



# Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 18

7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents,

## Holly Leaves

Over the last two weeks, Holly Leaves children have been having a lovely time learning about Lunar New Year and the people who celebrate it. We have been making lanterns, good luck red envelope gifts and clay animals, reading stories, writing good luck messages and numbers in Mandarin, trying new foods, creating dances and even doing Lunar new year themed yoga. Wow, what a lot of new things we have tried!



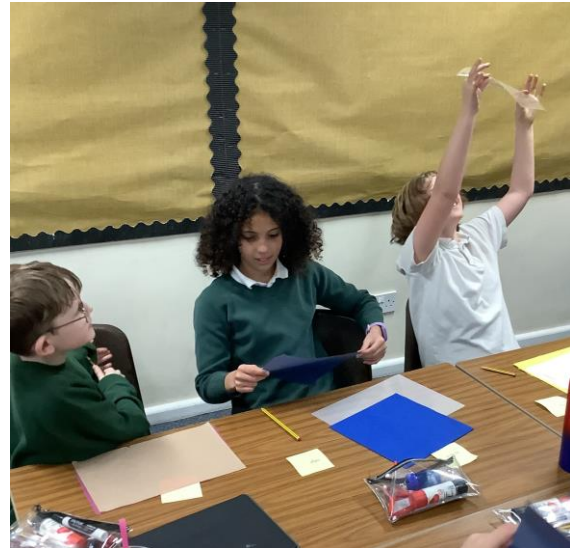
## Chestnut Class

In our DT lessons, Chestnut Class have been designing and making Egyptian collars. We are using cross stitch and running stitch to applique our designs.



## Maple Class

This week, Maple Class have started to investigate the property "transparency". The photographs show them observing materials closely before making predictions. Next week, they will carry out a fair test using a light meter app to measure how much light is able to pass through each material. They will then compare their results with their predictions.



## Term Dates

These are also available on our website

### 2024 / 2025 –

**Term 3** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Term 4** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Term 5** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

**Term 6** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

**INSET Day 4** 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**INSET Day 5** 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

### 2025 / 2026 – INSET days to be confirmed

**Term 1** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Term 2** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Holiday Requests

Please remember that the Governments guidance remains very clear that we cannot authorise holiday requests in term time unless there are exceptional circumstance. A Request for Leave of Absence form can be found on the school website at the following link or from the school office:

[https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/attendance at school/169684](https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/attendance%20at%20school/169684)

You may be issued with a penalty notice for taking your child out of school during term time. Please note that a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. A Penalty Notice is a fine of £80 if paid within the first 21 days which increases to £160 if paid between 21 and 28 days. Thereafter, if the penalty remains unpaid this may lead to prosecution through the Magistrates' Court.

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

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Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

w/c Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Governors Learning Walk – Art

Governors Leadership Meeting

Governors Strategic Safeguarding Training

Governors Learning Walk – Science

Full Governing Board Meeting

Rags to Riches Clothing Collection

Leadership Governors Meeting

Swimming Session 1

Year 6 SAT's

Maple Class Visit to Slimbridge

Year 6 Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral