



Together we learn. Together we grow.

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy few weeks and momentum will continue to build for the rest of the Spring term. We have many learning opportunities for the children, and in addition, our PTFA have several exciting events planned. The PTFA are a small group of parents who raise money to make a difference to the lives of our children. They provide funds for fun activities, equipment and ventures that school could not otherwise provide. However, the core body of parents who take responsibility for organising such events needs to grow in order to sustain the impact that they have on our children. Unfortunately, many of our PTFA members may come to a natural end as their children leave the school, so we need your help. Lorraine Banks, Chair of the PTFA, and the team do an absolutely amazing job and they would welcome additional support. If you are interested and would like to support this organisation, please contact Lorraine on Leasowesptfa@gmail.com or if you would like to chat with her about the commitment, telephone on 07971692776. We are very proud of our PTFA and over the short time I have been at Leasowes, they have provided such joy for our children. I am really keen to keep this going, therefore if you can help in any way, we would love to hear from you. Thank you.

Staff training is always high on the agenda and only this week myself and Mr Coombs have been on Cyber Security Training for Schools. You may remember that on the last newsletter I mentioned WhatsApp and the age restrictions in place. This week I would like to bring your attention to online gaming or videos. We have been advised that some children's sites that we deem to be safe are being hijacked by certain new crazes. Please be extra vigilant at this time in monitoring your child's online usage.

As always, it is really important that we communicate effectively with you about your children. Therefore, if you have a query about your child, the best person to initially contact is the class teacher. If you feel you need to speak to someone more senior, please contact the phase leaders. The phase leaders know their departments well and share information at Senior Leadership Meetings with Mr Coombs and myself.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Bettany
Headteacher

Year 1 Family Learning

On Wednesday 13th March, Year 1 children invited friends and family into school to celebrate Andy Goldsworthy. He is a well-known artist who uses natural materials to create pieces of artwork. We created our own interpretations of his art and I am sure you will agree that the results are amazing. From circular patterns to amazing constructions, Year 1 made it all. Thank you to everyone who attended the event. More photos are available on the Year 1 class pages.

Mrs Croton



World Book Day 2019

Character Circle

Every class started the day with the character circle, where we looked at the props and character clues that each child had brought in. Other children in the class were encouraged to pose questions to help to determine the character or the title of the story that had been chosen. E.g. Is your character male or female? Who is the author of the book they are from? What is the story about? We enjoyed having a fantastic discussion about literature!

Here are a few props – can you guess the story/character?



Teacher Workshops

Following this, the children from Y1 – Y6 were able to choose three teacher workshops to complete over the course of the day that we had planned to inspire reading, promote great authors and celebrate our favourite stories. Our Early Years team completed a range of continuous provision activities, which were also linked to their favourite books and stories.



Miss Ashton: Alice in Wonderland



Mrs Croton: Paddington Bear Party



Mr Locke: Zog's Playdough Pals



Miss Ross: Witch-Crafts



Mrs Hill: The Poet-Tree World



Miss Thelwell: Powerful Pictures



Miss Phung: The Day the Crayons Quit



Miss Quimby: Charlie's Chocolate Factory Extravaganza



Mrs Wood: 'Intents' Reading



Mrs Davies/Mrs Spooner: We're Going on a Bear Hunt Board Games



Mrs Till: George's Marvellous Medicine Making



Miss Reeves: If the Shoe fits?



We finished the day with a whole school assembly where we found out about the ten £1 books we could buy with our book token. We then thought about who we would recommend these stories to, considering what we had learnt about them. We also discussed which books we would like to read based on our own reading preferences.

A fantastic day had by all. Mrs Till

