

All children thrive in a culture where potential is limitless

YEAR 4



Loose

Primary School

newsletter

27TH FEBRUARY 2026

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT?

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful half term and have been delighted with the children's positive attitude on their return.

This term in Maths, we are continuing our learning on measuring length and perimeter. The children have been building their understanding of how to measure accurately using metres and centimetres, and applying this knowledge to calculate perimeter. We are particularly proud of the way they have developed their confidence when using mathematical vocabulary. Vocabulary such as length, width, perimeter, rectilinear shapes, and regular polygons are now being used more precisely in their explanations. As the term progresses, we will continue to practise and strengthen this mathematical language so that the children can clearly explain their reasoning and problem-solving strategies. Encouraging them to talk through their thinking remains a key focus of our learning.

This term in Literacy, we are writing portal stories. To begin our unit, we have read *Alice in Wonderland*, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. Over the next few weeks, we will be retelling the story to show their understanding of its structure and key features. The children have greatly enjoyed learning and using new descriptive vocabulary, and we have been focusing on choosing ambitious words to bring our writing to life. We will now move on to creating our own imaginative setting descriptions, building rich and vivid worlds for our portal stories.

In guided reading, we have begun our new book 'Tamarind and the Star of Ishta'. The children have greatly enjoyed the beginning of this story about a young girl's journey to learn about her Mum's family.

In Science, we have begun our new topic on digestion, starting this week with a focus on teeth. The children have learned the names and functions of the different types of teeth and how each one plays an important role in the digestive process. They had a fantastic time consolidating their learning by creating and performing their own raps about teeth. Such a wonderful way to combine the children's creativity with scientific understanding!

In P.E. this term, we are focusing on dance and netball. Please ensure that all children have their full school P.E. kit in school, including trainers, their house-coloured top, and black shorts or trousers. If your child has recently had their ears pierced and is unable to remove their earrings for P.E., please ensure they bring their own tape to cover them. Earring permission slips must also be completed and returned to the office.

COMING UP

2nd – 5th March – Book Fair

5th March – World Book Day

10th and 12th March – Parent's evening

REMINDERS

- Bring home learning books to school **every** day for communication and reading.
- Children should be reading for 20 minutes and going on TTRS for 10 minutes
- Children should be practicing spellings for 10 minutes which are should now be set as "assignments" on Spelling Shed.
- PE will be dance and netball this term.

• Trust • Compassion • Respect • Determination • Pride •