



Aiskew, Leeming Bar Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER

January 10th
2020

Rooted in love and growing together to become lifelong learners!

Happy New Year to everyone in our Aiskew, Leeming Bar CE Primary School family!

We hope you all had a lovely break - the children certainly seem well rested and are eager to continue with learning!

This week and next week, in **Acorn Class**, we are investigating the artwork of Wassily Kandinsky, Robert Delaunay and Sonia Delaunay. The children have been investigating their use of 2D shapes in art and are going to experiment with some of their own ideas as well as colour mixing activities using paints. KS1 have been introduced to a new character for our book which is to be revealed in full next week, while Reception have started Red Ditties as part of our Read Write Inc. Scheme. In Science, we will be looking at 'seasonal changes'. We will be working on our observational skills as well as learning to use simple equipment. In mathematics, EYFS are looking at 3D shapes as well as continuing with a range of counting activities. Y1 are working on addition and subtraction skills whilst Y2 are working on multiplication and division skills.

Oak Class have started their new class text: Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf. This is a picture book with some very interesting and 'edgy' illustrations. It's a take on a creation story however it also has some really strong moral messages. Children were challenged to choose the best 'thing' that has been created and then persuade the reader why their choice is the best. Next week, we are looking at writing a balanced argument. In music Oak Class have started their unit 'Mamma Mia' which looks at different songs by ABBA. They have really enjoyed their learning so far. In French, children are learning to say some basic questions with appropriate answers. Mrs Stanley and Mrs McKnight (who both speak French quite fluently) have been delighted with the fantastic accents, speed of learning and confidence when answering questions in a foreign language. Well done children. We are continuing with these Music and French units over the next couple of weeks. We are also going to be doing some work around British Values and PSHCE through looking at democracy and exploring what is meant by being responsible as part of our 1Decision programme. Y3/4 children will look at being responsible through coming home on time and Y5/6 children will learn the 'importance of not stealing' and think about why is it important to be considerate and maintain a positive reputation and to understand that we should not take people's possessions without permission. In science this term children will finish learning about animals including humans and then, starting with the Solar System, they will look next at how ideas about space have changed over time, before finally exploring what causes us to experience night and day on Earth. Our PE will consist mostly of swimming lessons however when we aren't swimming we will cover invasion games such as netball and hockey or we will develop some dance routines based on extreme weather.

We have been pleased to welcome our new cook, Mrs Seymour, this week. There have been some fantastic aromas coming from the kitchen all week! Two children were overheard commenting, at playtime, just how lovely the hall smelt as they walked through!

As you know, we said goodbye to our two students at the end of last term. Staff and children alike really enjoyed working with them. We are very fortunate that another student will be coming to work with us from 20th January for the following 8 weeks. She is called Miss Jackson and will be working with Acorn Class. We hope you will make her very welcome.

Before the holidays, Mrs Watson applied to become a moderator for Y2. As part of the application, she had to sit an exam and accurately assess many pieces of writing. It is not an easy task! Congratulations are in order because she passed! She now may be asked to visit other schools for a few days in May/June to verify that their assessments are accurate.

Next week, Acorns will be doing PE on Tuesday afternoon so please make sure they have their PE kit with them. If Oak Class are swimming on a Friday, this will be their PE lesson as swimming is part of the PE curriculum. If they are not swimming, they will be doing PE in school which will require them to have their PE kit on a Friday as normal. Please note, that on the Fridays when children are swimming, they are still given the opportunity to do PE as part of their Golden Time options so may need their PE kits anyway.

A new athletics group is starting in the area at Scruton Cricket Club. Please see separate page. If you are interested, please ask Mrs Stanley for more details.

Please note. We have changed the dates of the Achievement Assemblies that you are invited to for January and February because we have moved Golden Time away from the end of the day on Fridays. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Spring Term 2020

January		
Friday 17 th		Y5/6 6th residential trip (Carlton Lodge) payment due
Wednesday 22nd	12 noon	Family lunch
Friday 16th	3.10pm	Achievement assembly – parents invited. Please note change of date.
February		
Monday 10th	AM	Music for Life in School
Wednesday 12th	12 noon	Family lunch
Friday 14 th		Y5/6 7th residential trip (Carlton Lodge) payment due
Wednesday 26th	TBC	Parents' evening
Friday 28th	3.10pm	Achievement assembly – parents invited. Please note change of date.
March		
Wednesday 11 th	12 noon	Family lunch
Friday 20 th	-	Y5/6 8th & final residential trip (Carlton Lodge) payment due
April		
Friday 3rd	3.30pm	School closes for Easter

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This week's
Learning Hero

Is Leyton and Kaci

**Pupil of the Week
Certificates**

Our Pupil of the Week is:
Sofia and Edward

Writers of the week
Congratulations
Amelia and Regina
for your writing this week

Handwriters of the week
Congratulations
Charlie and L-Jay

Mathlete of the Week
Thomas
Well done

Mathematicians
of the week are
Jasmyn and Aaron

Reading Eggs Certificate
This week's certificates go to
Sara, Eevy-Mai, Emma
& Leyton

Bronze Maths Certificates
Congratulations to
Thomas

The Spelling Shed
CHAMPION is
Maison

**99.7% attendance
this week**

Every child that had 100%
attendance this week has been
entered into the Spring prize raffle.

*Please ensure your child attends
school as much as possible.*



*This week's Head
Teacher Awards go to*

1000 Dojos – Kaci

**PE Player of
the Week
is... Emma**

