

Welcome to our new edition of the Leycroft Academy Newsletter. We look forward to sharing with you some of the many incredible things that have been happening this half term in our wonderful school. Enjoy!

THIS HALF TERM AT LEYCROFT ...

This half term at Leycroft Academy the theme for our learning has been "Ready, Steady, Cook!". We have been learning about all aspects of a healthy life, through diet, exercise and looking after ourselves. Children have been exploring healthy foods, and working on our independence skills to prepare our own healthy snacks.

WORLD BOOK DAY

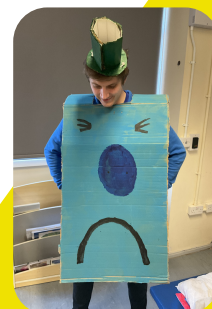
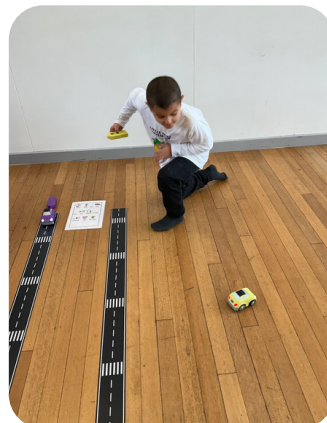
We had lots of fun with our Mr and Little Miss theme on World Book Day.

Each class had a character that they looked at and completed fun activities about!

We also had one of our teaching assistants, Natalia run a Sherbourne Developmental Movement session linked to the Gingerbread Man which all the children enjoyed.

Francesse, our literacy lead and the events team set up lots of activities in the hall for the children to take part in such as building a tower like Mr Strong and cleaning up after Mr Messy!

A fun day had by all - thank you to all the children and families for supporting our great day!!



WHALES

This half term Whales have been learning the names of body parts in science. We have been singing action songs such as if your happy and you know it and head, shoulders, knees and toes. We have then made our own faces on the interactive whiteboard and at our workstations we have been cutting out and sticking the facial features onto their face picture. The children have really enjoyed this half terms science topic!



STARFISH

This half term Starfish class have been looking at instructions. We made our own porridge like Goldilocks and went on a bear hunt, following a different instruction as we explored each environment of our hunt.

DOLPHINS

Dolphins have been identifying and labelling different body parts and facial features. They have explored lots of different fun tuff trays.

ZEBRAS

Zebras have had lots of fun this half term they have been learning about a healthy lifestyle in DT and have been trying different healthy food options.

PENGUINS

In Penguins for English we explored Oliver's Vegetables. We had different activities through the last week. Children did vegetable printing, practice fine motor skills by cutting some herbs using scissors, digging in soil to find different vegetables and learned about different features of face by making vegetable faces.



POLAR BEARS

For our RE session this term Polar Bears participated in Pancake Day.

Polar Bears chose their favourite toppings for their pancakes. They also used their fine motor skills to spread their favourite spread of toppings. The toppings that were provided were: honey, sugar and cinnamon. They all thoroughly enjoyed sprinkling the sugar and tasting the honey. Polar Bears pointed at their ALD board that was provided to indicate which one they would like. They rolled their pancake and had a bite. They laughed and giggled whilst enjoying their pancake. Well done Polar Bears.



SEALS

This half term Seals had the opportunity to go to North Solihull Swimming Baths for swimming on a Monday morning!

It has been an event all the children have looked forward to all week! We have not only been working on our water confidence, but also dressing and undressing skills, transitions and being safe out in the community.

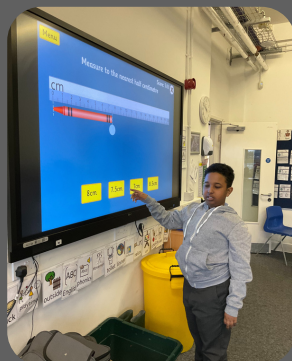
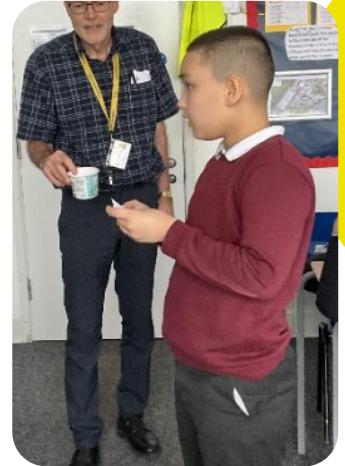
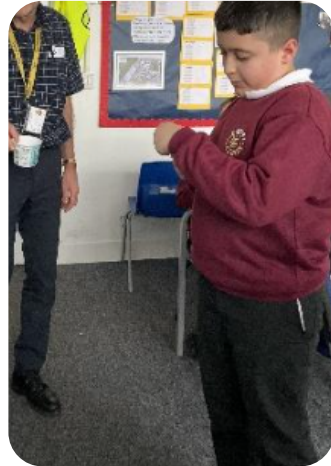
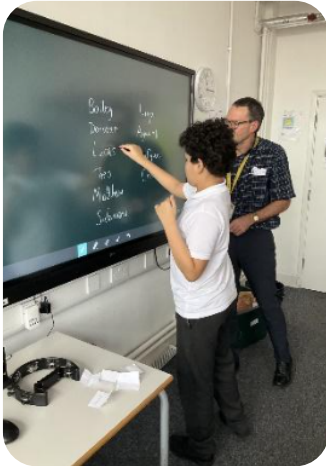


WOLVES

As part of our 'Ready, Steady, Cook' and Healthy Eating topic, this term Wolves have enjoyed participating in a range of activities surrounding this. Wolves class have enjoyed practising how to brush their teeth, learning basketball skills in PE and exploring a range of fruit and vegetables in PSHE, life skills and DT by tasting, touching, smelling, cutting and peeling. In English, Wolves class have been reading the story Oliver's vegetables by exploring different vegetable in soil and exploring items/characters from the book using a range of symbols and aided language displays to support understanding. We also liked following instructions to make a healthy smoothie made up of spinach, bananas and pineapple.

