



Larwood

LOWDOWN



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Diary Dates

Back to School

Monday 23rd

February

Half Term

Monday 16th

Feb to Friday 20th Feb

End of Term

Thursday 2nd April

2.20pm

Summer Term

First day back -Monday

20th April

Half Term

Monday 25th May to Fri-

day 29th May

End of Term

Friday 17th July

Even The Weather Can't Stop The Great Work At Larwood!

It's true! As usual, February tends to be characterised by very changeable weather and usually some snow. Being situated at the highest point in Stevenage means that even when other parts of Hertfordshire escape the snow, we tend to get some. However, Mr Miles and Mr Reid cleared any snow quickly, so that children could get out to play and enjoy the situation safely.

Meanwhile, many pupils have been experiencing some tests this week as part of our assessment program. This is essential for later in life but also for pupils and staff to know what has gone well and what areas pupils need some further help and reinforcement with. Therefore, we continue to use some assessments every half term, alongside marking which help pupils take greater responsibility for their own learning over time. Its not just about tests though! The skills curriculum has seen sporting, cooking, drama, junk modelling and first aid activities during this term. We've had many excellent pupil led assemblies including a Shakespeare play acted out and filmed using our iPads. The Arts Award pupils in Year 6 continue to make good progress and PE lessons have continued. Music is an everyday, essential part of life at Larwood delivered during lessons, at playtimes and during assemblies.

We look forward to a continuation of hard work by all of our pupils and possibly some warmer weather as we move towards March!

Mr Trimble
Headteacher





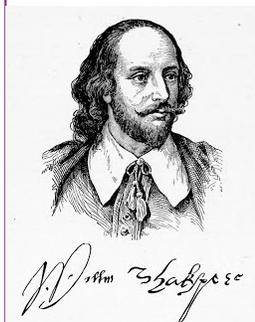
Class Work



Keeping our Children Safe

Larwood School recognises that the welfare of the child is paramount. The school takes its responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of the young people in its care seriously, and is proactive in ensuring this. Governors, staff and volunteers at Larwood understand the importance of working in partnership with children, their parents/carers and other agencies in order to promote children's welfare. We constantly review the way that we work and look to improve upon this whenever we can. Our designated senior person for child protection is Ms Moore. Please do contact her if you have any concerns in this area.

In Mr Vans class we have been studying about the ecosystem in science. The children produced drawings of their own ecosystems, then they have made hearts to take home for that special day!

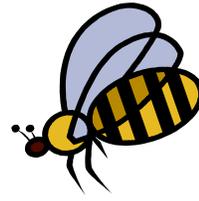


In Miss Kimpton's class, we have spent some time looking at William Shakespeare; we did some research on him, and found out some amazing facts. We spent some time learning all about Romeo and Juliet and even produced our own film of the play. We showed the film during our class assembly. All the pupils performed brilliantly, and we had so much fun in the process.

- FACT:** William Shakespeare wrote 37 plays and 154 sonnets.
- FACT:** Shakespeare was born in April 1564 and died 23rd April 1616.
- FACT:** Shakespeare introduced almost 3000 words to the English language.
- FACT:** Shakespeare had 7 siblings: Joan, Margaret, Gilbert, Joan II, Anne, Richard and Edmund.
- FACT:** Almost 400 years after his death there are 157 million pages referring to him on google.
- FACT:** Shakespeare had 3 children: Hamnet, Susanna and Judith. He had 1 granddaughter - Elizabeth. Shakespeare has no living descendants.
- FACT:** Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway when he was 18, she was 26!!



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- ◆ The strong leadership of the headteacher, other leaders and managers, and the governing body has led to good improvement since the last inspection.
- ◆ Leaders have concentrated on improving the quality of teaching in order to raise pupils' achievement. They have also improved systems for managing pupils' behaviour so that it better supports their learning.
- ◆ Teaching is now good, and pupils are making good progress and reaching higher standards than in previous years.
- ◆ Behaviour is good and the school makes sure that pupils feel safe. Good behaviour is rewarded in ways that motivate pupils and the number of fixed-term exclusions has fallen.
- ◆ The school meets with a good level of success in transforming pupils' attitudes to learning. This contributes a great deal to the progress that they make and helps to turn their lives around.
- ◆ The varied learning activities support pupils' good personal development as well as their academic achievement.
- ◆ There are examples of individual pupils making outstanding progress.

