

Leigh on Mendip School

Newsletter 6 - 21st October 2020



Now we have reached the end of the first term back of the new academic year, we have been very impressed with the children throughout this term, their behaviour and their attitude to learning. We would like to say a huge thanks to all of our staff for their hard work and flexibility regarding the building works. We are really pleased that this project work is finally finished except for a little painting. We will be looking at some sort of official opening when we return in term two. We would also like to thank Ian Groves and his team who have continued to teach PE every week and Min Robertson who has supported our children with mindfulness and yoga. In addition we would like to thank the Governors for their support this term.

We have had confirmation from the trust this week that will we not be able to run an open afternoon for new parents as we have done on previous years, nor show anyone around individually. This is of course very disappointing as we have love to showcase all the great aspects of our school especially our fantastic well behaved children.

This week sees the end of Black History Month and all classes have been either looking at books or learning about influential figures in history.

Robins have based this week's topic on the books 'All kinds of people' and a new song...

(Tune: *this old man*)

"You are you, I am me

There's no one else I rather be,

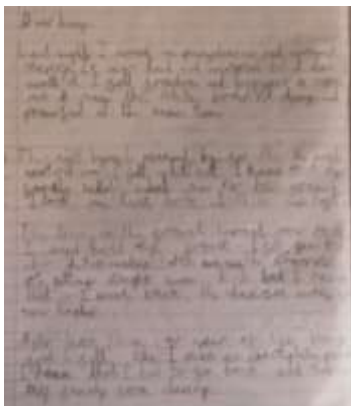
So we stand up tall no matter what they say.

I love being me every day!"

Kingfishers have ensured a range of books in the reading corner show predominantly black characters in leading roles. They have looked at the setting for the stories to give them clues as to where in the world they might be set. They have also explored similarities and differences between ourselves and learnt about the importance of respecting people who have opinions, traditions, likes and dislikes that are different to our own.

Starlings have been studying Rosa Parks. They looked at how Rosa Parks helped to fight for equal rights and became a civil rights activist. Starling class have engaged in class discussions about equality and the importance of fair treatment for all.

Swallows have been learning all about Harriet Tubman and her escape from slavery. The children have contributed amazingly in our class discussions and have all written a diary from her point of view.



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As we are not able offer face to face parents evening sessions at the moment you will be able to have a discussion with your child's class teacher by phone. These meetings will take place on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November between 3.30pm and 6pm with each call lasting up to 10 minutes. We would ask that you email your child's teacher and request a half hour slot which your 10 minute session would be in. (Wednesday or Thursday; 3.30 - 4.00, 4.00 - 4.30, 4.30 - 5.00, 5.00 - 5.30, 5.30 - 6.00pm) Your child's teacher will then be in touch with you to confirm the time of the call.

Kingfishers - pstafford@leighonmendipschool.co.uk

Starlings - kbache@leighonmendipschool.co.uk

Swallows - gsmith@leighonmendipschool.co.uk

We do hope you have a lovely half term break and look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 3rd November.

Mrs Phillips

Mr Turull

Notices

- Does your child read in weird and wonderful places? Please do send any photos of extreme reads to the office. We would love to add them to our display.
- Please ensure that your child has clearly named clothes, including a coat as the weather gets colder.
- Please sign up in the school office if would like your child to attend Sunflower, Sports or Dance after school clubs next term. The lists for both Elliant Art Club and Yoga Club are now closed.
- Thank you to all of you who donated to Fair Frome Food Bank last week, they were very pleased.
- Governors discussed the results of the parent questionnaire at the last meeting and we will share these with you in our next newsletter at the beginning of November.

Diary Dates November

Mon 2 nd	INSET day
Tue 3 rd	Term 2 starts
Mon 9 th	FOLS meeting
Tue 10 th	Rags to Riches collection
Wed 11 th & Thurs 12 th	Parents evening phone calls
Tues 17 th	Flu immunisation
Wed 25 th	Governors meeting

FOLS Cookery Book

Thank you to everyone who has pre-ordered copies of the cookery book. The first batch of orders will be printed next week. There will be a second order placed at the end of November for any last minute Christmas purchases and for anyone who missed the first deadline. The next deadline will be 27th November, so please keep sending in your orders!

Thank you

FOLS Auction of Promises

The auction of promises now has a Facebook page where you can see some of the amazing things people are pledging. You can also use it to find information about the event and to get in touch with us should you still want to offer a promise. Remember these promises will make excellent and unique Christmas presents at competitive prices. To see more, please search on Facebook for FOLS auction of promises or find the link on our Friends Of Leigh School Facebook page.

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Photos
of the new
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Classroom



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Children being creative during Culture Club this term



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