

Super Star Readers!



To promote our love of reading for pleasure at Lighthorne Heath, we are celebrating our fantastic home readers. Regular reading at home is one of the most valuable things you can do to support your child's progress. Each Friday, as part of celebration assembly, a superstar reader will be selected to take home our reading sack. The sack contains a story-loving furry companion, hot chocolate, biscuits and an age appropriate story to be enjoyed over the weekend. Every child who has had their reading diary signed at least 3 times during the week, will be eligible to be selected to receive the reading sack. We were delighted to award our reading star sack to **Jessica the week before half term** to celebrate all the valuable home reading that takes place outside of school. This week's Super Star Reader is **Eva**. Keep recording your reading in your diary and it could be you next week!



Nursery & Reception

Long Ago

In the Long Ago project your child will learn about their history and how they have changed from when they were babies. They will learn about their family history and heritage and find out what life was like when their grandparents were children. They will learn about what it was like to go to school in the past and how everyday objects, such as clothes, toys and vehicles have changed.

Supporting your child at home

Look at photographs of the children as babies and discuss how they have grown and changed.

Look at family photographs so the children can see family members when they were children.

Talk about what your life was like when you were a child.

Share and discuss the [Did you know?](#) resource.

Bright Lights, Big City Year 1/2/3



Hop on board a big, red bus and head for England's capital. Yes, that's right, we're on our way to London! This half term, we'll take tea with the Queen and visit Buckingham Palace online. Using maps and research, we'll locate Buckingham Palace, understand compass directions, plan routes around London and learn about the countries of the United Kingdom. Our research will take us back in time to the Great Fire of London and to famous London landmarks, as well as giving us an understanding of what it's like to live in a big city. We'll Skype a school in a city far away, write adventure stories, take a virtual trip to London Zoo and make souvenirs for tourists.

At the end of our project, we'll share our skills and knowledge with you. Our class will tell well-known stories about London, make a stop-motion animation and share traditional British songs and nursery rhymes.

Help your child prepare for their project

Cities are exciting places. Why not visit a local city to spot interesting vehicles, buildings and landmarks? Alternatively, you could search the web for images, information and film clips about London and keep a scrap-book of your findings. You could also visit the local library to see if you can find some colourful books of nursery rhymes and traditional songs to enjoy together.

Darwin's Delights

Year 4/5/6



Ship ahoy! We're off on an exciting journey with Charles Darwin and his crew on the HMS *Beagle*. During this half term, we're going to investigate a range of animal specimens, describing the characteristics of the creatures, and labelling their body parts using software. We'll use a range of non-fiction books to investigate adaptation, natural selection, variation and inheritance. After examining letters and journal entries written by Darwin, we'll write our own examples. We'll collect natural items and discover what plants live around our school. We'll retrace Darwin's steps using maps and create sketchbooks to record the plants, flowers and trees we encounter. Using maps and globes, we'll plan an expedition. What will the weather be like and what physical and man-made features might we encounter?

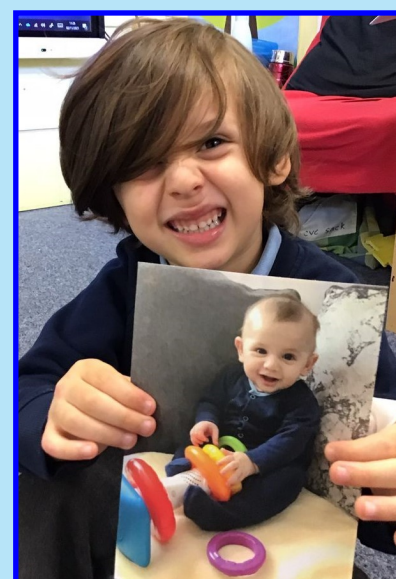
At the end of the ILP, we'll think about why the Galapagos Islands developed such diverse animal life, and why they might be under threat. We'll also think about what Darwin would have worked on if he were alive today. How would he use our technology?

Help your child prepare for their project

Charles Darwin was a world-renowned naturalist, geologist and physicist, and we're going to follow in his footsteps. Why not collect samples of plant life from your garden and see if you can identify them? You could make detailed sketches of the plants you find, just like Darwin. Alternatively, visit a museum that has fossils on display. What can you learn about the animals from which they were formed?