ELEPHANTS

Elephants have been learning about British Values, specifically democracy. They voted as a class to elect their student council member. Ten children from the class pitched themselves for the role, explaining what they would do as part of the school council.



LIONS

In Lions we have been learning how to accurately measure length and height.

LADYBIRDS

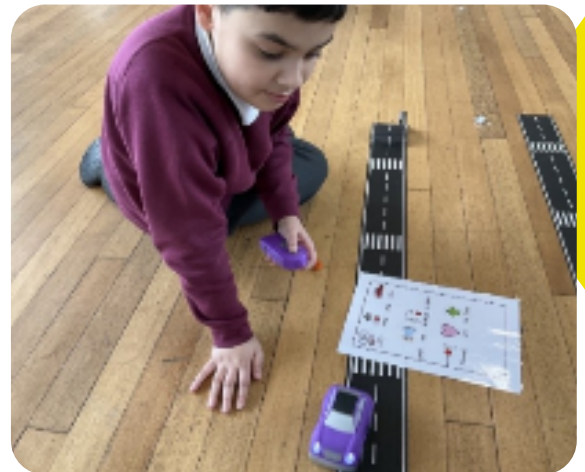
This half term Ladybirds have been getting weekly music lessons with an external company.

We have enjoyed playing the drum at different speeds.



OWLS

Owls really enjoyed World Book Day this year. Their class's Mr Men character was Mr Grump.



BUTTERFLIES

Butterflies have been working on following instructions to make a healthy fruit salad, they really enjoyed tasting the different fruits.

FOXES

Foxes have been exploring healthy food choices, as well as working on weight, a very useful skill when preparing and cooking a healthy meal.



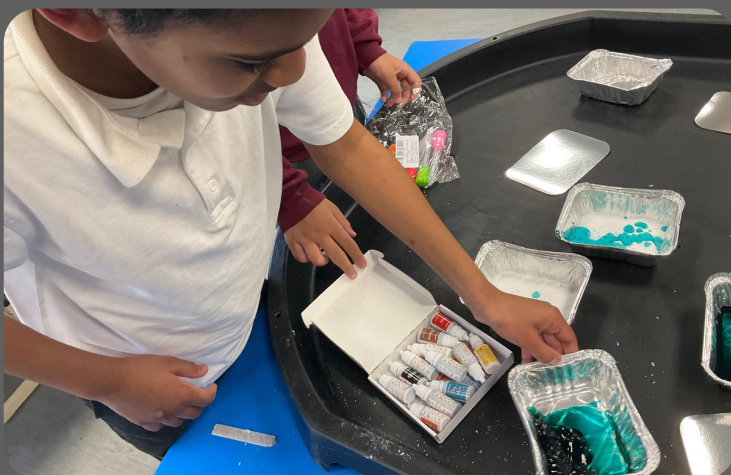
SQUIRRELS

In squirrels we learnt about pancake day, how to add ingredients and mix the batter. Then we tried tasting them, the children didn't enjoy the lemon much but enjoyed playing with and tasting the pancakes.



HEDGEHOGS

Hedgehogs really enjoyed science week. They loved exploring the fizzing and popping of the baking soda. We also enjoyed exploring how oil, water, and food colouring make fireworks in a cup.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT HALF TERM

Eid Al-Fitr Party – Friday 12th April

Animal man visit – Tuesday 16th April and Wednesday 17th April

Parents Evening – Tuesday 23rd April

RSE parent workshop – Friday 3rd May

Parent curriculum workshops – Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th and Friday 10th May

ATTENDANCE

Seals - 90%
Elephants - 95%
Lions - 93%
Hedgehogs - 93%
Polarbears - 85%
Ladybirds - 89%
Squirrels - 91%
Butterflies - 86%
Owls - 88%
Zebras - 92%
Foxes - 85%
Starfish - 86%
Dolphins - 71%
Wolves - 85%
Whales - 81%
Penguins - 77%

LEYCROFT NEEDS YOU!

An exciting opportunity has become available to join our Local Academy Council as a Parent Governor. Governors play a crucial role on Local Academy Councils by working together to drive the vision of the school. Your valuable contribution of time will form a crucial part of developing the future of our school.

We hope you are interested in this important opportunity and look forward to hearing from you.

If you would like to be considered for this role, then contact Chris Pullen (Chair of the LAC) on c.pullen@lac.fet.ac

THANK YOU JAMES BANTING

My sincere gratitude goes out to our parent governor, James Banting. We are grateful for the beneficial influence you have had while serving as our parent governor. For me personally, you have been an incredible support system and excellent champion. I am wishing you the best in the future.

Thank you,

Mr Patrick Jones
Headteacher