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Newsletter



From the Headteacher

Target Books

Children's Target Books will be coming home this week. In response to feedback, there will be a copy for you to keep as a reference.

PTFA

The next meeting of the PTFA is next Monday, 16 January at 8.00pm in the Diamond Building. Meet other parents and help to plan future events for the children and social events.

Young Carers

Huge thanks to everybody who bought a ticket for our Christmas productions or who contributed on the day. We raised over £300 which will go to Young Carers, a charity which supports children who find themselves acting in a caring capacity for siblings or other relatives.

Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs start next week and there is a bigger choice than ever! Ignite Sports will be delivering Frisbee and Boccia for the first time and there is a nice balance of sport and curriculum clubs. A huge thank you to all our staff for giving up their time.

Virtual Reality

Just before Christmas we were lucky enough to be provided with a free workshop by Google Expeditions, who led virtual reality sessions for each class in years 3 to 6. The children explored areas of Earth such as the polar regions, inside volcanoes and the Great Barrier Reef. The children also explored outer space and the Aurora Borealis. The equipment used was a simple smartphone with access to the 'Google Expeditions' app and a Google Cardboard headset (link: https://vr.google.com/intl/en_uk/cardboard/get-cardboard/).

Best wishes,
Neil Blackwell

Year 1 Learning

We are so pleased with our Y1 children. They are making fantastic progress in their phonics and we give grateful thanks to all our parents for supporting this too. Next Tuesday, 17 January, we have a **Learning Morning** where you will be able to see your child learning Maths or playing Maths games and can get ideas for supporting Maths at home. This will finish at 9.30am.



What we are doing!

This term in Nursery

We have four new children settling very well in the nursery class. Welcome to St Leonard's! This term we are listening to popular traditional stories. Our focus is to tell the stories with puppets and a variety of props. At the end of term 3 we hope the children will rise to the challenge of making up a story using a variety of props in their key person group. In Letters and Sounds we are looking at Aspect 4 which is all about rhyme and rhythm. The children will be singing nursery rhymes and we have introduced classical music to listen and move to the rhythm, speed and volume.

We are continuing to use the Numicon and our current focus is recognising and selecting numerals up to five and then up to ten. The children have been matching numerals to the correct Numicon piece. We have started to visit the school library so that children can access a larger collection of information books and look at books independently. We are currently arranging a visit to the Banbury library as well. We will be celebrating the Chinese New Year on Monday 30th January.

This term in Reception

We try to follow children's interests wherever possible. We noticed they were enjoying the train track so we did some train station role play outside where they bought tickets and wrote the train times and destinations on the chalk board. We also noticed an interest in animals so have had small world animals out and sea animals in the water tray. We have started looking at Kandinsky for our Take One Picture project and children enjoyed making their own version with shapes and lines.

We are planning to get pets from home in to school soon and will catch the train from Banbury to King's Sutton when the weather gets better.

Year 6 Junior Citizen

This week Year 6 children travelled by train to Oxford fire station where the children took part in 8 different safety scenarios: fire safety, first aid, e-safety, safety in the house, water safety, train safety, stranger danger and road safety. Children had the opportunity to make a 999 call related to the scenario that they were involved in. The children all enjoyed it and the day definitely provoked some thought for their safety.



St Leonard's Church

Find out what is happening in our church by going to their website: <http://saintleonards.org>



Dates for your Diary



Tues 17 January Year 1 Maths Learning morning until 9:30am

Thus 19th January Year 6 SATs information meeting for parents— School Hall



Problem of the the week

Last week's problem was: The ages of a father and son add up to 66. The father's age is the son's age reversed. How old could they be? There are three possible solutions for this: the father-son duo could be 51 and 15 years old, 42 and 24 years old or 60 and 06 years old.

This week's problem: What weighs more – a kilogram of iron or a kilogram of feathers? You must be able to explain your answer!