Nursery and Reception Long Ago

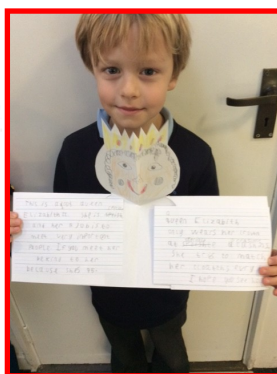
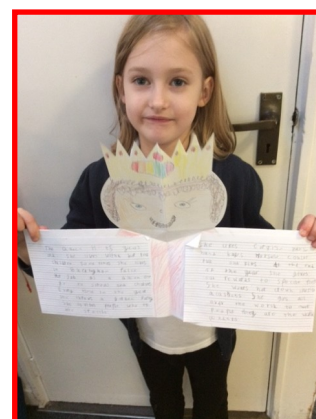
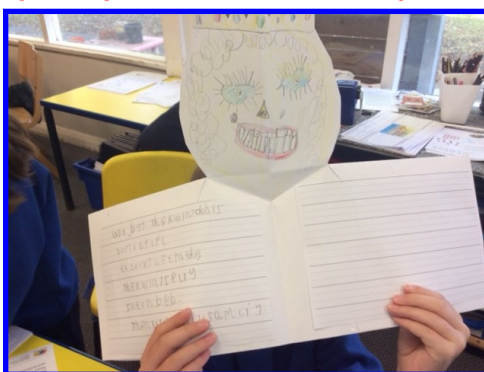
This week we have started our new topic called 'Long Ago'. We have started to develop our understanding of the past by learning that this could mean things that happened earlier in the day, yesterday, last year or a long time ago before we were even born! The children looked at some objects that have changed over time and had a go at deciding which were modern, old or antiques. It was really tricky, but everyone had great ideas to contribute which helped us to decide in the end. We also had fun looking through photos of babies and were delighted to discover that they the children's own baby photos. As part of this we talked about the children had changed since they were babies.



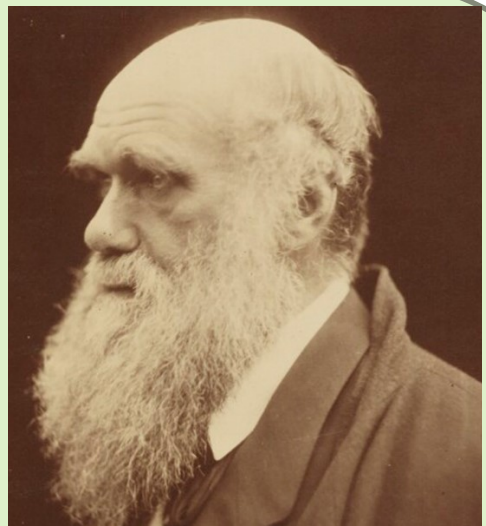
Year 1/2/3 Bright Lights, Big City



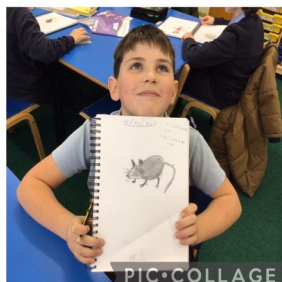
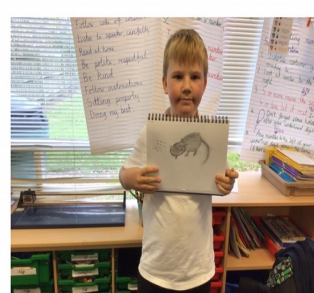
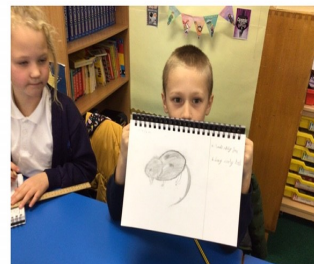
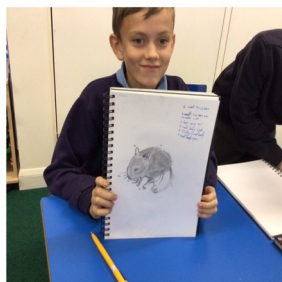
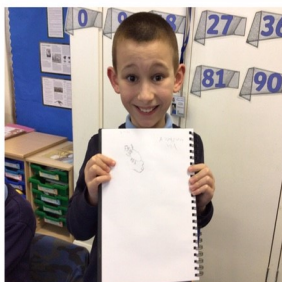
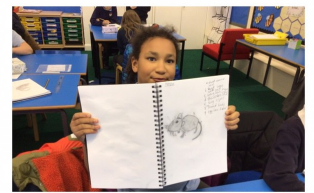
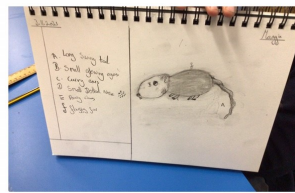
This week we have launched our new topic 'Bright Lights, Big City' by finding out about The Queen. The children were given an envelope with a mystery person to identify. They worked in teams to build the puzzle in order to reveal the identity of the royal guest. The children talked about what they knew about the Queen before finding out further information using video clips and shared reading. They recorded facts they had learned about Queen Elizabeth in pop-up books and illustrated these too, taking care to present their work neatly, using their best handwriting.



