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Year 3's Amazon Rainforest Adventure

In Year 3, we have made an amazing start to our rainforest topic. We have been learning about the Amazon rainforest and comparing it to our very own forest, the Meadows! We have really impressed our teachers with our rainforest themed art drawings based on Henri Rousseau.

Although we haven't been able to take part in our usual Forest School sessions in Meadow Park, we have really enjoyed our sessions in school. We have spent a lot of time practising how to build dens and create shelters, even free-standing ones.



We are becoming experts! We have also really enjoyed potting, planting, and taking care of our plants.

In Science, we have been learning all about magnets and forces.



We have particularly enjoyed experimenting with how magnets can be used to attract and repel a variety of objects. We also carried out experiments to see if magnetism would work in water!

In Geography, we have been learning all about where the Amazon rainforest is located and where our forest is located. We used atlases and maps to plot a route from our school down to Meadow Park.



Year 3 Team

Dates For Your Diary



Half term holidays	31/5—4/6/21
Mon 7 June	INSET Day
Tues 8 June	School Re-opens to Pupils
Mon 28 June	F2 Welcome Meeting
Weds 30 June	ELA Transition Day
Weds 30 June	New Intake PM Visit (no lunch)
Thurs 1 July	ELA Transition Day
Fri 2 July	ELA Transition Day
Fri 2 July	New Intake Am Visit (with lunch)
W/c 5/7/21	Sports Week
Weds 7 July	Swap Over AM & Meet the Teacher Evening
Weds 7 July	F1 Welcome Meeting
Fri 16 July	Parent Reports Home
W/c 1 9/7/21	Wellbeing Week
Weds 28 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Weds 28 July	Last Day of School

More information to follow shortly on how some of these will run.



We want children at Lantern Lane to understand the things that they have in common with each other, but also to celebrate and feel proud of their differences.

During our online assemblies, we have been sharing some fantastic interviews with members of our school community, who have been kind enough to tell us some things about their faith and family backgrounds. Miss Mistry told us all about being part of the Leicester Hindu community, Emma and her

Grandad told us about their Jewish faith and we have more interviews lined up for the weeks to come.

If you think you and your family would like to share something about your family and community in a short, recorded interview, please get in touch with Mrs Thornhill.

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Newsletter



From Behind The Desk

This morning when I was about to start writing this article, I looked at the heading that I always have for my part of the newsletter and smiled to myself. I could say all sorts in this newsletter about what we have all had to cope with this past year and, in many ways continue to have to cope with, but you have heard all that from me so many times and in reality, all that I really want to say to you now is that, irrespective of everything else still going on, I am without doubt just glad to be back 'BEHIND THE DESK'. Without doubt, a school is quieter with no children or just a few children in it, but let's face it, it's nowhere near as much fun!

I couldn't be happier to have all of our children back in school and just want to thank you all again for supporting your children to return to school so positively, encouraging them to continue to adhere to all of the restrictions we still have in place, and where possible, sending them in their correct uniform. (I know it has been a bit of nightmare doing this when children have grown out of clothes and shoes that they have barely worn, but we really appreciate the efforts you have all made to support in this.)

The children are now able to enjoy some new 'freedom' but by far, the best one for all of the children has been being able to play with their year group friends at play time. What an absolute delight that was to watch! Roll on normality! Mrs Butler



Signposting Directory

We are delighted to be able to announce our new signposting directory for parents. Under the Parents tab on our website, we have now collated links to a wide variety of resources that you may find useful. These include: The Healthy Families Team, key mental health resources, such as CAMHS and Turning Point, SEN services, bereavement support, support for domestic violence and lots more. This directory will be updated and added to on a regular basis. Please do take a look. Mrs Thompson

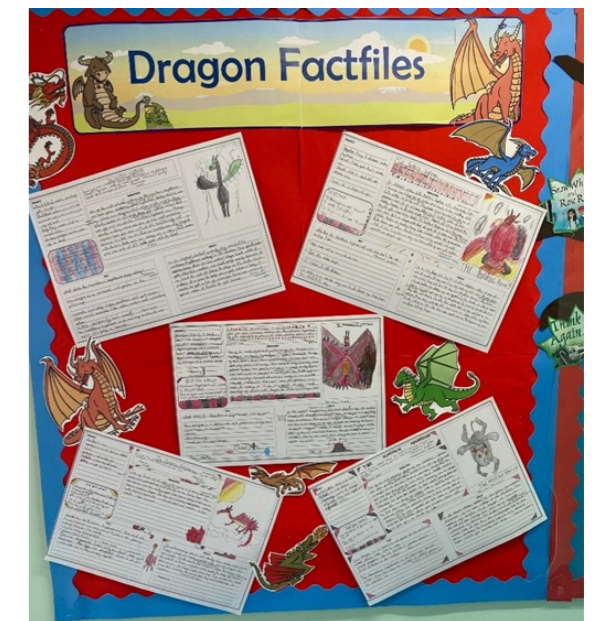
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Year 5's Dragon Facts

We have had a jam packed return to school in Year 5. It has been so lovely to have the children back in school after Home learning which they completed brilliantly. Many thanks for the support from home (both educationally and technologically - we survived!). In the classrooms, we have enjoyed English work which has been linked to a variety of texts including How to Train your Dragon by Cressida Cowell. Some of our information pages on the Monstrous Nightmare dragon can now be found on display in the Annex.

During the rest of the Summer term, we will be continuing our topic on the Maya and creating masks which we look forward to showing you. Year 5 Team



Year 2 Wish You Were Here!

