



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 16

24th January 2025

Dear Parents,

After School Clubs

Our After School Sports Clubs begin next week, week commencing Monday 27th January and will run until week commencing 7th April.

An email will be sent through our eschool platform if your child has a place at the club. Please remember that they are expected to attend each week, you must advise the office if your child will not be attending for any reason.



Attendance and Lateness

At the end of term 2 (December) pupil attendance was 93.5% against a Governor target of 95.5%. Although we are not there yet it is an improving picture – thank you.

We have also noticed that less children are arriving late into school, after 8.40 a.m, thank you.

Our Attendance Policy (copy available on the school website – www.littledeanprimaryco.uk) states that children should be attending school every day on time if they are well enough to do so. If they are absent for any reason we ask that you contact the office by telephone to advise us of the reason for absence. An answerphone is available if the office is unmanned.

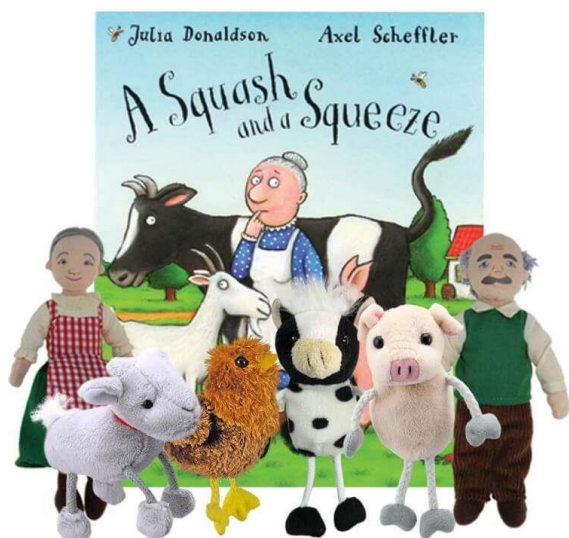
Please do not email as these may not be checked until later in the day.

Holly Leaves Class

This term Holly Leaves will be learning about 'Amazing Animals'. We have already been finding out about features of mammals and birds and have started to learn about hibernation and habitats.

In expressive art and design we will be creating sculptures and developing motor skills using threading.

In computing we have been creating maps for our BeeBot robots.



This term we have been enjoying animal books by author Julia Donaldson.

Ms Richards and Mrs Powell would like to say a special well done to all of our amazing reception children who have all done incredibly well in their recent phonics tests. We are so proud of your hard work!

Maple Class

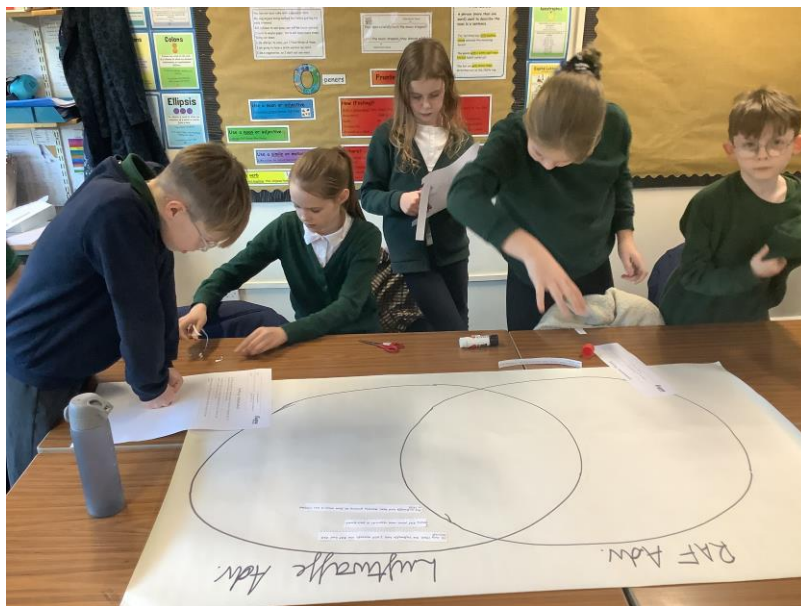
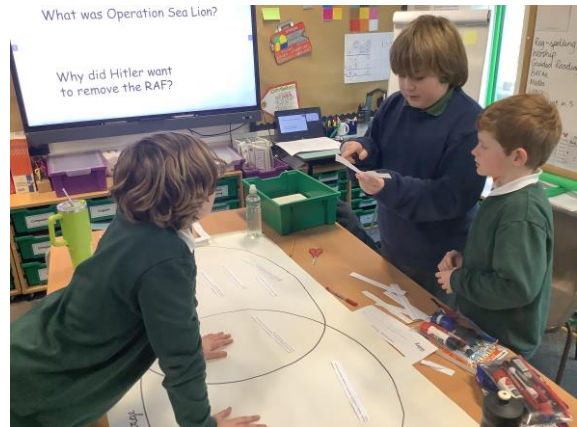
We have been learning about The Battle of Britain in history as part of the unit: What impact did WW2 have on the people of Britain? Although Germany, on paper, were the superior pilots, they were not a match for Britain who won this three-month and three-week battle in the skies over Britain. As a group, we sorted a number of statements into a Venn diagram according to who had the advantage - the RAF or the Luftwaffe.

Did you know... British code-breakers in Bletchley Park were able to intercept and decode top-secret German radio messages?

Did you know... The British Spitfire and German Messerschmitt had a similar top speed of around 360 miles per hour?

Did you know... German fighter pilots were well-trained and had more combat experience than RAF pilots?

Did you know... Many RAF pilots were reservists or part-timers?



Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2024 / 2025 –

Term 3 Monday 6th January 2025 – Friday 14th February 2025

Term 4 Monday 24th February 2025 – Friday 11th April 2025

Term 5 Monday 28th April 2025 – Friday 23rd May 2025

Term 6 Monday 2nd June 2025 – Monday 21st July 2025

INSET Day 4 11th April 2025

INSET Day 5 21st July 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

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 29th January

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Tuesday 4th February

Wednesday 5th February

Thursday 20th March

Tuesday 25th March

Thursday 27th March

Wednesday 9th April

w/c Monday 12th May

Governors Learning Walk – History

Full Governing Board Meeting

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Governors Learning Walk – Reading

Governors Learning Walk – Science

Full Governing Board Meeting

Rags to Riches Clothing Collection

Leadership Governors Meeting

Year 6 SAT's