

Little Melton Primary School



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Dear Parents,

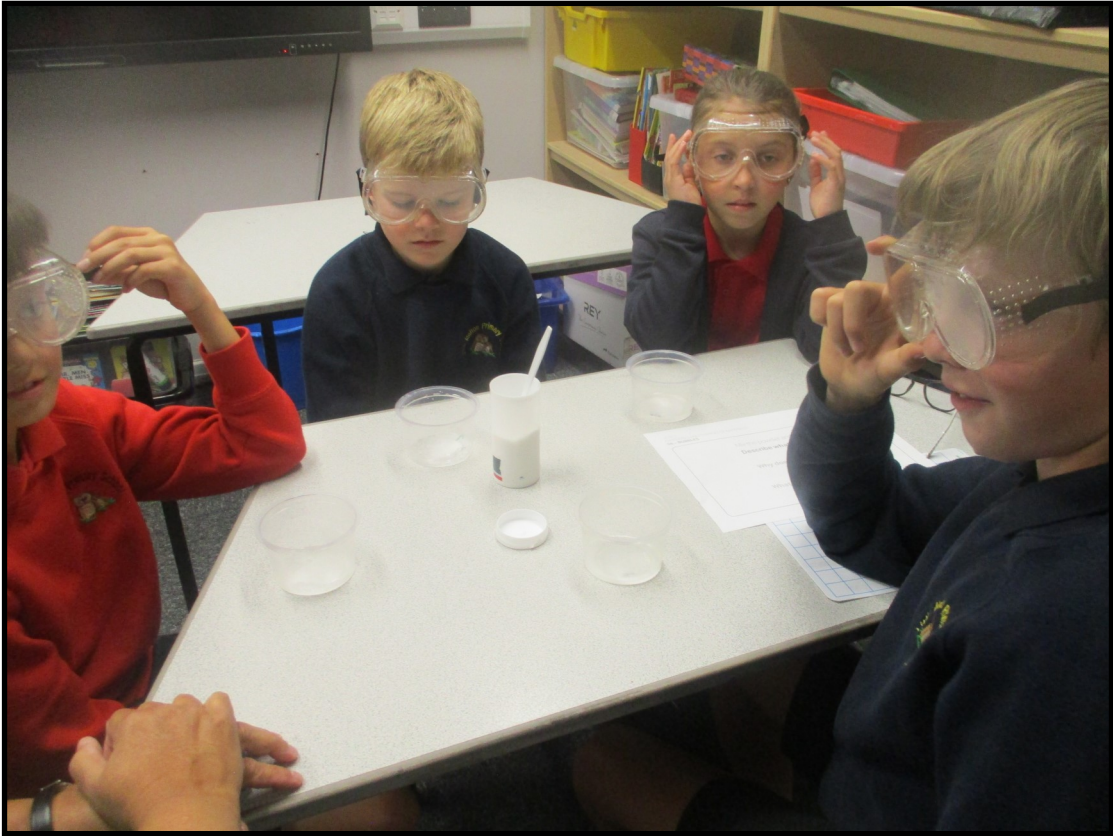
Welcome back! I hope that everyone enjoyed the summer break, and that all of the children have settled well into their new classes. A particular welcome also to our new families joining us in Owlets this year. I hope that Owlets children have enjoyed their transition over these first two weeks, ahead of starting full days next week.

Later in the newsletter you can see the overview curriculum plans for this half-term. In the dates section you will also find the dates for parent consultations. We will also be holding 'Open Tray afternoons' in the last week before half-term where all parents are invited in immediately after school to look at children's work and have an informal conversation with teachers where helpful. Details of more clubs will be available in the next newsletter, and Keyboard club, Eagle Owls netball, and Super Tamion club (!) start in the next few days.

Finally, please have a look at the plea from the Friends group for volunteers. The Friends AGM is on Wednesday September 25th at 7.30pm in the school.

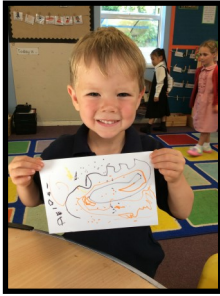


Thursday afternoon!

