

# Leaffield C.E. Primary School

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half term with plenty of time to rest and recharge. We have an exciting term ahead with lots of new learning and some brilliant events. I look forward to a great term ahead.

### Topic: Memory Box

This term our topic is Memory Box. We'll be thinking about what it was like when we were little—right back to being babies and how we've grown and changed over time. We'll be looking at old photos, talking about favourite toys, playing old games and sharing special memories. We'll also explore what life was like before we were born and learn that this is all part of history.

### Literacy

In Literacy this term, the children will continue to build on their phonics knowledge, using what they've learned to become more confident and independent readers. They will be practising how to blend sounds to read new words and applying this knowledge in their writing as well. We will also focus on reading comprehension, encouraging children to talk about what they read, make predictions, and answer questions to show their understanding of different texts. In writing, we will be developing sentence structure, helping children to write clear and complete sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

### Science

This term in science, we'll be learning about *our bodies and our senses*. The children will start by drawing around each other and labelling different body parts, helping them learn the names and where each one is. We'll also look at how many of each body part we have and talk about similarities and differences between ourselves and others.

We'll then explore our five senses - sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell. The children will take part in practical activities to test each sense and think about why they are important, especially in helping to keep us safe.

### RE

This term in RE, we'll be exploring why people celebrate and focusing on how Christians celebrate Christmas. We'll start by talking about the celebrations that are special to the children and their families, then look more closely at the Christmas story and what Christians believe about the birth of Jesus. We will explore the meaning behind the gifts from the Wise Men and learn about key Christmas symbols. Throughout, we'll encourage the children to reflect on similarities and differences in how people celebrate and what these celebrations mean to different families.

### PE

PE will take place on Tuesdays with Mr. Andrews, and then on Friday.



***'I pray that you will be rooted and established  
in love.'* Ephesians 3 verse 17.**



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## **Art & Design**

This term in art, we'll be exploring *colour*. We'll begin by learning about primary colours and discovering how to mix them to make secondary colours. The children will then create their own colour wheels to record what they've learned. We'll also look at how different artists use colour in their work and have a go at mixing and matching colours we can see in artworks. The children will experiment with different ways of applying paint and creating colour effects. By the end of the unit, they'll use their mixing skills to complete a final colour composition.

## **Homework**

Homework will continue to be set on Fridays and is due the following Wednesday. Regular reading is encouraged and reading books will be changed on a Thursday. If you have mislaid your reading diary, please let us know and we can replace it.

## **Keeping in Touch**

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me via the school office or catch me for a quick chat at drop-off or pick-up time.

I am looking forward to a fantastic term together.

**Kind Regards,**

Megan Ledbetter

Donaldson Class Teacher