

# LEVERINGTON



## newsletter

NOVEMBER 2024

*Fear not November's challenge bold -  
We've books and friends and hearths  
that never can grow cold.*

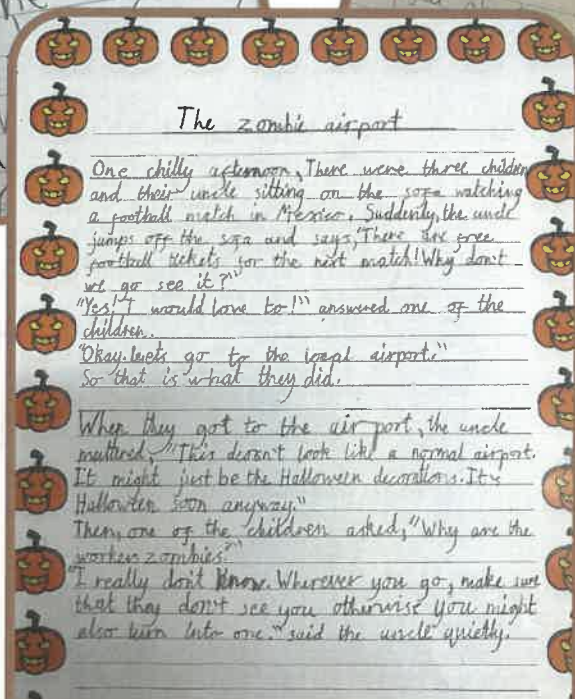
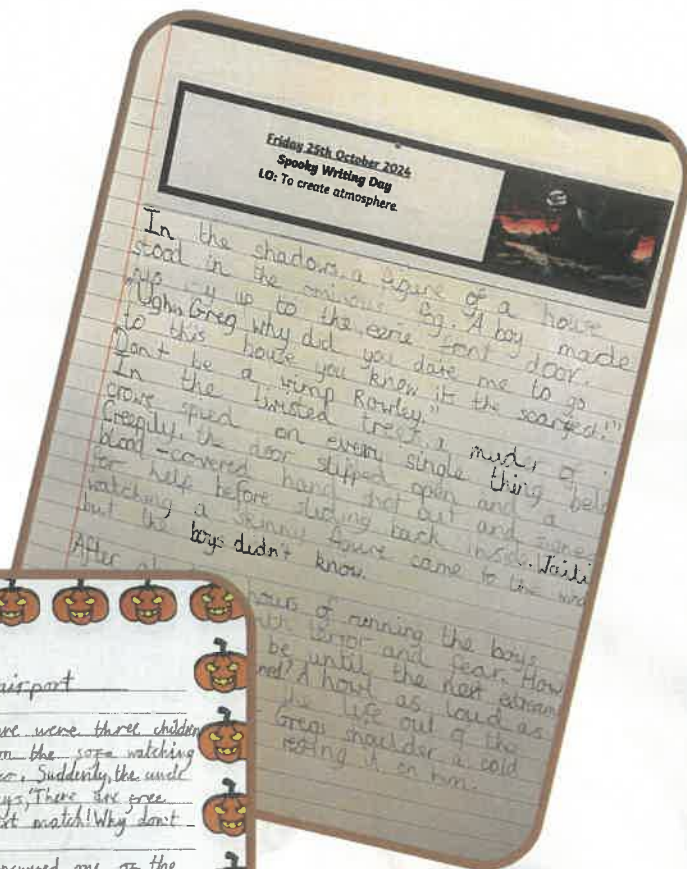
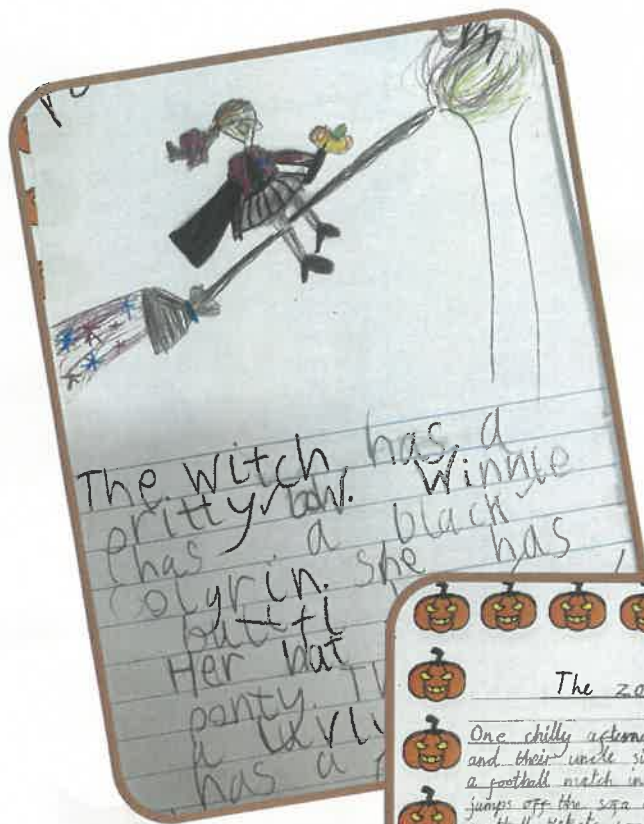
### October highlights...