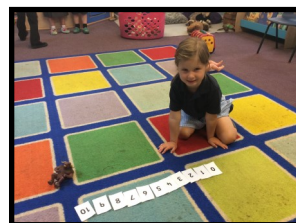
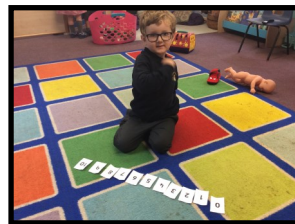
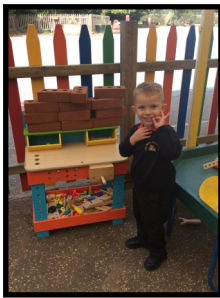
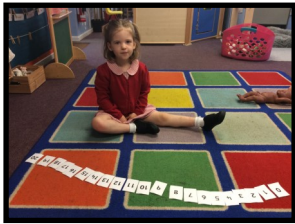
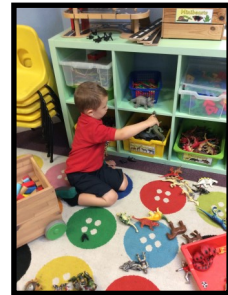


Eagle Owls- -Testing Materials






Owlets First Week at School!



Curriculum Maps– Autumn Term

Class: Owlets Year Group: Reception Term: Autumn 1 2024



Maths

Developing stable order principle – understanding the counting sequence i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4...

- One to One Correspondence – counting objects accurately
- Abstraction Principle – understanding objects of all sizes can be counted, and that quantities can be the same, regardless of the size of objects being counted
- Graphing things using pictograms
- 2D shapes and construction play

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Free-flow choosing time within a planned Early Years Environment provides children with opportunities to develop self-confidence, their sense of self and begin to make established friendships within their class group. Children will make independent choices about their learning by carefully selecting resources both on their own and with others, which will enable them to use and apply their knowledge of the world around them, subsequently leading to a greater level of understanding. Children will converse with one another, negotiate, take turns, learn about each other's feelings and begin to understand how their actions can affect these.

Literacy

Fiction texts
Non-fiction texts
 Both used during whole class book sharing

Big Writing
 Name writing
 Drawing a picture of me
 Drawing my family
 Something I like
 Something that is special to me

Phonics
 Letters & Sounds: Phases 1 and 2
 Single sounds
 Initial sounds in words
 Letters in my name
 Pre-reader books
 Sound packs

Physical Development

Weekly Physical Education lessons

Outdoor Environment - Trim trail, bikes and scooters, mud kitchen, stage, den building, large-scale construction resources

Sensory/Fine Motor Tray - Developing muscle tone, develop hand-eye coordination and experience and explore different textures. Changed at least weekly

Expressive Arts & Design

- Sponge printing owls for classroom door
- Playdough faces with loose parts
- Lollipop stick houses with drawings of our families
- 'We're going on a colour hunt'...
- Face photo jigsaws
- Painting pasta necklaces
- Self-portraits
- Family portraits
- Exploring different textures and painting tools e.g. brushes, cotton wool, sponges, rollers
- Role play home corner

Topic Title:

Starting at School

Prime Areas of Learning

Communication & Language


- Talk Partners provide regular opportunities for children to converse, discuss and peer assess their learning
- Free-flow choosing time promotes an expanse of communication – listening, talking, responding, understanding
- Daily story time
- Talk Homework** in preparation for Big Write
- Daily phonics teaching, including the introduction and discussion of new vocabulary
- Various planned Speech & Language focussed activities, including WellComm materials

Role Play Area ideas: Home corner (initially) leading into developing an area in response to the children's interests/aspirations/discussions

Understanding the World

- What is my new class called? Where is my school?
- Who is in my family?
- Getting to know my new friends and their interests/families – How are they different/similar to mine?
- Exploring special times, festivals and celebrations, such as birthdays & starting school
- Observing the changing of the seasons
- Technology provision: iPads, keyboards, interactive board

Class: Snowy Owls Year Group: 1/2 Term: Autumn 1 Cycle: A



Mathematics Y1:

Weeks 1-4: Number – Place value within 10

Weeks 5-7: Addition and subtraction (within 10)

Science:

Everyday materials

Natural vs man-made

Properties of materials

Suitability of materials

Geography:

Where do we live?

