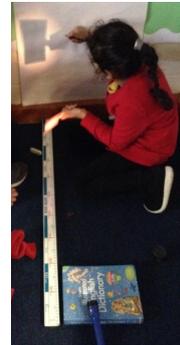


E-Bulletin

10th November 2020



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Our Curriculum

Although we are unable to invite you into school for assemblies and open classrooms at the moment, we are running a full curriculum and children are learning an incredible amount.

'Topic' lessons focussed on science last week and we will be concentrating in history and geography for the next four or five weeks.

Children will begin with a hook– an engaging introduction to the topic and will then develop their skills and knowledge before applying their learning to a challenge relating to the topic.

This term, the humanities topics will be:

- Saint Saens- Celebrations
- Mozart– Christmas in Australia
- Bob Marley– Continuing with the Bronze Age
- Nina Simone: Ancient Greeks; Athens and Sparta

John Williams: Energy and Climate.

We are really proud of our exciting and rich curriculum. The children will be learning loads!! Please do ask them about what they have been learning.

Active Learning

Although we are not able to go on any visits at the moment we are making sure that children are learning in as active, hands– on ways as possible in school.

Last week learning in classrooms focussed on science.

- Scientists in John Williams class carried out experiments to see how materials change when they are burned.
- In Nina Simone the children learned about the role of the heart and blood in keeping us healthy and investigated what effects our heartrate
- In Bob Marley Class the children carried out experiments to find out about light and shadows.
- In Mozart class children investigated the properties of different materials and learned about which materials are best for different purposes
- Children in Saint Saens class have been observing the weather and seasonal changes.

Please look on Facebook to see photos of the children in action. Please also talk to the children about what they have been learning and the great scientific language they know.

Parent teacher meetings

Parent teacher meetings will take place in the week beginning 23rd November. They will be remote this year.

We will be asking parents to book their sessions using the *My Child at School App*; more details to follow later.

We will ask you to choose a meeting by phone or a video call by Microsoft Teams . Microsoft teams is very like Zoom; you will receive an invitation via your email address. Appointments will be for 10 minute slots. Please do make sure that you book an appointment

Virtual open events

We will be holding 2 virtual events for parents and carers with children starting school in September 2021. these will be on Tuesday 24th November at 10.00am and Thursday 26th November at 6.30 pm. If you or anyone you know would be interested in attending please contact the school office.

Christmas Cards and Gifts

Children are busy this week designing Christmas Cards. These will be then available for you to order as packs and as gifts such as tea towels, mugs and bags. All cards are printed on FSC card made from sustainably sourced timber. Please look out for your order packs which you will receive within the next two weeks.



Reading is the key!



We all know that reading is key to children's success in school. Helping all our children become fluent readers is one of our most important priorities.

Being able to read fluently means that children can access the wider curriculum, and can enjoy the wonder and excitement of great stories.

At Longmeadow children read many times in many different ways each day. This includes independent reading time in the morning, where older children complete the bingo challenge to help them read widely, reading lessons and story time.

We have now launched our 4 in a Row reading challenge to encourage our most able children to make adventurous choices in their reading and try new genres and authors .

DATE	DETAILS
Friday 20th November :	School closed to parents for TD Day
Week beginning 23rd November	Parent teacher meetings by phone or MS teams
24th and 26th November	Virtual Open events for parents of children starting reception class in September 20201