



Lowther Primary School

Year 5 News

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Year 5 Learning This Half-Term

As we reach the end of the Autumn term, the children's first term in Year 5, we would like to say a huge "Thank You" to the children for all their hard work, ambition and enthusiasm in their learning this term and to the parents who have supported them. It has been a hugely enjoyable term, packed with lots of fun, exciting learning and great trips off site, including the Science Museum, swimming at St Paul's and, most recently, Ice Skating in Twickenham, which was wonderful. One of the staff members there told us that the Lowther children were by far the most polite, mannerly and well behaved children who had come to the venue. We are enormously proud of how well they behave and the respect they have for others when we are out on trips. Well done everyone! Thank you to all the parents who have helped us on trips this term, your support is valued.



Maria shows us how it is done at the Ice Skating in Twickenham.

CURRICULUM: In the Spring term, we will be studying children's author Michael Morpurgo and powerful sea poems in Literacy and will continue with multiplication, division, fractions and measures in Maths. In Science, we complete the Materials and their Properties unit and move on to Earth & Space, returning to the Science Museum for their excellent Space workshops. In topic, we switch from History to Geography, learning about rivers. In Art, we will look at still life and in PE we will move on to hockey skills. In RE, we are going to learn about what the Bible means to Christians and in Music we learn about Jazz. Full details of our Spring curriculum will be on our website page shortly: www.lowther.richmond.sch.uk/year-5-15.php

General notices

Homework: We have been very impressed with the standard of homework which has been produced in the Autumn term, showing that the children care about their learning and can produce high-quality independent work. Spring term is a busy term and we have decided not to give out homework over the Christmas holidays. It's a time for enjoying with your family and getting a decent brain break, in order to return fresh and ready to learn in January.

Reading: We would encourage the children to read over the two weeks that they are off though. We would ask that they read for at least 10 minutes three times per week. Please sign and date their reading records to confirm that they have done this.

Times tables & spellings: The children have been progressing really well with their times tables this term. If you would like them to do any maths practice over the holidays—and they don't need to—times tables remain key to their progression in maths this half term. You can generate quick times table tests on this website: <http://www.timestables.me.uk>. If you would like your children to practise their literacy skills (eg spelling or grammar), this website offers lots of links to fun interactive games: <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

PE: PE kits should be brought home over the holidays for cleaning. There have been a few children who have forgotten their PE kit more than twice this term. PE is an important part of the curriculum and children are expected to take part in these sessions. Please remember to bring in PE kits every Monday and take them home for washing every Friday.

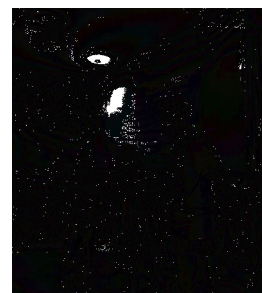
Website: There are now a number of films on the Year 5 classroom link, please have a look if you get the chance. There are some graphic art pieces, some descriptive writing, some photos from trips this term and there will be more films added shortly. The web address is above.

Year 4/5 Spring Production: We will begin auditions and rehearsals for the Spring Production when we return. This year, the children will be performing an adaption of William Shakespeare's play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. See dates.

Many thanks for all your support, Judy Puddephatt & Paul Nelson

Dates for your diary

Tues Jan 6th	Children return to school
Wc Jan 12th	100% Attendance Week
Wed Jan 14th	Lowther Bake Off (pizzas)
Fri Jan 23rd	Lowther Got Talent auditions
Tues/Wed 27th & 28th Jan	Cycle training (bring bikes to school)
Fri Jan 30th	Lowther's Got Talent Final
Wc Feb 2nd	Spring Production auditions
Thurs Feb 5th	Lowther Music Concert
Tues Feb 10th	Thames Explorer trip in Chiswick
Fri Feb 13th	Last day of half term



Holly and Alex became our new Junior Safety Officers 2014/15

Joke of the Week:

How does an Ancient Egyptian doorbell work?

Toot-an-come-in!

(Get it? Tutankhamen)

- Elion, Year 5P

Questions / Concerns: If you have any questions, concerns, messages to pass onto either Mr Nelson or Mrs Puddephatt, please feel free to catch us after school, either in the playground or in our classes, or drop us a quick email on j.shaw@lowther.richmond.sch.uk or p.nelson@lowther.richmond.sch.uk.