



LEECHPOOL CURRICULUM Newsletter



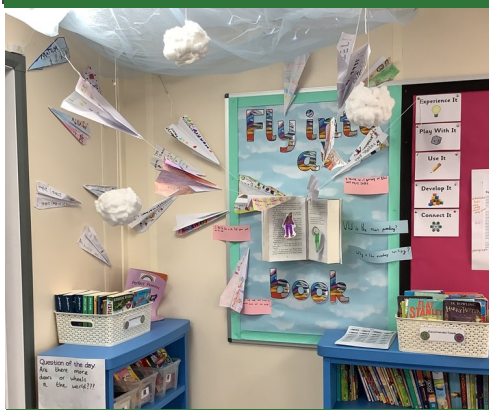
Book Corner

The children and their teachers have recently been working hard to make their reading environments as inviting as possible for the chance to win a £100 book voucher! Please see the KS1 and KS2 winners below and be sure to take a peak next time you are in school. Please encourage your children to read as much as possible—this is an essential life skill!

KS1—Book corner winner— Hedgehog Class



KS2— Book corner winner— Eagle Class



Year 4—Leechpool Woods



Sports Events

It has been another jam packed half term full of sports events, fixtures and tournaments! We have hosted football friendlies with our friends over at Southwater Junior Academy for years 3/4 and 5/6, for both our boys and girls teams. We have had two very successful trips down to Brighton FC Training Centre in Lancing to compete in the Albion cup. We have also attended a basketball festival for year 6 and an athletics festival for year 2. After half term we have a variety of exciting events to look forward to such as a badminton festival, girls football league and a Year 2 Multi-skills Festival!

Mr Barden, Physical Education Lead

Girls Football— Albion Cup



Year 1—Leechpool Woods



Year 2—Leechpool Woods



Regular practise at home

As the new year begins with new expectations and routines it is the perfect time to get into good habits with home routines. Finding regular, focused space for your child to complete their homework can be hugely beneficial to boosting their learning.

Practicing particular skills at home, such as reading and spelling not only helps prepare your child for secondary school, but can also see a huge impact not only on your child's development but within other areas of their life, as found in a recent study.

National Literacy Trust, 2020

"It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns."

Clarity on the expectations of homework for your child's year group can be found within our [homework policy](#) on our school website.

Year 3—Leechpool Woods



Visits to Leechpool Woods

This half term the children have been taking part in wide variety of outdoor activities in Leechpool woods, led by our outdoor learning lead Gary Marlow. A wide variety of activities were covered linked to the children's learning. These included, Local History, The Earth, The Celts, How Travel Has Changed Over Time, Weather and Seasons, and Word War 1. Some of the children even had the opportunity to use flint and steel to light their own fire!

Year 5 had a survival day experience within the school grounds. Years 5 and 6 are excited for their woods trips which are scheduled for January.