Year 4/5/6 Darwin's Delights



Here are some pictures of the wonderful art-work that class 4,5,6 completed as part of their topic work on Darwin's Delights. They looked at the secret notebooks of Darwin and saw how he recorded and labelled the creatures he saw. They replicated that in their own scientific drawings of a mouse. The children concentrated hard on their work, which meant they were proud of the results achieved.



Year 5/6 Peer Mediation



Peer mediation is conflict resolution for young people by young people, typically in an educational setting. Peer Mediators are trained in the process and skills needed to mediate between two parties neutrally. Peer mediators work in hundreds of primary and secondary schools in the United Kingdom and around the world.



The children in years 5 and 6 took part in the Peer Mediation training earlier this week, led by specialist, Peter Timms. The training taught the children various techniques to help other pupils resolve any difficulties or disagreements they may have at break and lunch times. The children are looking forward to putting these skills to use in the playground, and really enjoyed working through Mr Timms' activities together.



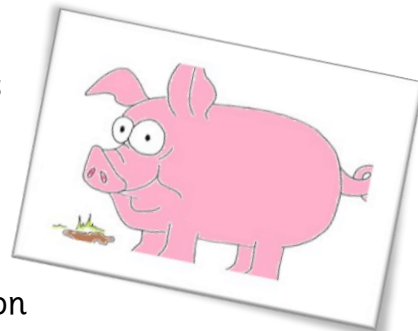
Lighthorne Heath Learning Heroes

Nursery and Reception

Mrs Hartley and Mrs Manley's class hero this week is Elizabeth. We have chosen Elizabeth because she always enjoys her learning and listens to instructions. This week she has chosen to stay and join in with some of the Reception's phonic session and she made a beautiful glittery firework picture. Well done Elizabeth!



Co-operate



Have a go



Persevere

Year 1/2/3

Our hero for this week is Teodora for showing kindness towards others in the classroom. She displayed a mature attitude when she was able to put others feelings before her own and displayed great listening skills when working with her talk partner this week. She has also been extremely helpful, offering to tidy, sharpen pencils and to give out resources. Thank you Teodora, keep shining!



Concentrate

Year 4/5/6

Mrs Cox's Lighthorne Heroes this week is Jonah. He has concentrated hard on his work this week, particularly on our scientific drawing activities. He paid careful attention to the characteristics of animals and as a result he was able to draw a brilliant Lava Lizard. Keep being curious and enjoying your learning Jonah!



