



Parent Newsletter

Friday 7th May 2021

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

We've had a short but busy in school, not only with our learning but with dodging the changeable weather and downpours we've been having! A few general updates and an update from Discovery sharing their recent learning.

The Big Ask

This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. Take ten minutes to complete the online survey to tell the government your views on what children need to live happier lives.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Covid Testing

If your child has covid symptoms they must book a PCR test. A PCR test is via a testing site or via the post. **Please do not use a lateral flow test** as they are not as sensitive as a PCR test. Symptoms are:

- A new/persistent cough
- A high temperature
- Loss or change to taste/smell

Once you have the test result please email the result to the office. Your child will not be able to return to school until we have received the result.

PE Kits

On PE days, children should wear a PE kit to school. This included jogging bottoms, shorts or leggings, trainers, a t-shirt the same colour as their team (red, yellow, blue or green) and school jumper, fleece or sensible hoodie. It has been noticed that some children are coming dressed as if it is a non-school uniform day and some clothes are not appropriate for sport.

Helpful Dates

Parent Consultation booking closes – 11th May

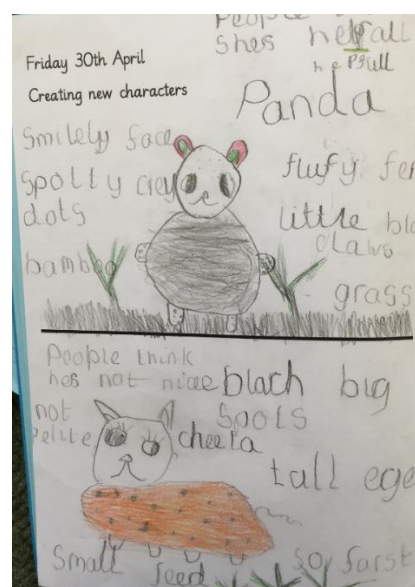
Break up for Half Term – normal time on Friday 28th May

Inset Days – **School Closed to children** – Monday 7th June and Tuesday 8 June

Online Parent Consultations – Tuesday 8th June and Wednesday 9th June

Discovery Learning By Miss Corcoran and Discovery Class

Since coming back from our Easter break, Discovery Class have been incredibly busy! We have been adapting the Tortoise and the Hare fable to create our own stories and to use a range of tools in our writing. Instead of the main character being the tortoise, the children chose their own main character and we had snails, sloths and giraffes! Replacing the hare we had cheetahs, hyenas and foxes. We have been extending our sentences using **conjunctions** such as: **and**, **or**, **but**, **so** whilst also focusing on creating a picture in the reader's mind by using **expanded noun phrases**. An expanded noun phrase is a noun with one or two adjectives before it. For example, instead of writing that *Panda has eyes*, an expanded noun phrase enhanced the writing so *Panda has sparkly, black eyes*. (We need to remember a **comma** to separate the adjectives if we use more than one).



In maths, we have been learning to use more formal methods of addition and subtraction including using pictures and numerals.

More about Florence Nightingale

Try to find words associated with Florence Nightingale:

hospital	A	C	R	I	M	E	A	H	E
lamp	S	H	A	T	B	C	A	O	N
Crimea	O	O	B	A	N	U	R	S	E
cholera	L	L	C	L	A	B	C	P	I
Italy	D	E	A	Y	B	C	A	I	G
nurse	I	R	B	C	A	B	C	T	Y
hygiene	E	A	A	B	C	A	B	A	H
soldier	R	C	A	B	P	M	A	L	C

To this day, Florence Nightingale is revered as the pioneer of modern nursing. Not only a nurse, she was a statistician and selflessly gave her life to help and care for others. Throughout her career, she battled many cholera outbreaks which are much less common today. Whilst cholera might not be prevalent in our country, sadly this disease is still around in other areas of the world. But who does it affect and why? Is there anything that can be done to help? Find out more: <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/cholera>

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Lyon and the Leavesden Team