



# Little Leigh Primary School



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It's nearly the end of the half term already – the time has flown by since coming back to school after Christmas! I'm sure that your children are all ready for a break and a few lazy mornings; they have all been absolute superstars and have worked incredibly hard over the last six weeks. We have had a very full half term with lots of learning and fun had by all. Here is just a flavour of what's been going on at Little Leigh Primary:

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## Reception Class



Reception have had a fantastic half term! We have been learning all about the wonderful story, 'Beegu'. The children have built their own spaceships, produced lots of fantastic writing and created imaginative playdough aliens. Reception have enjoyed spending lots of time outside, learning about the different seasons and animals. We have been joined by pre-school this term in our forest school sessions and we have been so proud of how helpful, kind and caring the Reception children have been. In P.E, we have been practising lots of gymnastics skills and Reception enjoyed using different apparatus to perform movements and balances. We also had a fantastic week celebrating and learning about Lunar New Year. We can't wait for more exciting learning next half term!

## Year 1

Year 1 have had such an exciting half term. They have learnt where Antarctica is on the map and what the traveling conditions were like there in the past. They have also begun to compare past traveling conditions to today. Year 1 have learnt about the different explorers who have ventured to the South Pole and discovered who got there first. In DT they have worked hard to improve their threading skills, which has helped them create their own puppet. In computing they have learnt how to paint using an app, which has helped them become more familiar with different tools that are used.

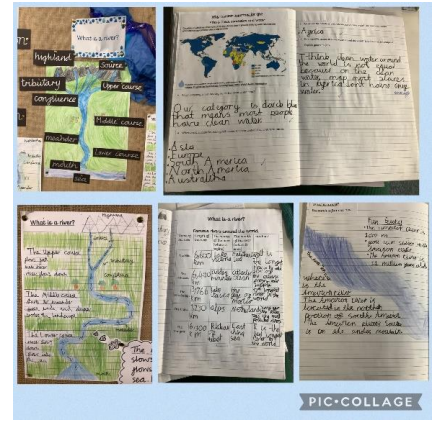


## Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed their visit to Chester Zoo on Monday. As part of their local history learning, they visited Oakfield House where George Mottershead and his daughter June began the zoo in 1930. We were also lucky enough to meet zoo keeper, Ed, who taught us about living things and their habitats. We learnt lots about animals that live in the rainforest and how they are adapted to their habitat. We even held the skin of a snake to see how long it was! We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about how much the zoo has changed since it's opened. It has been great to understand more about the local history.

### Year 3

Year Three have enjoyed learning about our Geography enquiry question, 'How do rivers change our landscape?'. Within this unit we have explored the importance of water with a focus on the UN's SDG 6, investigated the different parts of a river and what happens at each course, researched some of the world's most famous rivers (our favourites were the Amazon and Nile) and finally, explored how the water cycle plays a part in our river systems. We have loved learning about this aspect of Geography!

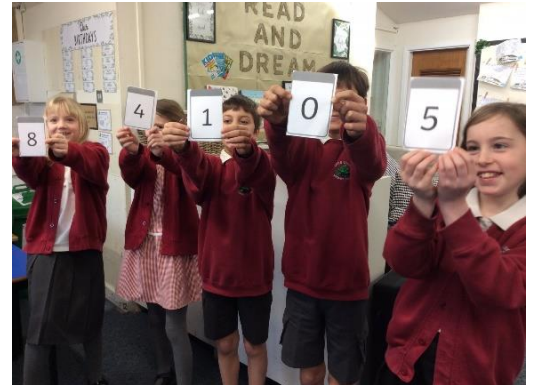


### Year 4

Year 4 have been working very hard this half term to build upon our relationships and connections with one another in our class. We have worked particularly well on working together as 'Team 4' and sharing kindness between us.

### Year 5

Starting a new year as we mean to go on, Year 5 have been busy from the go! We began our swimming lessons and continued to develop our different strokes and techniques. In music, we have been learning to play our brass instruments and so far we can play 'hot cross buns' and are beginning to play 'we will rock you' by Queen. In Science, we are continuing to look at different materials. Last week we investigated thermal insulation and experimented with insulating ice using different materials. We also had fun ordering numbers as part of children's mental health week.



### Year 6

Year 6 have really enjoyed learning about Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution this half term. In English, Year 6 have completed some fantastic discovery narratives, in science they have conducted an investigation into different shaped bird beaks and in art they have been working on their mark making skills to create drawings of Darwin's finches!

### Goodbye to a fantastic Teaching Assistant!

This half term, we are unfortunately saying goodbye to Mrs Oultram, who has been such an important part of Little Leigh Primary School for the past 10 years. We know Mrs Oultram has made many special memories with all the children throughout her time at Little Leigh and she will be sadly missed. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours!

### Job Opportunity!

We have a vacancy for a motivated, committed and highly motivated teaching assistant to support the learning and needs of our children in Key Stage 1 and/or Reception. This vacancy is for 32.5 hours p/w, following the working pattern of Monday – Friday 8.30am – 3:30pm. The vacancy is of a temporary nature to begin with, with a view to permanency following the completion of a successful probation period

If you, or anyone you know would be interested in the role, please email me at [head@littleleighprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@littleleighprimary.cheshire.sch.uk)

More details can be found on the Cheshire West and Chester website: <https://ats-cheshireschooljobs.jpg.co.uk>

### Headteacher's message

You may have noticed that I have not been in school full-time over the last few weeks. I was diagnosed with a serious eye condition just before Christmas and am having to attend regular consultations for treatment at Liverpool eye hospital. Unfortunately, the prescribed medicine is quite aggressive and causes extreme pain and severe headaches. This means that I am having to take time away from school. I am incredibly fortunate to work with an excellent senior leadership team who are very able to keep Little Leigh Primary school running very smoothly during my absence. They are also fully supported by the Create Learning Trust and the school governors. Whilst not in school, I do check my emails on a daily basis so I am never too far away!

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I wish you all a very lovely week with your children during next week's half term. We will see you all on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February** when we return.



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