



Week beginning: 23rd November 2023

We have had a lot of visitors this week who have all said what a lovely feel there is at Leesons. Please remember that there is no school tomorrow as we have a Trust INSET day. Have a lovely weekend.

The Leesons Team

Attendance and Punctuality

Our attendance and punctuality for this week can be seen in the table below.

Class	Attendance (%)
Little Orchard	84%
Hedgehog	93%
Squirrel	90%
Robin	94%
Owl	95%
Woodpecker	94%
Kingfisher	93%
Badger	94%
Fox	95%
Rabbit	94%
Mole	95%
Otter	92%
Stag	90%
Kestrel	91%

Well done to Owl, Fox and Mole Classes who won Leo the Attendance Bear the Attendance cup this week!

Well done to Fox Class who won the Punctuality cup this week!



Language of the week



This weeks language, Swahili, comes from Kenya. To greet someone you would say 'Habari'. In addition to Kenya's two official languages of Swahili and English, there are 62 other languages which are used by different ethnic groups across the country- including the Bantu and Nilotic languages.

Oracy Talk Topic

At home, we would like you to pick an evening that is convenient and come together as a family to discuss the 'Talk Topic'. In order to ensure that your child participates in high-quality talk, please remember to play devil's advocate during the discussion. Your child should not only be given the opportunity to agree and build on other viewpoints, but also challenge/disagree, explain and justify.

The 'Talk Topic' for this week is the following:

'Travelling back in time would be better than travelling forward in time'.

Leesons Reading Challenge

Earlier in the year we introduced the reading challenge trees that show the 100 books that we encourage to be read in each year group. The children can earn certificates (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75 and 100 books) and a golden ticket which enables them to receive a book from the vending machine.

We would like to celebrate our wonderful readers at Leesons by sharing their reading success.

Name	Class	Certificate
Alfie	Badger	5 books
Jimmy	Badger	5 books
Anna-Nicole	Fox	5 books
Alfie R	Robin	8 books
Myles J	Robin	9 books

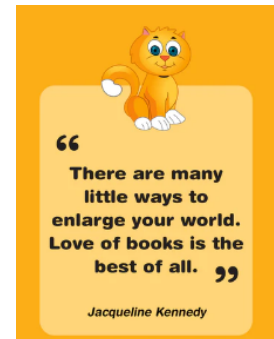
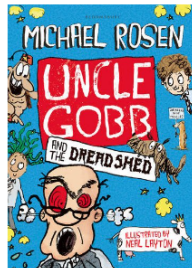
Book of the week



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Reading is a life skill but it is also an activity that stimulates the brain and support well being and has been used to reduce anxiety. Whilst we encourage and engage the children with reading at school it needs to continue outside as well. For the children to become successful readers and be able to meet the challenges within school they need to practice reading everyday.



Word Aware

EYFS/KS1



Word of the Week

vanish



Meaning	Challenge
To go away suddenly.	Magicians make things vanish . They seem to go away. If you were a magician what would you make vanish ?

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KS2



Word of the Week

ashamed



Meaning	Challenge
To feel embarrassed or guilty because of something you have done.	If someone is feeling ashamed , what might have they done?

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E-safety

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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonline.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.



ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://". The "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

Meet Our Expert

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Maths Challenge

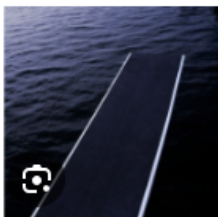
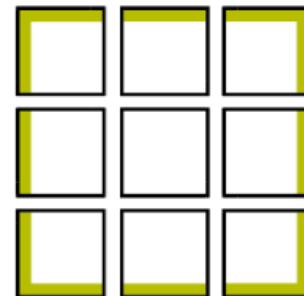
On the Edge



Four tiles can be painted and arranged so that the edge of the large square is blue (as shown) or green.



Can you paint and arrange nine tiles so the edge of the large square can be green, blue or yellow?



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Junior Duke

Name	Class	Activity
Minaiya	Fox	Cookery
Limansa	Kestrel	Averting Disaster
Lisathna	Badger	Cookery Art
Ben	Rabbit	Cookery Swimming Domestic Challenge Time Management
Evie	Rabbit	Domestic Challenge



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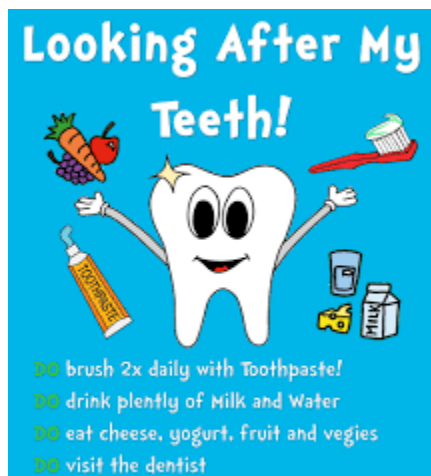


Hope	Rabbit	Cookery Swimming
Alisha	Otter	Cookery Washing Dishes

Highlights of the week



Rock Steady Music made a huge impact on staff and pupils on Tuesday. They performed in a 45 minute interactive assembly and then each year group had a workshop which was even more interactive. Don't forget to sign up using the link on Dojo if your child is interested in starting this in February.



On Monday, a Dental Nurse visited Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and talked about the importance of a healthy diet and cleaning their teeth. The children helped clean the big teeth and sorted food. They were clearly listening as Mrs Dobbs got told off for eating a biscuit on Tuesday!

What's on?

Week 5 National Tree Week - tree planting with FOL - Junior Duke, Eco-Committee and School Council to support with planting	
Monday - 27.11.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2.15pm EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Open afternoon for current parents to come and share the children's learning in classes - more information on Dojo



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Friday - 01.11.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rainbow own clothes day for 'Rainbow Trust Children's Charity' Bring £1.00 and dress like a rainbow
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Week 6	
Wednesday - 06.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9am - Coffee Morning PSHE MH
Friday - 08.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friends of Leesons Winter Wonderland - donations of £2 per child to be given to the school office please• 2.45pm KS2 Carols on the playground - Parents/EYFS/KS1 to watch

Week 7	
Wednesday - 13.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10:30am - Nativity dress rehearsal to KS2
Thursday - 14.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Christmas Dinner Day• Christmas Jumper Day - online donations by parents• 2.00pm -Nativity Christmas performance
Friday - 15.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2.00pm -Nativity Christmas performance

Week 8	
Monday - 18.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Church at St Barnabus - children only• Christmas parties in class
Tuesday - 19.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last day of term
Wednesday - 20.12.23	School Holiday
Thursday - 21.12.23	School Holiday
Friday - 22.12.23	School Holiday

Holiday - 20.12.23 to 02.2.24

Children return to school on 4.1.24