



St. Leonard's CE (A) First School Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023

'From a tiny spark to a bright flame'



'In him was life; and life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness'. (John 1:4-5)

Executive Headteacher of St Leonard's CE (A) First School / Executive Principal of Manifold C of E Academy: Mrs Kelly Stanesby Chair of Governors: Mrs Sue Hey and Rev Jane Held: Designated safeguarding lead: Mrs Kelly Stanesby, Deputy safeguarding leads: Mrs Julie Amos and Miss Torr

Monday 23 rd October 2023	Full uniform
Tuesday 24 th October 2023	Full uniform Reception weight and height checks
Wednesday 25 th October 2023 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday PE kit 9.30am - Mrs Stanesby and Mrs Belfield - Water safety training
Thursday 26 th October 2023	Full uniform Whole school trip to The Open Centre - Faith Trail
Friday 27 th October 2023	PE kit Celebration assembly at Ipstones Methodist Chapel, parent invited. Tea and cake reading award Break up for half term

Your lunch menu for the 23rd October 2023 - 27th October 2023

Monday 23 rd October 2023	Tuesday 24 th October 2023	Wednesday 25 th October 2023	Thursday 26 th October 2023	Friday 27 th October 2023
Vegetable lasagne rainbow vegetables	Chicken and rice, sweetcorn and green beans.	Roast of the day, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and cabbage	Whole school trip to The Open Centre	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
Ice cream	Shortbread	Jelly		Chocolate shortbread

Star Awards



Congratulations are sent out to the following children who won Star Award's this week:

Headteacher Award	Eleanor F
Star of the Week Sparks	Lilly E
Star of the Week Flickers	Jacob
Star of the week Flames	Harriet
Spark to a flame Sparks Class	Autumn
Spark to a flame Flickers Class	Ezme
Spark to a flame Flames Class	Corah-Rae
Mrs Amos award	Elijah
Cook's Award	Elijah
PE Award	Taya, Rosanna, Dottie, Nina, Annie, Lilly, Corah-Rae, Sophie F, Eleanor B, Jacob

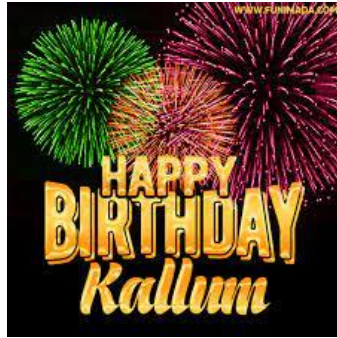
Parents are invited to join us on Friday 27th October for the celebration assembly at the chapel next door to school. The assembly will be at 9.15am. All welcome!



Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to Kallum who celebrates his birthday next week.

Have a great day Kallum.



Well Done

Sam has been very busy helping his family on the farm. They have had a new arrival on the farm who needed help with his feeding.

"Sharp Boy", who was named by Sam, has been bottle fed to help build up his strength as his mum was struggling to feed her baby!

As this term's learning quest is farming we thought we would share these pictures with you!



Well done also to Olivia who has earned her green Blue Peter badge. Olivia made bird feeders and put them in the garden for the birds to enjoy.



History

In History this week Flickers class have been introduced to some artefacts that would have been used in Farming times.

Mrs Goldstraw bought in to school a very special item that she has at home to show the children.

It was a very old spinning wheel!

There was also a special spinning chair and sheep fleeces.

The children asked many questions about all the artefacts such as

"Why is it wooden?", "Why does it spin?", "Why does the fleece smell?" "Why is the wool fluffy?", "Why does the chair have a loveheart and a flower on it?".

Mrs Goldstraw demonstrated spinning and the children tested the strength of the yarn once spun realising that it was a lot stronger than before and that this is how clothes and materials was made in the olden days!



National sleep helpline



the national sleep helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?
Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

the national sleep helpline

50%

Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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the sleep charity

Furniture Village

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Communication

Please could we ask that if you need to contact the school you use email rather than the school social media page.

This channel of communication is not secure and it is also very easy for messages to be missed, especially if messages are sent out of school hours.

