



We have reached the end of our first term back this year and would like to say how much we have enjoyed having all the children back in school. They have worked exceptionally hard and we are looking forward to sharing their achievements with you at parents' evening at the beginning of November.

One aspect of learning that we always place great emphasis on is reading. In their time at Leigh on Mendip, we want all children to develop a love for reading, by experiencing a wide range of books from the moment they start in preschool, right through to the end of Year 6. We try to promote daily reading at home as well as at school to reinforce learning, but also to continue the enjoyment that books bring - both fiction and non-fiction. We are setting the children a 'Spooky Reading Challenge' for the half-term break where we would like as many children as possible to read a book (spooky or not!) and then write a review of it. For the youngest children this might be a case of the child telling you about it and you writing it down for them; for the oldest they could produce a wonderfully artistic review full of description and detail. The children can bring these in on the first week back and they will be celebrated in our school assembly. There is no set format for the review - just be creative!

Children in Goldfinch Class have enjoyed some days with Mr Heath this week, as Mrs Smith has been off school. She had some very sad news in her family which has meant she has not been in school for the last two weeks. We would all like to send Mrs Smith our very best wishes and look forward to seeing her again in school soon; we know how much the children are missing her.

We have had some parental complaints regarding the state of the dinner trays that our school lunches are served on. These are sent to us daily by the kitchen at another school who then take them back and wash them ready for the next day. It is not acceptable for any children to have to eat off a dirty tray and as such we have contacted the relevant people in the catering team, to ensure that this will not happen again.

We hope you have a lovely break over half term and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 31st October.

Mr Turull and Mrs Phillips

Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - Please remember to make bookings through Ian Groves for next term's breakfast club on the following link - <https://igsportscoaching.co.uk/leigh-on-mendip-school-clubs/> He has now added a construction club to run as part of the Thursday morning breakfast club. The children will enjoy planning and building various models from our new Lego and K'nex kits.
- **Clubs** - the new clubs list was sent out last week, please let us know if you would like to sign up your child. There are still spaces in Hand Bells Club on Monday and Sports Club on Tuesday.
- **Lunch Menu Changes** - There will be changes to primary school menus over the half term. The menu changes are necessary as the catering department is experiencing difficulties in sourcing some food items from their suppliers. There will also be specific menus for children who have dietary needs during this period. As a result parents/carers may find that some of their pre-orders are cancelled. If affected by these changes parents/carers will receive an alert from ParentPay, advising that their menu choice has been cancelled and to rebook. The changes will take place on Monday 24th October, so please could parents/carers delay rebooking meal choices until Tuesday 25th.
- **Secondary Schools** - A reminder to parents of children in Year 6, that secondary transfer forms must be completed with the local authority by Monday 31st October.
- **Wellies** - Please remember, all children need a pair of wellies in school after half term.



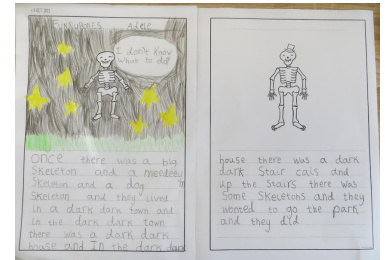
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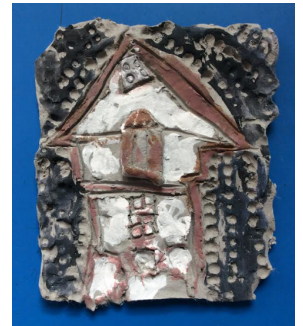
This week in Robins we've been making Halloween decorations ready for Halloween on our first day back after half term. Don't forget to dress-up!



This week we giggled whilst we read the book Funnybones. We searched for rhyming words in the story and had fun re-telling it in writing or with words.



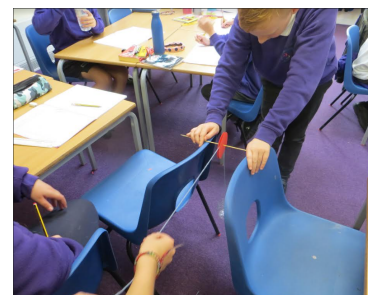
This week in Starlings we have completed our art unit on sculpture. We each made a house tile out of clay, from our previous designs, and this week painted them. All of the children have been very creative when working with clay.



This week in Goldfinches we have been completing our unit on Prehistoric Art. We have focused on line, texture and tone over the last few weeks and have used a variety of media. This week we have created textured paintings, using natural materials to make our paints.



This week in Swallows we completed our forces topic by thinking about levers, pulleys and gears. We then made our own pulleys, and tested them out.





Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2

Each Week

Monday

pm - Violin lesson for Goldfinch Class and Forest School for Starling Class
after school Hand Bells Club

Tuesday

8.00 am Breakfast Club
PE for all children with Mr Groves
after school Sports Club with Mr Groves

Wednesday

8.00 am Breakfast Club
after school - Sunflower Club

Thursday

8.00 am Breakfast Club with Lego and K'Nex
pm - Swimming lesson for Goldfinch Class
after school - Origami Club

Friday

pm - Forest School for Kingfisher Class

October

Friday 21st

INSET Day before the half term holiday

Monday 31st

Start of Term 2

FOLS Mufti day and Halloween Disco at school 3.15pm - 4.30pm

November

Wednesday 2nd

Parents' evening

Thursday 3rd

Parents' evening and Flu Jabs in school

Wednesday 9th

Open afternoon 1.30pm - 3pm

