



LEECHPOOL CURRICULUM Newsletter



Informing Parents/Carers about Progress

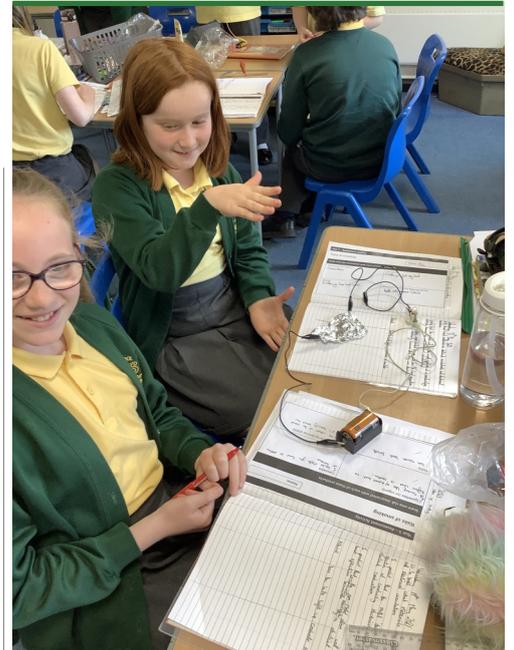
Assessing our children is an ongoing process at Leechpool. Teachers are continually assessing the needs of the children in their class to plan future work and support in order that all children achieve their full potential. In addition to this, we carry out more formal assessments each half term in English and mathematics and this is also what helps us set achievable targets for the children. We value our dialogue with you to help us in identifying areas for development and to support us in our strategies to help children move on, and make accelerated progress.

In addition to our annual reports, we hold termly parent consultations in the autumn and spring terms. We do have an open-door policy and parents are welcome at **any time to make an appointment** with their child's class teacher to discuss progress outside of the formal consultation cycle. To arrange an appointment please contact the school office.

If you want information about our curriculum for the school or your child(ren)'s year group, please do visit the [Curriculum Overview](#) on our website and follow the links to the sections you want to read. You can also telephone the school office at any time to book an appointment to talk to Robert Cooper—Assistant Headteacher for Curriculum and Achievement — about the curriculum if you cannot find what you are looking for on our website or would like to clarify anything further.

Parent/Carers Survey shared in the May Leechpool Link

Thank you very much to parents and carers for completing the school survey 2021 and for your comments and responses about our school. This will help us review practices and ensure that we continue to improve the provision of education on offer at Leechpool. If you are yet to fill it in and you would like to do so, the form can be found by clicking [here](#). The survey takes about 5 minutes to complete. The survey will close on **Friday 11th June** (the first Friday after half term) so please do have your say and fill the survey out before this time.



Year 5 experimenting with electrical conductors and insulators. As shown here, tin foil is an electrical conductor as the bulb is lit!

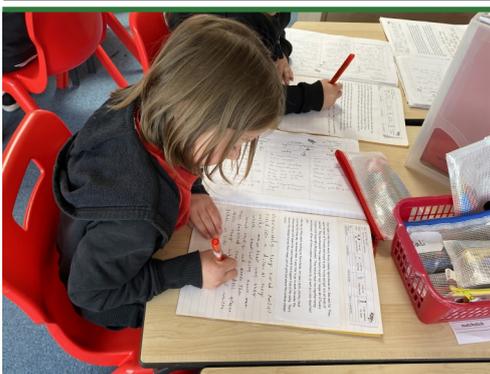
Mathematics and Geography—Subject Review Day

We recently invited an experienced education consultant from Shine Education to come in and meet with our subject leaders for mathematics and geography to evaluate what is going on in the school, what we are doing to further strengthen our offering in these subject areas, and for him to have a tour of our school and to see these two subjects in action. The process in part reflected what a 'Deep Dive' may look like from an Ofsted inspection.

A deep dive is simply an in-depth look by Ofsted inspectors at specific subjects in a school. It helps inspectors identify whether we offer a wide-ranging curriculum or not, the quality of this and whether we are delivering what we are intending to carry out. We do offer such an extensive range of taught subjects here at Leechpool and it is always good to hear external professionals agreeing with our own assessment; he was exceptionally impressed with what we offer as a school for the children in our care.

This was a great opportunity for our subject leaders to show their subjects and our school at its best and share what we are doing is beneficial for the children. It was also an opportunity to reflect and consider further developments to ensure we deliver the best.

Now that we have expert leaders that have undergone these subject reviews, we are planning on carrying out further reviews 'in-house' so that we can all reflect as subject leaders and teachers to make sure that we are able to articulate what is so great about how and what we teach in our subjects at Leechpool but also what we can do to further improve our provision and make sure the children are getting the best they can from us. This constant review and improvement will ensure that we definitely are always striving to be the best we can be as both staff and children!



Squirrel class putting in 100% effort into their writing.