You can contact Mrs Amos in the office via

office@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk

and she will ensure messages are passed on. Alternatively you can contact your child's teacher via Seesaw or;

l.milward@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk

R.appiah@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk

a.torr@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk

Mrs Crooks should be contacted for wraparound care queries on

Crook.E@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk

Or call the school on 01538 266292.

Dress in blue

Thank you to everyone who donated to dress in blue on Friday and who has sponsored the bike ride on Sunday.

Good luck to Eleanor, Jacob, Ezme, Kallum, Zara, Olivia and James who be undertaking the 16 mile challenge.

We wish you the best of luck!

A special thank you to Eleanor and her family who have organised the event to raise money for Parkinson's UK and for our school.



Invitation to celebration assembly, Friday 27th October

On Friday mornings we visit the Methodist chapel, next door to the school, for our celebration assembly.

Each week the teachers choose their "Star of the week" and a "Spark to a flame."

There is a headteacher's award for children who have especially impressed Mrs Stanesby, a cook's award from Mrs Barks for those who has done really well eating their lunches and a Mrs Amos award for children that have lived the values of the school and done something fabulous! Mr Walker also chooses his PE stars of the week.

The children sing hymns and they are chosen at the end of the assembly to share a prayer, which they compose themselves, with their peers.

We would love to share this with you. Therefore, you are invited to the chapel on Friday 27th October at 9.15am.



Height and Weight checks of Reception children as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)

As in previous years the Families' Health and Wellbeing service has been commissioned by Staffordshire County Council to deliver the National Child Measurement Programme.

The Families' Health and Wellbeing team will be visiting the school on Tuesday 24th October 2023 to complete the height and weight measurements on your child's class. The checks will be carried out sensitively and in line with the school and local authority's safety control measures. The team will have records of those who have opted out. The leaflet link below provide further information regarding the programme.

[NCMP Pre-measurement Leaflet for Parents. School height and weight measurements \(mpft.nhs.uk\)](https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/ncmp-pre-measurement-leaflet-for-parents-school-height-and-weight-measurements)

We thank you in anticipation of your support with the programme.



New menu

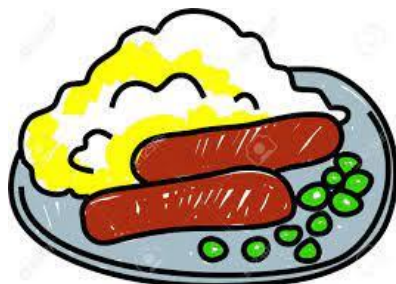
Our new catering providers, Edwards and Ward, have listened to our feedback about their menu and made some amendments. Bangers and mash and beef bolognese are back! Hurrah. So, after half term this will be our new menu starting at week 1 and rotating every three weeks.

Bespoke menus for allergens should be received next week and sent out to parents.

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	<p>Mac & Cheese (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p>	<p>Pork or Chicken Sausages with Mash & Gravy Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p>	<p>Pizza Mac & Cheese (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p>
TUESDAY	<p>Mild & Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (Wg) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn & Peppers, Cauliflower Apple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p>	<p>Chicken Paella (Wg) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn, Green Beans Apple & Pear Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p>	<p>Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn, Green Beans Peach & Pineapple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p>
WEDNESDAY	<p>Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Broccoli, Sliced Carrot Strawberry Jelly & Peaches (Ve)</p>	<p>Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Cauliflower, Carrot Batons Orange Jelly & Mandarins (Ve)</p>	<p>Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Cabbage, Sliced Carrot Strawberry Jelly & Pineapple (Ve)</p>
THURSDAY	<p>Penne with Chicken Meatballs in Classic Tomato Sauce (Wg) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Green Beans, Swede Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V)</p>	<p>Penne with Beef Bolognese (Wg) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Cabbage, Garden Peas Banana Custard (V)</p>	<p>Chicken, Broccoli & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (Wg) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Swede, Shredded Carrots Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)</p>
FRIDAY	<p>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Flapjack (Ve)</p>	<p>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)</p>	<p>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Iced Shortbread (Ve)</p>
	6/11/23, 27/11/23, 18/12/23, 8/1/24, 29/1/24, 19/2/24, 11/3/24	13/11/23, 4/12/23, 25/12/23, 15/1/24, 5/2/24, 26/2/24, 18/3/24	30/10/23, 20/11/23, 11/12/23, 1/1/24, 22/1/24, 12/2/24, 4/3/24, 25/3/24

V - Vegetarian, Ve - Vegan, Wg - Wholegrain

Freshly baked bread, fresh fruit, yoghurts and fresh drinking water available daily



The Open Centre - Faith Trail

Please could all payments be made for the trip via Parentpay by Monday 23rd October at the latest.

