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Phonics and SPaG Curriculum Workshop

This week saw the start of our Little Reddings Parent Workshops. Parents joined their children for workshops on phonics in Key Stage 1 and the Foundation Stage. In Key Stage 2 our class teachers shared the expectations of the new 'SPaG' (Spelling, punctuation and grammar) curriculum.

The purpose of our workshops are to show parents how children learn in school and to give an idea of how children's' learning can be supported at home.



Up and coming parent workshop dates are as follows:

08/02/16 - *How can technology support home learning?*

29/02/16 - *Supporting numeracy.*

21/03/16 - *Supporting writing through speaking and listening.*

18/04/16 - *Health and sport.*

23/05/16 - *Reading and book sale.*

20/06/16 - *Sports week for parental engagement.*

If you missed our sessions, all our presentations are available on our school website within the Parents section. In there you will find a new area entitled 'How does my child learn?' Please let us know if there are any workshops that would be of use to you.

Parking

Please be considerate of the local community when parking before and after school. Private Property is just that! Some local residents have contacted the police recently about some of our parents parking on/over their property. We need to make sure our children are safe at the busy times of the day outside our school. Please do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines or the white lined area. Why not park a little further away and take a short walk for the last part of your journey?



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LRS Governors

Over the next few editions of the LRS weekly newsletter we are having a focus on the work of our fantastic governing body. The Governing Body is currently made up of 16 members and they form the Full Governing Body, who as a group meet 3 times a year for a formal 2 hour meeting.

Much of the governors' work as 'critical friends' of the school is however completed at committee level, which is where the detail of school performance and all the relevant school policies and procedures can be scrutinised carefully and shaped moving forward - all to support the positive ongoing school improvement journey.

There are three main committees and this week we are focussing on the work of the...

Teaching and Learning Committee

Areas of school life that this committee covers includes data from lesson observations completed by senior leaders in the school, professional development plans for the year to improve teaching and learning across the school, an overview of staff appraisal and their performance and a real oversight of the school curriculum. This encompasses extended school activities, home learning and the many and varied trips and visits that take place throughout the year.



In addition the committee regularly scrutinises the teaching staff and recruitment to the school and carefully reviews relevant sections of the School Development Plan. The committee completes an annual review of the provision in the school for sex education, learning about careers, RE, spiritual moral social and cultural learning, ICT, PCHE and collective worship. They also analyse the relevant areas from results of annual questionnaires.

The committee also reviews and makes recommendations in relation to the following key school policies: Collective Worship, Community Cohesion, Curriculum, Directed Time, Display, Marking and Feedback, Sex Education and Relationships, Staff Development and Teaching and Learning.

We all know that Teaching and Learning is at the heart of Little Reddings School, so the work of this key committee is crucial to the life of the school and its exciting journey towards becoming a good and outstanding school.



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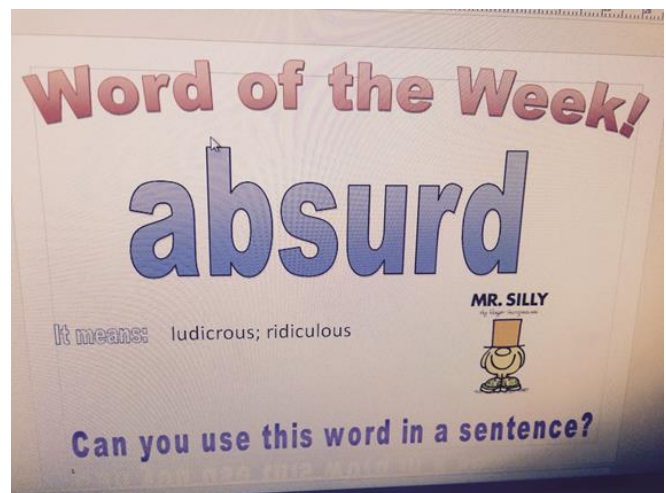
Top 10 tips to help children enjoy reading

1. Make books part of your family life - Always have books around so you're ready to read whenever there's a chance.
2. Join your local library - You'll find the latest videogames, blu-rays and DVDs, plus tons and tons of fantastic books. Allow them to pick their own books, encouraging their own interests.
3. Match their interests - Help them find the right book - it doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
4. All reading is good - Don't discount non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines and leaflets.
5. Get comfortable! - Snuggle up somewhere warm and cosy with your child to read.
6. Ask questions - To keep them interested in the story - such as, 'What do you think will happen next?' or 'How do you think this character feels?'
7. Read whenever you get the chance - Bring along a book or magazine for any time your child has to wait, such as at a doctor's surgery.
8. Read again and again - Encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps to build up fluency and confidence.
9. Bedtime stories - Regularly read with your child or children at bedtime. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with your child.
10. Rhyme and repetition - Books and poems which include rhyme and repetition are great

for encouraging your child or children to join in and remember the words.

Word of the Week

Each week in school we will have a 'Word of the Week' that children will be introduced to in assembly and have displayed around the school. The idea is that staff will then challenge the children to learn the word, know its meaning and use it in context in their spoken and written work. The wider the vocabulary that children hear, read and learn - the better their Literacy will be. Please help your child with learning next weeks word, which is 'absurd' - meaning: 'utterly or obviously senseless, illogical, or untrue; contrary to all reason or common sense; laughably foolish or false'



Can you make sentences with the word 'absurd' in?



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This Week's Attendance

Class	Percentages
Rosen	84.7
Carle	92.5
Donaldson	95.5
Ahlberg	91.1
Milne	93.3
Browne	93.1
Hoffman	97.4
King-Smith	95.8
Walliams	94.6
Dahl	99.3
Simon	91.4
Morpurgo	91.5
Horowitz	98
Pullman	98
Blackman	96.1
Rowling	97.5

Stars of the Week



- R - Yusuf, Rocco
- 1 - Amira, Felix
- 2 - Nicholas, Rachel-Lee
- 3 - Germaine
- 4 - Max W, Bobby
- 5 - Tia, Tiffany

Writer of the week

- R - Eden, Mansoor
- 1 - Alfie, Jerry
- 2 - Eshan, Sumaya
- 3 - Johnny
- 4 - Darius, Derek-John
- 5 - Layla, Lexie
- 6 - Mark, Elektra



Dates for your diary - FEBRUARY 2016

Friends of Little Reddings
FRIDAY 5TH - MUFTI DAY

WEDNESDAY 10th - Yr 1, 2 & 3 **Valentine Disco 3.15 to 4.15pm**



THURSDAY 11th - Nursery & Reception
Valentine Disco 3.15 to 4.15pm



FRIDAY 12th - Yr 4, 5 & 6 **Valentine Disco 3.30 to 5pm**



Monday 15TH to Friday 19th inclusive **HALF TERM**