Be curious



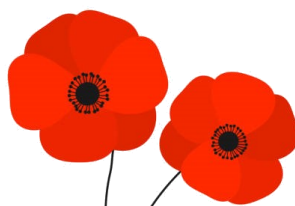
Keep on improving



Use your imagination



Enjoy



Other Information

Thursday 11th November 2021	Individual Pupil Photographs
Thursday 25th November 2021	Year 2 and Year 3 Theatre Trip to The Belgrade to see 'Beauty and the Beast' pantomime 10.15am
Friday 26th November 2021	MUFTI (non uniform) Day—bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes to school. All donations to School Fund.
Wednesday 8th December 2021	Whole School Silent Disco (details to follow soon)
Thursday 9th December 2021	Whole School Christmas Performance 'Supersonic Lamb' and refreshments 2.00pm
Monday 13th December 2021	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 14th December 2021	Year 5 and 6 Theatre Visit to the Royal Shakespeare Company to see 'The Magician's Elephant' at 7.15pm
Thursday 16th December 2021	Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Visit to Warwick Arts Centre to see 'The Very Hungry Christmas Caterpillar' at 1.30pm
Friday 17th December 2021	MUFTI Day—bring 50p to wear a festive outfit.
Friday 17th December 2021	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 20th December—Friday 31st December School Closed for Christmas holiday	
Monday 3rd January 2022 school closed for Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 4th January 2022 school closed for in-service (teacher) training	
School re-opens on Wednesday 5th January 2022	
Thursday 10th March 2022	School Nurse Annual Health Needs Assessment Year 6
Thursday 10th March 2022	School Nurse National Child Measurement Programme Year 6 and Reception

With best wishes from Mrs Westwood and all the staff at Lighthorne Heath.



MHST tips for wellness

Laughter

This week's theme is Laughter.

Laughing is natural for us, even as babies. Everyone has people, memories, or even films that make them laugh. Laughing can actually improve our memory, sleep and stress levels. When was the last time you had a really good laugh?

Try one, or both, of the below activities throughout this week.

- 1) Find someone who you find funny and prepare to get silly. Together find out who can pull the silliest face, do the silliest dance or put on the silliest voice.
- 2) Do you have a favourite video, photo, movie that never fails to make you laugh? Share it with a friend and see if their share makes you laugh!

The Mental Health in Schools Team provides support to students and schools. We are available during term time and school holidays. Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead, or your Education Mental Health Practitioner for information and advice.

Useful dates for November:

2nd-5th International Stress Awareness Week
3rd National Stress Awareness Day

LATENESS

What this means for your child...

Bad start to the day
Missed Information
Different from Peers
Am I in Trouble?
Feel Responsible

Confusion
Anxiety
Worry
Upset
Embarrassment



**BE SURE TO GET INTO
SCHOOL ON TIME!**

**Our school day starts at
8.55am**

- * 5 minutes lateness per day = up to 1 whole DAY missed every TERM.
- * 15 minutes lateness per day = 2 whole WEEKS missed every YEAR.
- * 50 minutes late once a week = 1 whole DAY missed EVERY HALF Term
- * 50 minutes late ONCE a week = 1 whole WEEK missed every YEAR.
- * 50 minutes late every week = 90% attendance over a year.

Do you need help to access food and manage your money?

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship

Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme helps the most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help.

It also administers the Household Support Fund, which provides one-off financial support for people in need as the country continues its recovery from the pandemic. It can help families with children, other vulnerable households and individuals facing hardship this winter, to ensure that they have the support they need to afford food, energy, water bills and associated costs. To enquire or apply call the Local Welfare Scheme.

Visit: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/
localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)

Call: 0800 408 1448
or 01926 359182



Debt and benefits

Citizens Advice provides free, confidential, impartial and independent advice on a range of subjects, including benefits, debt, money management, consumer rights, employment and more.

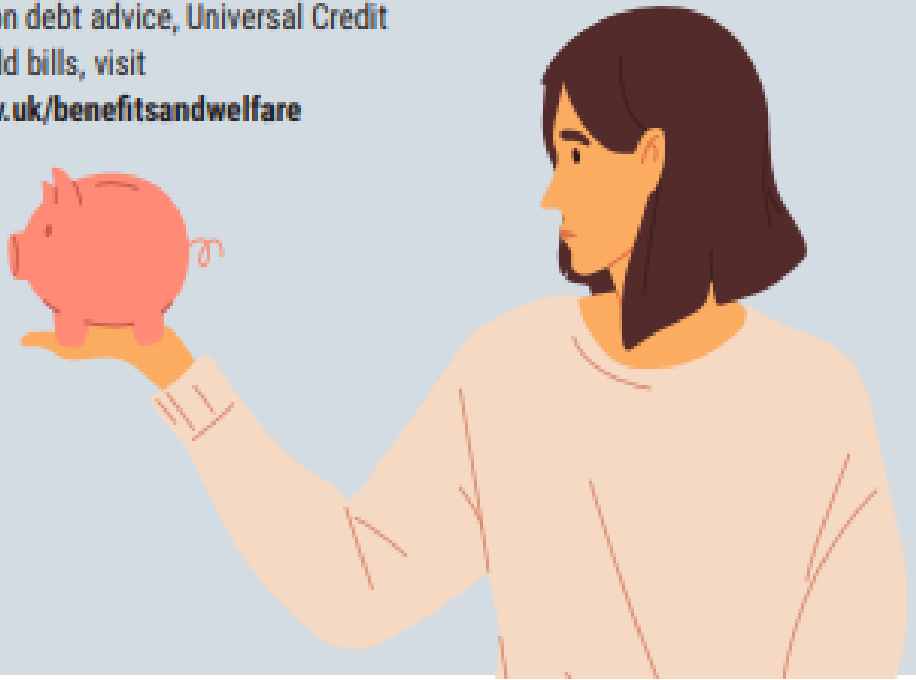
Call **0800 144 8848** or visit the website for your area:

