



Little Leigh Primary School

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome to the last newsletter of the spring term! I thought that this would be a perfect opportunity to celebrate some of the fabulous learning opportunities and fun events that the children have enjoyed this term. Don't forget that if you would like to know more about what your children are learning in school, there is information on each class website page as well as regular posts on our social media. For our younger children, there is also Tapestry and SeeSaw.

So.....what's been going on at Little Leigh Primary School this term?

Reception



What a wonderful term in Reception!

We have learnt so much about animals from different countries. We started the term learning all about penguins and whales and ended the term looking at elephants and tigers! Our favourite part was our trip to Chester Zoo! We have also enjoyed our forest sessions - particularly the session where Mr Weston made a fire and we roasted marshmallows! Yum yum!

Year One

Earlier in the term, Year 1 did some fieldwork by embarking on a local walk to observe signs of winter, fostering curiosity about seasonal changes. Before this walk took place, they looked at maps of the local area to plan which route they should take. Year 1 have also been identifying the seven continents and how animals adapt in order to live in different areas of the world. They had so much fun taking part in different science experiments during science week and learnt more about the scientist Jess Wade and how she is promoting the work of female scientists.



Year Two



Year 2 have had a wonderful time in forest schools with Mr Weston this half term. They have built dens and completed team building games. Children have been leaders and communicators when working with their friends to achieve the best outcome. The children have also tried archery and even a blindfolded sensory walk. The best bit, as always, was the obligatory camp fire and marshmallows at the end! We are so lucky to have this opportunity to learn outdoors with

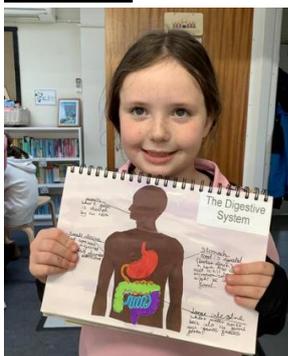
Mr Weston.

Year Three

Year 3 have developed their knowledge of local history through studying Anderton Boat Lift. As Geographers, they learnt about how waterways were essential for transporting goods from one place to another and how the River Weaver was integral to Northwich's historic salt industry. They completed fieldwork along the River Weaver to identify key geographical features of rivers and canals such as meanders, spillways and signs of erosion and gained first hand experience of how Edwin Clark's boat lift works to bridge the distance between the Trent and Mersey Canal and the River Weaver. They've gained so much knowledge about our local area, it's history and geographical significance through this unit and have proven to be fantastic geographers!



Year Four



What a fantastic term it has been in the Year 4 classroom! From learning about the Anglo Saxons and Fair Trade in Humanities, to adding fractions in Maths, we have produced some outstanding pieces of work. We have been very busy writing our own transformation narratives, exploring biographies and creating and designing pavilions. I am so proud of the progress that Year 4 have made this year - it was lovely to have you join us for our class assembly to share our hard work with you!

Year Five

Year 5 have embraced all aspects of the curriculum this term. They've enjoyed swimming lessons, learning how to play a new instrument in Brass Band and preparing for their performance at Northwich sings. They have relished in the opportunities to share their learning and have continued to shine as they showcased a range of new skills.

Year 5 children have also worked hard on their Play Leader duties with the KS1 children. It's been fantastic to see them all playing together during lunchtimes!

Year Six



Year 6 have enjoyed learning about evolution in English and science this term. Some of the learning has included writing a discovery narrative from the perspective of Charles Darwin, exploring human evolution, experimenting with different finch beak sizes in science and exploring the work of one of the greatest fossil hunters - Mary Anning. As well as this, we have also enjoyed celebrating World Book Day, Science Week and International Women's Day and have had a visit from Mr Sheikh from Cheadle

Mosque. Such a lot of fantastic learning!

Just this morning, Year 6 joined the Year 6 classes from the other Trust schools to watch 'SnapTrap' - a performance aimed to support safer social media use. The performance raised awareness of e-safety and highlighted the potential dangers of smart technology. This was a wonderful opportunity for our Trust schools to come together and share an important message as our Year 6s prepare for high school.

Music

A few weeks ago, the whole school took part in Little Leigh Primary School's first poetry assembly where each class learnt a poem and performed it. The children showed great confidence when performing their poem and it has helped further develop their performance skills.

Our Little Leigh choir also went to Manchester to perform at Young Voices. They had been practising a variety of songs since September and their hard work paid off. They put on a fantastic performance and showed great enthusiasm throughout the whole show.

Elsewhere, Year 5 – as well as enjoying their brass band lessons - have been hard at work with Mr. Marland, rehearsing for the upcoming Northwich Sings event which will take place on 2nd May at the Memorial Court.



Reading

Reception and Year 1 continue to make very good progress in phonics and reading, applying what they have learnt in lessons to help them read new words in their books. A love of reading continues to show in early years with the children often venturing to the reading corner to read a book. Each class have enjoyed listening to their teacher read a class book to them each day, which has exposed them to a variety of stories by different authors.

Sport

Many of our children have enjoyed taking part in inter-school sporting events this term. At each and every event, the staff have been incredibly proud of the children's enthusiasm and team spirit and sense of fair play. The events and competitions include: football, high 5 netball, basketball, quick-sticks hockey, multi skills, sports hall athletics, dodgeball and netball! Phew – I'm exhausted just typing it!



Forest Schools



Our children adore their forest school sessions with Mr Weston. This term, Reception, Year 2 and Year 3 have had an opportunity to work with him. Activities have included building rope bridges; blindfolded walks; fire starting with flint and steel; toasting marshmallows; making bush telephones out of tin cans and den building. These have all developed the children's skills in team-building, personal development, resilience and a wonderful sense of achievement.

Little Leigh School Council

Our School Council has been very busy this term. After completing a pupil voice survey, we made an action plan for the top choice: playground equipment for KS1 and KS2 at lunchtimes. We finalised the decisions for the playground markings, and even had time to complete our Picture News Ambassador training. After Easter, the children will be planning and delivering the assemblies to the whole school.

Create Learning Trust Work

Throughout the spring term, members of staff from Create Learning Trust have had the opportunity to work collaboratively to build on the existing strengths within our schools and to drive our schools forward in a positive direction. We have worked on several aspects of school development including Early Years, spelling, maths, writing, curriculum and SEND.

Groups of children from across our schools have met up for sports events and competitions – organised and lead by our Trust Sports Lead – Mr Coleclough. Year 6 children from each of the Trust's schools all joined together at Hartford Primary today to engage in a very important subject: Snap Trap' and the dangers of inappropriate social media use. Thank you to Hartford Primary for hosting and I do hope you can have a safe 'social media' conversation with your Year 6 child over the Easter holidays.

On behalf of the staff at Little Leigh Primary School, I would like to say enormous thank you for all your support this term. FOLLS have been wonderful in organising so many fabulous activities for the children and we fully recognise that sometimes it feels like school are asking for a lot. However, the fun that the children have had and the money that the events have raised are so worth it! We are very fortunate to have such wonderful families within our school community and your continued support is very much appreciated.

I wish you all a very happy holiday and hope that you enjoy some precious family time with your wonderful children. I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 15th April.

Mrs Toni Clarke
Headteacher



School Council
* Choosing playground designs
* Analysing pupil voice survey
* Making action plan for top survey choice
* Picture News ambassador training

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