

# EARLY YEARS NEWS

Loose Primary School

## FEATURED THIS TIME:

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## A LONG TIME AGO...

During Term 4, the children have been learning about the past with a particular focus on dinosaurs. We haven't carried out learning through this topic before but, after seeing how interested in dinosaurs many of our children in Year R this year were, we decided that we just had to adapt our planning to allow for this! And it has been well worth it!

The children are now expert palaeontologists & can name and tell us facts about all sorts of dinosaurs. We have used some beautiful core texts to inspire learning and the children have produced some truly amazing writing. The topic ended this week with an incredible dinosaur workshop where we got to meet a baby dinosaur hatchling!







## '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! We'd like to say a big congratulations to **Theo** and **Savannah** in Pearl Class and **Robyn** in Crystal Class who won the costume parade.

The children took part in many exciting activities throughout the day, including a 'Masked Reader' game, book hunt, visiting the 'Reading Café' with their Year 6 buddies, welcoming a mystery reader to their class for story time and a great book trail after school for everyone to join with.

## NUMBOTS

All your children have been given login details to use an online maths learning platform called 'Numbots'. Those of you with older children at our school will be familiar with 'TT Rockstars' for times tables practice; the same company have created Numbots. Many children have enjoyed playing this game in school and at home. It is a great way to consolidate their learning in school. Please do encourage your children to use it.



## TERM 4 HIGHLIGHTS

Term 4 has brought many learning opportunities outside of our topic. The children have learnt about St David's Day, Shrove Tuesday, Lent, St Patrick's Day, Comic Relief and Easter. We have also immersed ourselves in 'British Science Week' in the middle of March; the children spent the week exploring, investigating,

hypothesising, testing & drawing conclusions whilst taking part in various interactive investigations and experiments.

We ended this term with three wonderful Easter services in All Saints Loose Church. We were very proud of our YR children who told the beginning of the Easter story.





## PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT (PD)

Next term, YR will be taking part in PE lessons for the first time! Our focus will be on 'ball skills' for this term. Each class will be having a focused PD day each week. Children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit on their class PD day. They will stay in their kit all day; therefore, you will not need to send a kit to keep in school. Please ensure that earrings are **not** worn in school on your child's PD day.

### PD days will be:

- Monday - Pearl Class
- Tuesday - Opal Class
- Thursday - Crystal Class

### 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 'Yucky Worms' by Vivian French. 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!



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





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# SNAPSHOTS FROM YR