Bedworth, Rugby and Nuneaton: www.brancab.org.uk

North Warwickshire: www.nwcab.org.uk

South Warwickshire: www.casouthwarwickshire.org.uk

For more information on debt advice, Universal Credit and help with household bills, visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/benefitsandwelfare



Housing advice and support

Contact your local district or borough council:

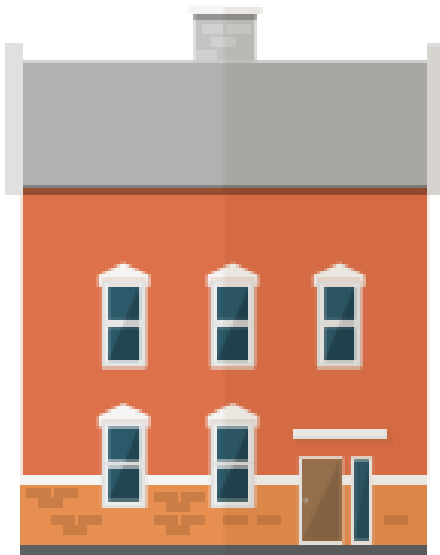
North Warwickshire Borough Council
www.northwarks.gov.uk Tel: **01827 715341**

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk Tel: **02476 376376**

Rugby Borough Council www.rugby.gov.uk Tel: **01788 533533**

Stratford-on-Avon District Council www.stratford.gov.uk
Tel: **01789 267575**.

Warwick District Council www.warwickdc.gov.uk
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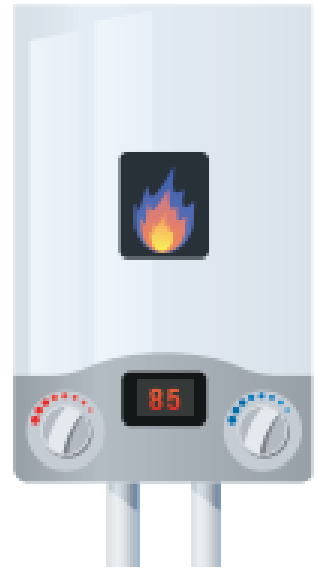


Help with household costs

If you are struggling to pay bills or manage energy debt, call the Act On Energy helpline on 0800 988 2881 or visit www.actonenergy.org.uk for advice.

Other support is available from:

- Affordable Warmth Grants www.affordablewarmthgrants.co.uk
- British Gas Energy Trust www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk
- Council Tax Benefit www.gov.uk/council-tax-benefit
- Housing benefit www.gov.uk/housing-benefit
- Warm Home Discount Scheme
www.gov.uk/warm-home-discount-scheme



Pandemic support in your local area

Find information about local organisations, groups and agencies that provide activities, advice, services and support during the COVID-19 pandemic at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronavirusdirectory

Call **01926 410410** for help if you don't know where to turn and are in need of financial or emotional support.



Help for families

The Family Information Service is a one-stop shop for Warwickshire families looking for information, advice and one-to-one support on all family matters such as childcare, relationships, health, finance and special educational needs and disabilities.