History:


How have homes changed over time?

Toys – how these have changed?

Famous inventions

Topic Title:

Houses and Homes



Mathematics Y2:

Weeks 1-3 Number: Place Value (to 100)

Weeks 4-7 Number: Addition and subtraction (within 20 to start, 1dig + 1dig, 2dig + 1dig, 10 more and 10 less)

Art/D&T:

Primary colours

Secondary colours

Colour wheel

Colour mixing

English:

Fiction – Simple sentences

Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly (Nick Sharratt & Sue Heap)

Write own mini book about me!

Grammar: CFFS

Fiction – Stories set in familiar settings

The Large Family Texts (Jill Murphy)

Grammar: Present tense, verbs, expanded noun phrases

Spelling:

Y1: First 100 HFW.

Y2: Following 'Vocabulary Ninja' (please see school website)

Spanish:

Los Animales

Work to share with external audience

Beautiful work

Extended Writing:

The Large Family retelling

Computing:

Online safety

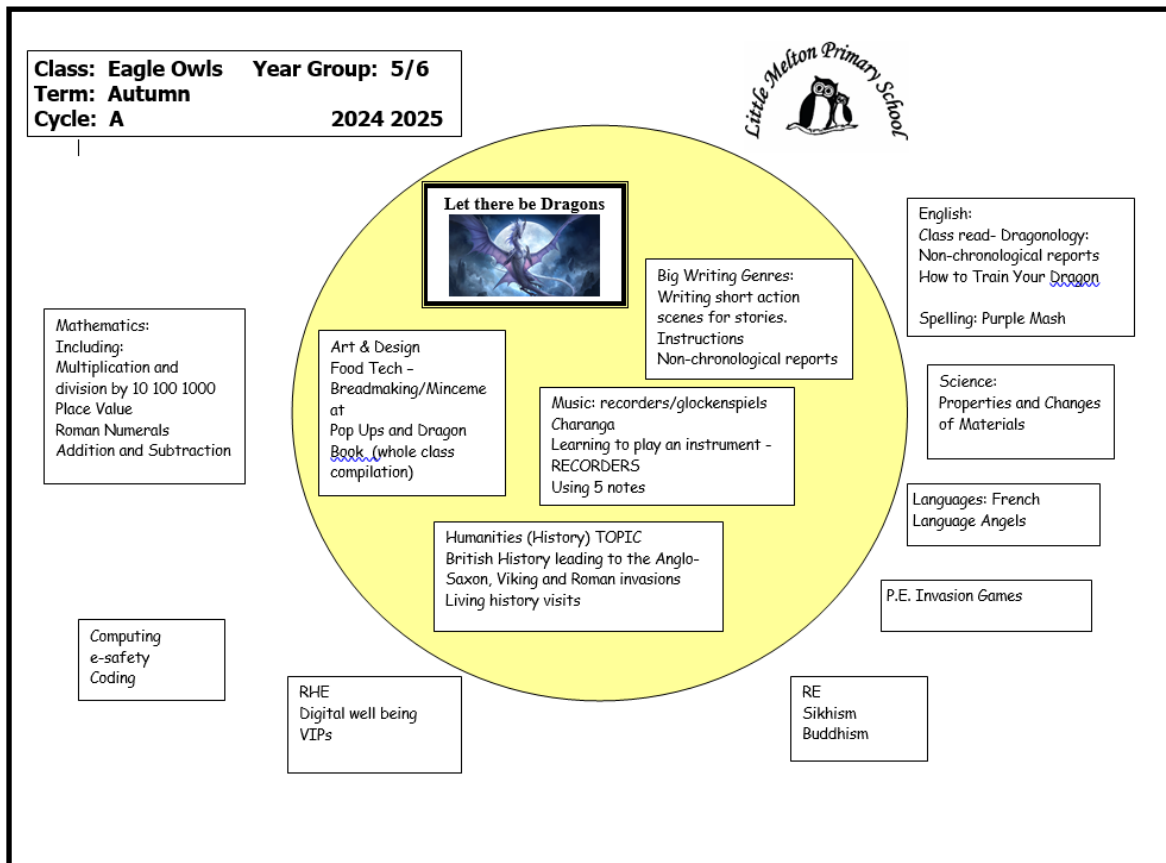
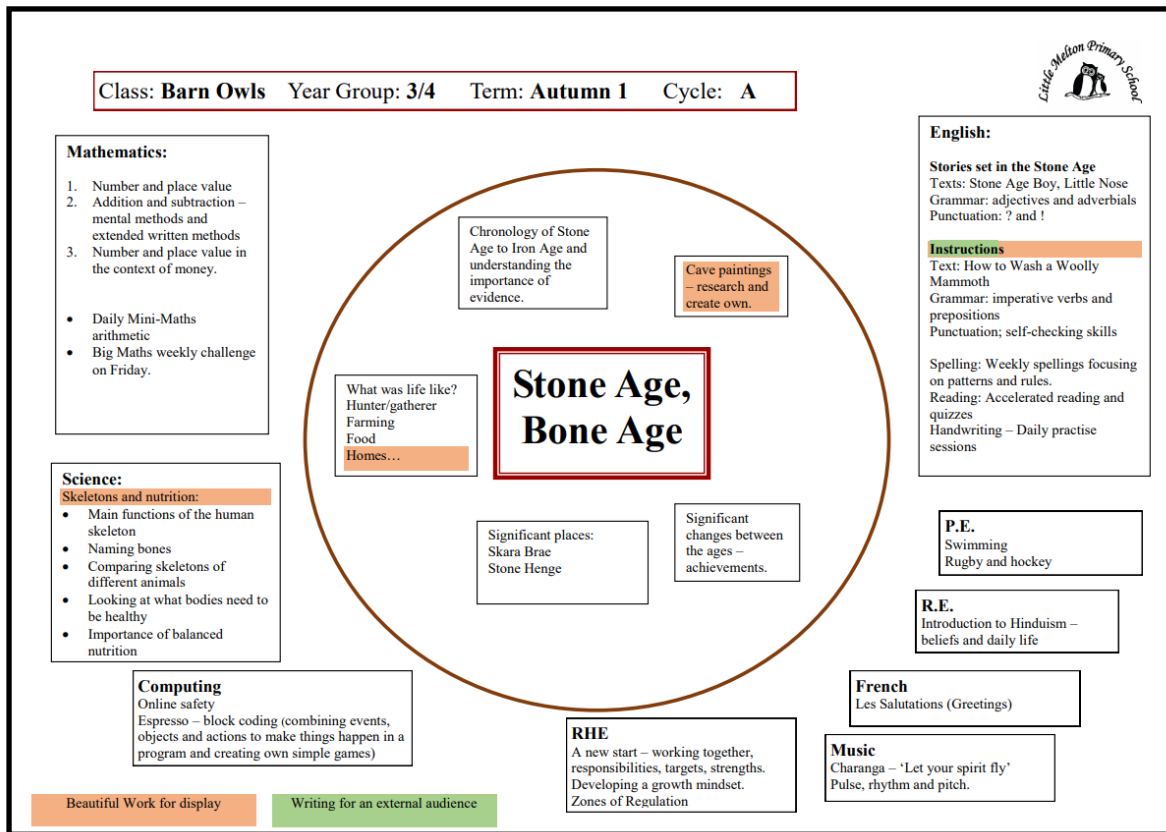
Relationship and Health Education:

