

EARLY YEARS NEWS

Loose Primary School

FEATURED THIS TIME:

A Long Time Ago...

World Book Day

Physical Development (PE)

Learning in Term 5



A LONG TIME AGO...

YR kicked off their learning this term with a dinosaur workshop. This immersive experience was a great hook into our 'A Long Time Ago' topic & sparked the children's curiosity. They became real mini palaeontologists for the morning, dusting for fossils and then met a 'real' baby T-Rex and a Triceratops! This exciting start set the tone for the rest of the learning this term. The children can name and tell us facts about all sorts of dinosaurs, have written fact-files about a variety of these amazing creatures and have kept a diary of what their cheeky class dinos have been getting up to! (Just ask them about Zac, Max or Rex!)

We also enjoyed seeing the children's baby photos, as we looked into our own life history.





'WORLD BOOK DAY'

We celebrated yet another fabulous World Book Day at Loose Primary School this year. The children looked amazing and we saw them all dressed as such a wide variety of book characters! Thank you to all of you for taking the time to organise fantastic costumes for your children. We took part in many exciting activities throughout the day, including a Costume Parade, reading with their Y6 buddies, creating class stories and writing about their own character. It was lovely to see so many of you go to the book trail around the school at the end of the day too.

FOREST FRIDAY

Our Forest Friday sessions have been full of springtime discovery as we have continued exploring the forest school environment this term. The children have been spotting exciting new signs of life, from budding leaves to fresh growth on the forest floor. We have spent time listening carefully for birdsong and identifying the sounds and sights of nature all around us. Inspired by what we see, the children have then created lovely sketches of the signs of spring. The warmer, drier weather has made our time outdoors even more enjoyable, encouraging curiosity and exploration. It has been a wonderful way to connect with nature as the season changes.

We are now looking forward to some warmer weather in Term 5 and observing the changes again as summer approaches.



EASTER SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS LOOSE

The children walked to the church with excitement to attend the Easter service today. In the days leading up to the service, we had spent time learning about the Easter story, gaining an understanding of its meaning and importance for Christians. We were so proud of all of our YR children as they sang beautifully together with the rest of the school. The children spoke their lines with confidence, showing how well they had prepared and how proud they felt to take part - with a perfectly timed "Hosanna!" from everyone at the end! Throughout the service, they sat with attentiveness, listening carefully and really demonstrating our school value of 'Respect'. Well done, YR!

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Next term, YR will be taking part in PE lessons for the first time. Each session will be based on the term's topic and will be themed around minibeasts.

Timetables for the whole school are being finalised and we will email you to confirm which day PE will be for your class. Please ensure that earrings are **removed** before your child comes to school on PE day.



PE kits should consist of:

- **Black shorts** (if the weather is chilly, black joggers/leggings may be worn)
- **T-shirt in child's house colour** (this was allocated when your child started school, but do ask if you've forgotten!)
- **Plimsolls or trainers** (velcro fastening please, no laces!)
- **Usual Loose jumper / cardigan**

LEARNING IN TERM 5

Our theme for next term is '**Wild World**' and our learning will be based around the core texts: 'Errol's Garden' by Gillian Hibbs, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle and 'Betsy Buglove Saves the Bees' by Catherine Jacob. The children will be learning about living things in the natural environment.

The story of 'Errol's Garden' leads beautifully into the children designing & carrying out a planting project of their own. If you have unwanted gardening equipment, we would really appreciate any donations! We particularly need trowels, plant boxes / planters, gardening gloves & watering cans. If you have gardening books / magazines, they would be handy too! If you have any seedlings (flowers, fruit or vegetables) that we could plant in school, we would love them also! Thank you.



WE WISH YOU A SAFE, HAPPY AND RELAXING EASTER BREAK AND LOOK FORWARD TO TERM 5 WITH YOUR CHILDREN



SNAPSHOTS FROM YR