Go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis or call **01926 742274**

Food supply help and advice

For a range of food solutions for people who may be isolated, vulnerable or in financial crisis visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/foodsupport

Foodbanks in Warwickshire

Food support if you are in financial difficulty. If you need a food parcel because you're unable to afford food, contact your local food bank. Find details at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/foodbanks

Free school meals

Low-income families whose children are eligible for free school meals will be offered meals for those children by their schools, during term time.
Apply at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship

GO GO Makers

OH WHAT FUN!

CHRISTMAS CAMP

SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN AGED
4-11
YEARS OLD

Looking for something fun & exciting to do during the Christmas break for your child?

OOOODLES OF FESTIVE FUN!

CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR ACTIVITIES!!!
THE TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES CAN VARY AT ANYTIME

- CHRISTMAS MUSICAL THEATRE
- BISCUIT DECORATING
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- CAROL SINGING
- DANCE
- FUN SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS
- XMAS GAMES
- REINDEER FOOD
- XMAS MOVIES & POPCORN

FROM MONDAY 20th - THURSDAY 23th
DECEMBER

Our GO GO Makers Elfs have so much joy up their sleeves this year, a sack full of fun, soooo big even Santa is envious! We'll have your little angels beaming by the time you pick them up!



CHRISTMAS PRICE & TIMES

UNFORTUNATELY WE'RE NOT OFFERING OUR USUAL EXTENDED TIMES FOR THIS PERIOD

STANDARD DAY PACKAGE
9AM - 3.30PM

ALL CHILDREN TO BRING
OWN PACK LUNCH
(Please provide two snacks & a drink)

£25.95

PICK YOUR VENUE

KINGSLEY PREP SCHOOL

Beauchamp Avenue, Leamington Spa, CV32 5RD

20TH - 23RD DECEMBER

PRIORS FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Clinton Lane, Kenilworth, CV8 1BA

20TH - 23RD DECEMBER

NEW! HEATHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Vickers Way, Warwick, CV34 7AP

20TH - 23RD DECEMBER

FOR MORE INFORMATION

W: www.gogomakers.co.uk

E: hello@gogomakers.co.uk

T: 01926 935377

We LOVE GO GO Makers! My son is always so happy and excited to go. The variety of activities on offer are fantastic and he raves about the team! The little touches like the certificates are a huge booster for him. Highly recommend to anyone!

Mum, Amy



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REGISTERED AND "GOOD"



WE ACCEPT
CHILDCARE VOUCHERS



ACCOMMODATE
RECEPTION CHILDREN ALL DAY

Inspiring young minds to think BIG!



RATED 5 STARS ON GOOGLE

Christmas



Reception and Year 1

The Very Hungry Christmas Caterpillar

At Warwick Arts Centre

On Thursday 16th December at 1.30pm

Children will eat their lunch at school and then travel by coach to Warwick Arts Centre. The children should be back in school by the end of the school day at 3pm.

The cost of this visit is £12.95 per child

Please note that school is significantly subsidising the cost of the trip and meeting the costs for all adults. Payment can be made in instalments via Parent Pay.



Years 4, 5 and 6

The Magician's Elephant

At the Royal Shakespeare Company

On Tuesday 14th December at 7.15pm

Children will go home at the end of the school day for their dinner and then return to school at 5.45pm, for departure by coach to Stratford-upon-Avon. The show will finish late (approximately 10pm) so children will be allowed to come into school a little later on 15th (details to follow nearer the time).

The cost of this visit is £16.50 per child

Please note that school is significantly subsidising the cost of the trip and meeting the costs for all adults. Payment can be made in instalments via Parent Pay.



Christmas

Years 2 and 3

Beauty and the Beast

At The Belgrade Theatre

This year The Belgrade presents the enchanting tale of **Beauty and the Beast**. One of the most popular panto titles ever, this long awaited production will be extra special and guaranteed to bring a touch of magic, mayhem and monstrous fun to your festive celebrations.

Things are looking bleak for beautiful Belle! Kidnapped by the beast, she is locked away in a castle with little hope of escape. But unbeknownst to her, the beast is actually a handsome prince under the curse of an evil enchantress. Only by changing his selfish ways and finding true love can he ever hope to break the spell.

Will the Beast change his ways in time? And will Belle ever get back home? There's only one way to find out!

On Thursday 25th November at 10.15am

Children will travel to Coventry by coach, and have a slightly later packed lunch (snacks will be provided at the theatre by school). The children will be back in school by the end of the school day at 3pm.



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