. The book of the week was *Duck In The Truck* and we learned to make a story map.



This week in computing children in Starlings went on a 'minibeast hunt' and created a tally chart of the data we found. We then used the chromebooks to turn our data into a pictogram. We all learnt how to log in, select a programme and create the pictogram - aren't we clever?!!



Goldfinch class has had a very interesting couple of weeks with 'Pigeon Pete' coming to our classroom and leaving clues of his antics with secret agent 'Shadow.' All we know is that Shadow is up to no good and Pigeon Pete is trying to save us all. I wonder what next week will bring...



Swallows have really enjoyed DT this week as we work towards creating a piece of wearable technology using Micro Bits. We looked at a potential gap in the market and how to solve it, and then focused on writing code.



Diary Dates

March

Monday 25th
Thursday 28th

OperaPlus Concert at Cheese and Grain for KS2
Year 2 Archery with Ian Groves (session 3 of 3)
FOLS Easter Egg Hunt after school
End of Term 4

April

Monday 15th
Friday 19th
Wednesday 24th
Monday 29th

Term 5 begins
Year 4 Street Dance Festival at Merlin Theatre
Life Education workshops
Class Photos



**Easter Egg Hunt
Crafts
Refreshments**

**£3 per child, £2 for each additional sibling
in LOM School**

Thursday 28th March 2024

3:15pm - 4:30pm

**Leigh on Mendip School
Playground & Play Area
(weather permitting)**

(Parents/guardians must accompany their child/ren)

Raising funds for our school



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