The cost is £6.70.

Don't forget also to send in your child with a headscarf or covering for them to use in certain places of worship.

They will need a packed lunch from home if you haven't ordered one from school.

Please can all children be in school by 8.40am as the coach is leaving at 8.45am.

Thank you.



Attendance



Attendance target - 96%

This week's attendance - 99%

Please remember to let the school know before 9.00am if your child will be absent from school.

If your child has suffered from sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must remain absent from school for 48 hours after the last time they were sick or had diarrhoea.

Wherever possible please try to arrange dentist and doctors' appointments out of school hours. We appreciate this is not always possible but it does affect your child's attendance.

Weekly attendance reports are produced and any persistent absences or a low attendance rate will result in communication from the school to ensure all is well and offer any assistance if required.

Thank you.

The Potteries gallery and art museum

The Eerie-on-Sea Monster Museum Trail

The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery

This October half term search for strange creatures and spooky spectres in the Eerie-on-Sea Monster Museum tour!

Can you spot all the monsters of the mysterious seaside town of Eerie-on-Sea at your local museum? Complete the trail and get a free Eerie-on-Sea bookmark and sticker!

You can also enter the national grand prize draw competition!

Share your mythical monster drawing from the activity sheet on Twitter/X or Instagram including the hashtag #EerieMonsterMuseumTour and tagging us @kidsinmuseums for a chance to win a bundle of all five books in the Eerie-on-Sea Mysteries series. The competition closes on Sunday 5 November 2023.



The Big Question!

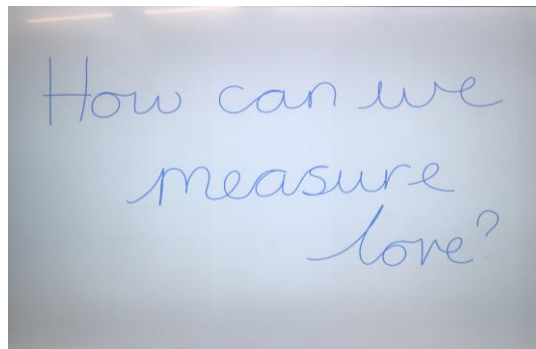
In Thursday's assembly The Big Question was:

"How can we measure love?"



The children spoke about how actions speak louder than words and we should show people we care by doing nice things for them and things that make them happy.

They also said that you should show someone you love respect and spend time together.



Ipstones wildlife event



MAYFAIR AVENUE
Ipstones 'Open Space' Wildlife Event

Saturday 28th October 2023
Mayfair Avenue ST10 2QE
11.00am – 2.00pm on the 'Open Space'

There will be:

- Demonstrations of Basket Weaving
- Bug Hotel Making
- Free Bird Box kits (limited numbers)
- Bird and Wildlife Box Plans
- Information Stands from Staffordshire Wildlife, RSPB etc.
- Various Information Leaflets
- Light Refreshments

All Welcome
An opportunity to see how you can help increase the biodiversity of our parish

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Parent's Consultation Evening

The date for the parent's consultation evening has been confirmed as Tuesday 7th November 2023 from 3.30pm until 6.30pm.

Fifteen minute appointment slots are available to book online via the school website,

<https://www.stleonardsfirstschoolipstones.com/book-online>

This is under the "Parents" tab on the front page and "Book online" in the drop down list.

If you cannot make any appointments on the day please let Mrs Amos know and the teachers will endeavour to meet another time to discuss your child's progress.