All the children in Year 2 can be extremely proud of how hard they have worked since coming back to school in March. This term in Year 2 our topic is Wish You Were Here! We are learning all about seaside holidays in the past and have been reading The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch in English. How different seaside holidays were 150 years ago!

In English we've written character descriptions and instructions to make a jam sandwich. Take a look at our yummy jam sandwiches. We've also been very creative in our Art lessons, creating ocean scene prints in different ways.



We've all loved our swimming sessions on a Tuesday afternoon. The children have been trying so hard in the pool and are improving their swimming every week. In Science

we've been learning about plants and have planted cress seeds in different conditions to observe what happens. We made some great predictions and have written our own conclusions.

Wellbeing Wednesdays have been great fun and we've enjoyed getting outside making fairy houses and using all our senses.



We have lots to pack in before the end of Year 2 including making our own puppets in DT, Zumba lessons in PE and all our end of year activities. We can't wait!

Year 2 Team

Year 6, When Was The Worst Time In History To Be A Criminal?

Year 6 have really enjoyed their Crime and Punishment topic so far this term. They have used their drama skills to re-enact an Anglo-Saxon court scene (where the wrong person was executed - sorry Layton!!) and have also written a Time Traveller's Guide to avoiding execution in Tudor Britain.

To compare the judicial systems of the past with ours today, they have studied the 'real' stories of The Three Little Pigs and written to either defend or prosecute the sneaky pigs.

Soon, we will be building our very own transportation ships in DT - watch this space!

During our Wellbeing Wednesday sessions, we have enjoyed going up to East Leake Academy's field to play different varieties of rounders. It's been great to get out in the fresh air, work as a team, and have some fun!

Year 6 Team



Year 1 Discover Our Incredible Islands

Summer term is all about Our Incredible Islands. We are learning all about the UK and in particular East Leake and the fictional Isle of Struay, the home of the lovable Katie Morag. Struay is based on the real-life Isle of Coll in the Inner Hebrides so we are finding out what it is like to live on a small Scottish Island, compared to a large village in the Midlands. We've learned how to use an atlas and will be making our own maps in the weeks to come. We've also been reading lots of Katie Morag stories in English and have even written one of our own. Our DT project for this term is all about traditional Scottish oats and we are designing and making our own fruity flap jacks, or porridges, as Katie Morag would call them.

We've have loved growing our own beans in Science and are thrilled with how they are getting on. Look out for them appearing in our garden once the threat of frosts has passed. Next term we'll be finding out about how animals are grouped and classified and we've already been lucky enough to have visits from lots of different types of animals from White Post Farm and the Foundation Stage chicks.

Wellbeing Wednesdays continue to be a highlight of our week. The children love having the chance to have some time to choose their own interests and Mrs Russell has organised a fantastic timetable of activities designed to bolster the children's self-confidence, resilience and social skills; giant bubbles, band camp, gardening, yoga, origami and mandala making, to name a few.

Thank you for all your hard work reading with your children. We are thrilled with the progress they are making given the really tricky year they have had. We hope you enjoy seeing their progress as much as we do. Reading at home is one of the most important things you can do to support your child's learning at this stage, so please keep up the good work and feel free to speak to one of us if you'd like any support. **Year 1 Team**



Year 4 on Location, Location

In Year 4, we have enjoyed starting our Location Location topic.

While getting stuck into our Geography work, we have learnt all about the eight compass points and how to read four figure grid references. Thank you for completing our Geography questionnaires, which helped us to understand why people choose to live in East Leake.



For Wellbeing Wednesday earlier in the half term, we completed our Captain Tom 100 challenge and raised a whopping £682 for the Captain Tom Foundation. Thank you for all your support.

All of us have loved our indoor PE this half term. Drumba has proved to be very enjoyable and we have all improved our rhythm, coordination and stamina, while having lots of fun.

Next half term, we will be finding out all about the history of East Leake and what life was like here during the times of each of our house namesakes.

Please keep working hard on times-tables at home as these are crucial to next steps in Maths.

Year 4 Team

Foundation Are Exploring Nature

In Foundation this term both F1 and F2 have been exploring nature and life cycles. We have been very lucky to have seen the life cycle of a chicken, frogs and butterflies in real life! We were fascinated by the every day changes we saw in the chicks. We even got to watch them hatch and hold them.



The Foundation children have also turned into keen gardeners with lots of planting going on in our outdoor areas. Before we planted, it was very important we knew what a seed would need to grow into a flower. We are excited for our strawberries, carrots and courgettes to grow even more than they already have after half term. They may even be ready to eat!

Next term, we are venturing off in our submarine under the sea in Foundation 1 while Foundation 2 are off of their summer holiday!

Don't forget to keep looking at Tapestry to see the pictures of our learning. **Foundation Team**

Hello from your 'Houses'

We really enjoyed the joke and Vincent Van Gogh competitions. We also enjoyed decorating the Christmas trees.
From Emily and Alex

I am looking forward to the Euro football day and walk to school week
From Elladee

We enjoyed planting subflower seeds and helping with House displays. We help with events and make posters.
From Bertie and Eva

Being a house captain is a big role at Lantern Lane and we help with events
From Josh

We are so grateful to be house captains and are really lucky to be them
From Samuel and Emma



Did you knowDespite Covid, from September 5,834 House points have been awarded to children in Roulstone House 5,897 to children in De Ferrers 6,242 to Mills And an impressive 6,557 housepoints to Bley That's an awful lot of impressive Confidence, Achievement, Respect and Enthusiasm. **Well done** Lantern Lane.