The first half term seems to have come and gone in a flash! The excitement of September continued into the spooky season with an action-packed final week. Every class took part in maths week, completing a range of activities and investigations to develop their problem solving skills and resilience.

Adding to the action of the week, the whole school had a visit from the emergency services on the playground. Children had the opportunity to speak to the people who help us, learn about the jobs they do for our community and test out some of their equipment!



To get us in the mood for our Halloween disco on the last day of term, we had a whole school spooky writing day. Children wrote poems, setting descriptions and stories throughout the day.



# trips

Please remember to sign children up for trips via Arbor as soon as they are available and make payments before the closing date. Speak to Mrs Hanlon and Mrs Davis in the office if you need help to pay or to see what financial support you may be eligible for. Any children who do not attend a trip with their class must still come to school and will work in another classroom.

# homework expectations

Following our parent survey, we would like to clarify homework expectations for each class.

**Reception:** Yellow books are sent home once a week for letter formation or fine motor skill practice.

**Reception, Year 1 & Year 2:** Reading via Collins Hub is encouraged three times a week for children to showcase their phonics practice at home. We know that this is difficult for some families with access to appropriate devices so encourage adults at home to share children's library books with them too. All children have a log in to Numbots to practise composition of number for up to 5 minutes, four times a week.

In **Year 1 & Year 2**, teachers will send phonics and spelling homework as and when appropriate, later in the year.

**Key Stage 2:** Children have a weekly spelling practice sheet linked to their work in class. This should be completed on Showbie if possible but a paper copy can be requested.

All children have a log in to Times Tables Rock Stars and Rollama to practice times tables and grammar for up to 5 minutes, four times a week.

**Children on Accelerated Reader** should read for a total of 20 minutes a day. Some of this time is in school but often children will need to read for 10 minutes at home too.

Creative homework ideas for each class are sent home for the term as an optional extra for those who enjoy such tasks.

# pe kits

Each class's updated PE days are as follows:

Reception	Monday	Year 3	Wednesday & Friday
Year 1	Thursday & Friday	Year 4	Wednesday (swimming Tues)
Year 2	Tuesday & Thursday	Year 5	Tuesday & Friday
		Year 6	Monday & Friday

Changes to time tables are likely to happen at short notice so PE kits should be in school every day. The office will no longer be making phone calls to parents to bring in missing PE kits. Children unable to do PE will be given the choice of using spare PE kit for indoor PE or completing written evaluations of the lesson.



## Class Dojo

Please remember we are using Class Dojo for most communications now. Teachers check Class Dojo throughout the day but there is no guarantee they will see messages; therefore, please ensure you contact the school office in person or via telephone for time-sensitive issues. All pupil absences must be reported to the school office.

Class Dojo should not be used as a chat function to communicate widely. Please be mindful that every parent and staff member in a chat receives notifications for every message sent. These chats should only be used by the school to communicate with a whole class.

Children should not be sending any messages to staff via Class Dojo or commenting on posts. Please ensure you closely monitor your children's communications online.

We would like share our appreciation for keeping interactions on Class Dojo positive.

## Safety

Staff have noticed an increasing number of children who are clearly not following the law regarding car seats and seat belts. Children opening windows to wave and not wearing seat belts correctly are causing a serious concern. Whilst we will make plans in school to address these issues with the children in PSHE this term, please ensure you reiterate these lessons to children and reinforce safety rules while driving.



## Community Governor



We would like to share our sincerest thanks to Wendy Neale who has served our Local Governing Body for over twenty years. As Wendy is now stepping down from her role as our community governor, we have a vacancy for a member of the community to join our team of governors. If you know someone who is not a parent of a pupil at Leverington Primary, please ask them to share their interest via [office@leverington.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@leverington.cambs.sch.uk) for more information.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday 22nd November for our Christmas fayre! There will be small local businesses selling goods that will make perfect Christmas presents and refreshments will be available to enjoy, both set up in the Year 5 and 6 classrooms. In the hall, join us for games, draws and festive fun!

Please bring cash.



## Diary dates...

Wednesday 20th November	Reception Into Film Festival visit to The Light Cinema
Friday 22nd November - 3:30-6pm	Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 27th November - 9:15am	Year 5 Class assembly. Year 5 parents invited.
Tuesday 10th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity rehearsal for parents with young children.
Wednesday 11th December 9:30 am	Key Stage 1 Nativity
Wednesday 11th December 2pm	Key Stage 2 Christingle service in church
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas jumper day Christmas dinner 2:30 pm Christmas Crafts Cafe parent workshop
Thursday 19th December	Pantomime