Zones of Regulation

e-safety

* content of Topic will vary each half-term, different subjects may be taught discretely, also may not always have every subject each half-term – just need to cover altogether

Curriculum Maps– Autumn Term





THE FRIENDS OF LMPS

REALLY NEEDS YOU!

Our AGM is taking place at **7.30pm on 25th September at the school** and currently we have no volunteers to take over the role of Chair and Secretary...without these positions being filled the group may have to cease to exist.

THESE ARE KEY ROLES BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THEY DO ALL THE WORK - THE FRIENDS OF LMPS ARE A **TEAM!**

WITHOUT THE FRIENDS OF LMPS THERE WILL BE NO FUNDRAISING TO COVER THE COSTS OF BUSES FOR TRIPS, CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR THE SCHOOL AND ALL OF OUR CHILDREN. THERE WOULD ALSO BE NO SCHOOL DISCOS, PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP, CHRISTMAS GIFTS OR MAY FAIR SO PLEASE DO CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED.



For more information speak to Esther Glover or e-mail lmpsfriends@gmail.com



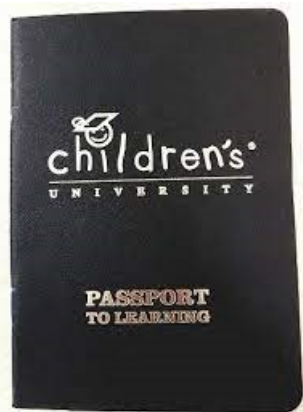
Some useful codes:

Pensthorpe	purple	6889
Gressenhall	green	9146
Castle Museum	yellow	1113
Strumpshaw Fen	red	7914
Blickling	yellow	2594
Trowse Netball Club	red	1289
Swimming	red	2383
Hethersett Rainbows	blue	3822
Hethersett Brownies	purple	zero298
Hethersett Athletic FC	blue	8020
Perfect Performers Dance	yellow	2961
Norwich Swans	green	4508
Norwich Brownies	purple	4276
Central School of Dance	green	9584
LM Karate lessons	purple	8169
Wymondham rugby club	red	7304
Heigham Park FC	red	5207
Triple Threat Drama	purple	7564
Easton Tennis Club	green	7,946
Wham Drama Club	red	9237
Woodside Cubs Group	orange	5659
Hethersett 3rd Guides	purple	5181
Crusaders Rugby	red	7263
Easton Gymnastics	purple	7862
Wymondham Beavers	orange	1073
All Stars/Dynamos Cricket	yellow	6957
LMPS Tennis Club	red	3640
Hethersett Cubs	yellow	6218
Limelight Drama	yellow	2584
Star Dance	green	7236
LMPS Uke	blue	3072



Last date for pre-graduation points is July 5th

Norfolk Ski Centre	red	4435
Norfolk Hoopstars	yellow	2799
Norfolk swim school	blue	1554
East Anglia Tennis & squash club	blue	1085
Gain Fitness Club	yellow	8531
Eska Karate	purple	2944
Norwich Penguins	orange	6120
LMPS Singing	purple	5431
LMPS Chess	yellow	9886
LMPS Boardgames	green	7340
LMPS Mindfulness	green	7814
LMPS TTRS	red	1732
FITC football	purple	6720
Hethersett Beavers	red	6963
Norwich Ballet	purple	4331
UEA Gymnastics	green	7663
David Lloyd Swimming/Let's Play	orange	1923



Please continue to email me for any regular clubs that need a code.

Some useful codes:

Support with emotional wellbeing.

Mrs Plant, our mental health lead, has curated a selection of free and paid for online resources and contacts for children and adults.

These can be found on our school website at:

<http://www.littlemeltonprimaryschool.co.uk/school-information/support-with-emotional-wellbeing/>



Recent or Upcoming Birthdays:

Ted 11, James 11
Elliot I. 7 Taylor, 8



Last week's attendance was: 97.44%
Attendance year to date is: 96.47%



(L Love of Learning, M Make it Your Best, P Persevere S Skills for Life)

Qwlets: Next week start in Assembly!

Snowy: Freddie (M), Clara (S), Alice (L), Hazel (S)

Barn: Ethan (M), Jadon (M)

Eagle: Well done to the elected House Captains:

Garnet: Hugo, Charlotte **Citrine:** William, Ollie

Emerald: Emelia, Rudi **Topaz:** James, Arthur

House
Points
This
Term:

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Yours faithfully,

Alex Pritchard, Headteacher.



Wednesday September 25th– Friends AGM
Monday October 21st-24th
Open Tray Week
Thursday October 24th–
Last day of half-term
Monday November 4th– School open
Tuesday November 12th & Wednesday No-
vember 20th– Parent Consultations
Friday December 20th– Last day of term

Uniform

Any parents wanting to buy uniform can purchase it direct from this website:

<https://www.superstitch86.co.uk/product-category/schoolwear/primary-schools-academies/little-melton-primary-school/>



Nut Free School



A general reminder that we operate a nut-free policy in school for all food. Please be particularly careful with any food provided to celebrate birthdays as some chocolate can include traces of nuts. We do have some children with severe allergies in our school and we obviously want to look after them to the very best of our ability.