School Age Immunisation Service Community Flu Catch Up Vaccination Clinics

The School Age Immunisation Service has recently visited our school to offer school aged children the flu vaccination. If your child has not received their flu vaccination either in school or from their GP surgery you can now book your child into one of the School Age Immunisation Service's community flu vaccination clinics.

The clinics and dates up to 9th December are listed below -

Saturday 21st October	Burton Fire Station	9.30am-3pm
Saturday 21st October	Sandyford Fire Station	9.30am-3pm
Monday 30th October	Rugeley Fire Station	9.30am-3pm
Monday 30th October	Trentside Clinic, Stone	9.30am-3pm
Tuesday 31st October	Tamworth Rugby Club	9.30am-3pm
Tuesday 31st October	Uttoxeter Library	9.30am-3pm
Wednesday 1st November	Longton Health Centre	9.30am-3pm
Wednesday 1st November	Rising Brook Surgery Stafford	08:30 -3.30pm
Thursday 2nd November	Smallthorne Health Centre	9.30am-3pm
Thursday 2nd November	Wombourne Clinic	9.30am-3pm
Friday 3rd November	Leek Moorlands Hospital	9.30am-3pm
Friday 3rd November	Cannock Fire Station	9.30am - 3pm
Saturday 11th November	Lichfield Fire Station	9.30am-3pm
Tuesday 14th November	Rising Brook	3pm-6pm
Saturday 25th November	Rugeley FS	9.30am-3pm
Saturday 25th November	LMH - Room 5	9am-3.30pm
Saturday 9th December	Barton FS	9.30am-3pm
Saturday 9th December	Sandyford	9.30am-3pm

****The clinics are appointment only and are not able to support drop ins.****

Please call 0300 124 0366 to book an appointment or with any enquires regarding your child's flu vaccination.



A special visitor

To enrich this terms' farming learning quest the children had a special visit from Farmer Sam on his tractor on Wednesday. All the children took turns in sitting in the tractor and they asked Farmer Sam questions about why the tractor had such big wheels? What jobs it did on the farm and why did it have a radio!?

They compared what tractors looked like in the past to this present day tractor.

Thank you so much to Farmer Sam for bringing the tractor to show the children.



YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube, offering a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment which is suitable for young children. The app is easily accessible and can be downloaded for phones and tablets without needing the YouTube app to be installed on the device already. Although YouTube Kids is obviously intended to be (and mainly succeeds in being) an extremely child-friendly platform, it has still raised concerns over its advertising policy as well as inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

In the guide, you'll find tips such as disabling the search option, restricting viewing time and monitoring the watch history.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.



- 1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.
- 2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.
- 3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.
- 4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.
- 5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

<h3>REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS</h3> <p>Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.</p>	<h3>BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT</h3> <p>YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.</p>	<h3>DISABLE SEARCH OPTION</h3> <p>YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.</p>
<h3>RESTRICT VIEWING TIME</h3> <p>The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.</p>	<h3>MONITOR WATCH HISTORY</h3> <p>YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.</p>	<h3>WATCH TOGETHER</h3> <p>It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.</p>

Meet Our Expert
Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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Dates for the diary

Tuesday 24th October - Reception Height and Weight checks

Thursday 26th October - The Derby Faith Trail

Friday 27th October - 9.15am - Parents invited to Celebration Assembly at Ipstones Methodist chapel.

Tuesday 7th November - Parents' Evening

Friday 10th November 10.00am - Remembrance service

Friday 17th November - Dress down for Children In Need

Friday 24th November - 2.00pm - Advent service

Friday 24th November - Ipstones Lights Night

Friday 1st December - Christmas trip to The New Vic Theatre to watch The Nutcracker

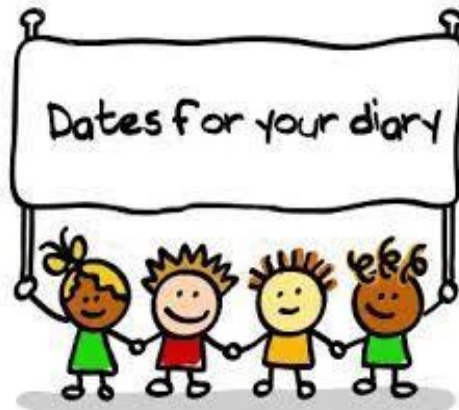
Thursday 7th December - Christmas show at The Memorial Hall

Thursday 14th December - Christmas trip to the National Adventure Farm

Friday 22nd December - 9.15am - Christingle service

More dates and confirmation to follow.

