## Leigh on Mendip School Nurturing Curious Minds



Newsletter 30 - 17th May 2024

I would like to start this week's newsletter by commending all our fantastic Year 6 pupils on their hard work and effort during SATs week. For four mornings this week they have been sitting in the hall, diligently working on the different test papers. There was a grammar and punctuation paper on Monday, followed by a spelling test; on Tuesday it was a one-hour reading test and then on Wednesday and Thursday they faced an arithmetic paper, before two maths reasoning papers. All in all a lot of questions and a lot of challenge, which they all rose to and tried their very best. My thanks also to all the staff who have worked with these children throughout their time at our school to ensure they did their very best and especially Mrs Newbury who has prepared them very well for the tests.

The children in Kingfishers and Starlings are having a very exciting day out at Carymoor Environmental Centre today. They will share photos with you through Seesaw and we will put a write-up of the day in next week's newsletter.

Mr Groves has made the difficult decision to cancel his Tuesday's Sports Club next term due to very low numbers of children signing up for the club over the whole year. He will continue to run the craft activities after school club on a Wednesday and the breakfast club on the same days as this term. School staff will now run clubs on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday as follows: Monday - KS1 Craft Club with Mrs Layland, and KS2 Football Club with Mr and Mrs Ball Tuesday - Construction Club with Mrs Newbury Thursday - Dance Club with Mrs Smith

Please remember to come and visit your child's class next week for this term's parent drop in sessions in each classroom. We look forward to seeing you in school.

## Mr Turull

	Diary Dates
May	
Monday 20th	Swallow Class Parent Drop in session at 2.45pm
Tuesday 21st	Starling Class Parent Drop in session at 2.45pm
Wednesday 22nd	Goldfinch Class Parent Drop in session at 2.45pm
Thursday 23rd	Kingfisher Class Parent Drop in session at 2.45pm
Friday 24th	End of Term 5
June	
Monday 3rd	First day of Term 6
Tuesday 4th	Rags 2 Riches Collection organised by FOLS
Thursday 6th	Sponsored Run to Paris Event in school
Friday 7th	Swallow Class and Goldfinch Class Trip to the Natural History Museum
Friday 14th	Rec year and Year 6 Heights and Weights check by NHS School Nurse Team
Tuesday 18th	Sports Day (If wet the alternative date is Tuesday 9th July)

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## **News from the Classrooms**

The children in Robin class have been learning about jungles this week. They enjoyed making tiger pictures, using tape to create a pattern and then peeling it away after. The children have really loved learning about camouflage and why different animals use it.

This term we have been learning about life cycles and this week we started our own chicken life cycle. We are looking forward to the arrival of little chicks!

Many of you may have already seen the addition to Starling Class!! We have now completed our art unit on 3D sculptures and paper play and created our own class giant spider!! If you haven't yet had a chance to take a look please visit our decking area where you will see it hanging.

This week, Goldfinches have started a new English topic based on the book 'The Fossil Hunter' and learning all about Mary Anning. We have been extracting our own fossils and writing a diary entry as Mary when she found the first Ichthyosaur!

Swallows loved creating shadow signs in Art using words they felt summed up our class and school!





