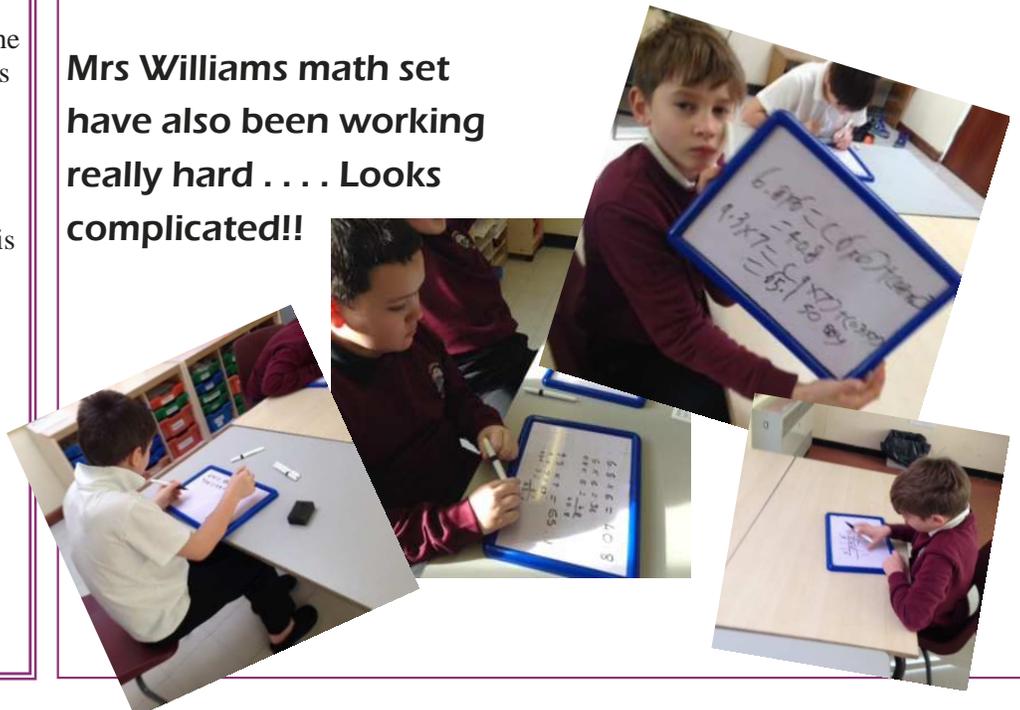


Mrs Hayes' class have been building Ferry boats out of junk with Mrs Saphiris and Mrs Otero, as part of their 'Taste of France' topic work. Great job!!

Mrs Williams Class have been learning how to interact with each other, taking turns, talking politely and generally working together.



Mrs Williams math set have also been working really hard Looks complicated!!





MUSIC ADDRESS AND ARTS AWARDS

Here are the plucky year 6 boys working hard during their arts award sessions to create a miniature circus complete with handmade puppets! The arts award is accredited by the trinity exam board and offers the year 6 students the chance to experience working with real artists and musicians.

The music room at Larwood is always filled with young musical talent, be it budding rock stars, piano soloists or students who just want to come and play some of the many instruments we have here at Larwood

Rainy days usually mean a busy playtime in the music room!





Nonsense Poem



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Family Lives operates a free 24/7 telephone helpline offering advice, information and support on any aspect of parenting and family life as well as extended support for complex and difficult issues. There is also an option to chat online with a parent support worker.

Helpline

0808 800 2222

Website

www.familylives.org.uk

The website provides advice and a range of resources that aim to ensure that families get the support they need.

Year 5 & 6 English Set

Nonsense Poem

**Dedicated to
Mr Trimble**

Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Loves to have a treat.
Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Has a friend called Pete.

Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Likes porridge.
Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Went to college.

Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Has a lot of bait.
Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Has a hot date.

Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Likes to rub his feet.
Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Really likes meat.

Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Never could skate.
Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Was always running late.

Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Heard a beat.
Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Started to eat.

Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Is so thin.

Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Sits in a bin.

Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Tied a knot.

Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Got shot.

Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Sleeps in a heap.

Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Owns a heard of sheep.

Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Always refuses to stay.

Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Wants to go out and play.

Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Is a good mate.

Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Is a friend of Kate.

Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Was the size of a thimble.

Our head teacher, Mr Trimble,
Was very quick and nimble.



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CLASS DEBATE



This half term we were learning how to debate important topics. Miss Clulow and Miss Trott decided to get the debate going and the topic was one that the children felt rather passionate about:

SHOULD MOBILE PHONES BE ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM!?

All the children researched the topic thoroughly and came to the debate eager to put their points across. Miss Clulow's class were on the for side and Miss Trott's class were arguing against using mobiles in class. Winning the heated debate by only one vote was Miss Clulow's class!



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LARWOOD SCHOOL

HOUSE RUNS

TRAFFORD	LORDS	TRENT	HEADINGLY
626	617	630	585
2ND	3RD	1ST	4TH

**CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL: Monday 23rd February 2015 -
SPRING TERM CONTINUES**

HAVE A GREAT HALF TERM!

Achieve, Believe, Expect and Enjoy