Dates may change.



2023 - 2024 Term dates

Autumn Term 2023

Inset day: Monday 4 September and Tuesday 5 September

Term starts: Wednesday 6 September

Holiday: Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November

Inset day: Monday 6th November

Term ends: Friday 22 December

Holiday: Monday 25 December - Friday 5 January

Spring Term 2024

Inset Day : Monday 8 January

Term Starts: Tuesday 9 January

Holiday: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Term Ends: Friday 22 March

Holiday: Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 31 March

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 April

May Day: Monday 6 May

Holiday: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Term Ends: Friday 19th July

Holiday: Tuesday 23 July – Friday 30 August

Sparks

This week Sparks made scrambled eggs!

They all took turns to crack the eggs in to the bowls (being careful not to drop any shell in) then they all whisked the mixtue. Miss Milward cooked the eggs and they all they all tasted their dish! They really enjoyed it and ate it all! Mr Brightman even had a nibble and said it was the best scrambled egg he'd ever tasted!



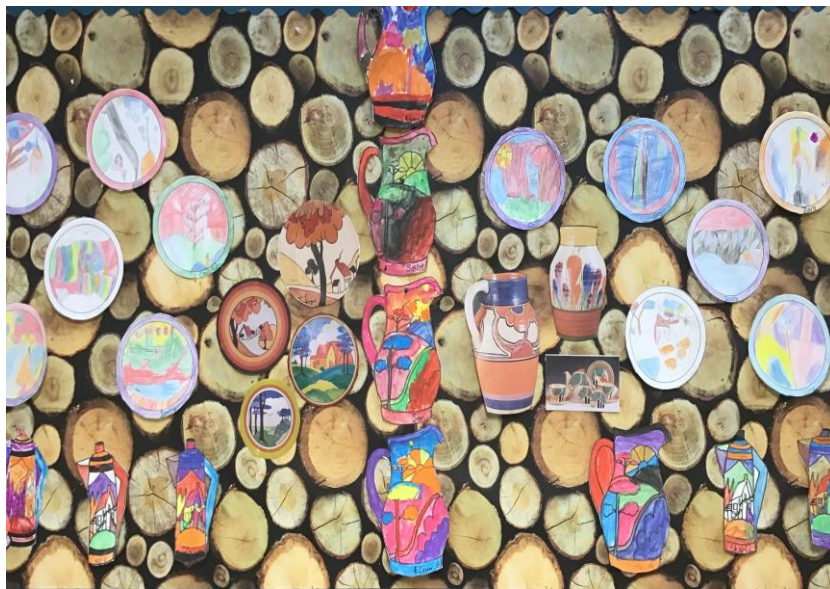
Flickers

Flickers class went on a fungi hunt on Welly Wednesday. They spotted a brain fungus, a shaggy ink cap on a tree trunk and in the field.

They finished their Clarice Cliffe inspired vases and Mrs Goldstraw made a lovely display with them.

They have practised their split diagraphs by adding letters to the end of words to make different words.

As some of Flickers class live on farms they also loved sitting on the tractor!



Flames

Flames class joined Flickers on their fungi hunt on Wednesday. They learned that mushrooms are nature's unsung caretakers and are immensely important to the ecosystem of our planet. Mushrooms and fungi are super recyclers, breaking down waste and returning it to the earth. Plants rely on fungi to provide valuable nutrients to the soil that can be taken up by their roots. Many animals rely partially or fully on fungi as a food source.

They can also be used as medicine and that some are poisonous, and they should not touch them.

They learned that Mushrooms also come in a variety of beautiful shapes, colours and sizes.

They searched for them on tree trunks, in bushes and under leaves on the ground. How lucky we are to have so much nature on our door step.

