



## Dream Believe Achieve

Newsletter  
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### **Reading**

Since we came back to school in September, the English team and I have been very impressed with the learners' reading habits. Our learners are definitely developing a love of reading throughout the school with many learners trying to beat the amount of words they read on a weekly basis. Reading certificates are awarded to learners who have read the most words in the class within a week. The following learners have read the most words in the year group:

Year 3 – Huzaifa – 90608 words read

Year 4 -Subhaan – 260948 words read

Year 5 – Sophia – 171764 words read

Year 6 – Haifa – 460853 words read

**Below are 10 reasons why you should be encouraging your child to read every day.**

**1. Children who read often and widely get better at it.**

After all, practice makes perfect in almost everything humans do and reading is no different.

**2. Reading exercises our brain.**

Reading is a more complex task for the human brain rather than watching TV. For example, Reading strengthens brains connections and builds NEW connections.

**3. Reading improves concentration.**

Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading. If they read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer.

**4. Reading teaches children about the World around them.**

Through reading a variety of books children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience.

**5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills.**

Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking.

**6. Reading develops a child's imagination.**

As we read our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.

**7. Reading helps children to develop empathy.**

As children develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.

**8. Reading is a fun.**

A book doesn't take up much space and is light to carry so you take it anywhere. You can never be bored if you have a book in your bag!

**9. Reading is a great way to spend time together.**

Reading together on the sofa, bedtimes stories and visiting the library are just some ways of spending time together.

**10. Children who read achieve better in school.**

Reading promotes achievement in all subjects - not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum.

Our School Advisor, Gemma Whaling visited school and undertook an English monitoring visit and this is what she said about reading at Lomeshaye:

- Spelling and phonics sessions are well matched to the needs of the learners.
- Reading workshops have developed since March and are much more consistent in the planning and delivery of these from Y3 to Y6. This is due to CPD (staff training) that has been provided for teachers.
- Training has taken place for all LSAs on how to support learners with their reading
- More experienced LSA has modelled effective 1:1 reading for other LSAs in school
- Learner's books are well matched to their reading needs through the use of the ZPD and teacher assessment.
- Accelerated Reader is fully in use in school and learners are excited to use it.
- There are a wide range of genres on offer to interest all learners.
- Learners also have the opportunity to suggest and request more books that they particularly enjoy.
- Reading continues to be a high focus in school.



### **School Ambassadors**

This half term has been a busy one in that we have all been working hard at getting used to routines and expectations. We have also been very busy in electing our Prefects and Learning Council Representatives

Well done to the following learners who have now taken up various positions within school.

### **Our Prefects are:**

**Ismaeel – Head Boy**

**Ayesha – Head Girl -**

Faizah, Abdul Rahim, Hawwa, Hafsah, Hamzah, Halima, Fatima, Ahilah, Ibrahim and Haris

### **Lomeshaye's Learner Council Project**



As a school, we understand we all need to play our part in making the World a greener place to live. To demonstrate one of our school values, collective responsibility, we have signed up to the Planet League to help us work together, to help our planet. Lomeshaye's Learner Council have been working hard to promote Planet League in school to ensure that our school is more environmentally friendly.

During the half term break, you can work collaboratively as a family to score goals for our school and your favourite football team whilst improving our planet. Follow the link to sign up and join in.

<https://planetleague.co.uk/>



We are currently placed 30 out of 250 schools across the country and number one across Lancashire!



### Dates to Remember

Half term – school closes to learners on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 3:20pm** and opens again at **8:40am on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

School will close to learners at 1.15 on the **10<sup>th</sup> November** for Parent Teacher Meetings to take place during the day.

Class teachers will email parents after the half term with further details. All learners will be provided with learning to complete whilst they are at home.

### Attendance Reminder



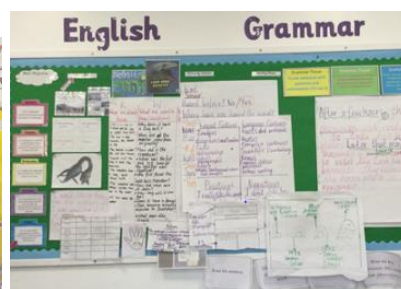
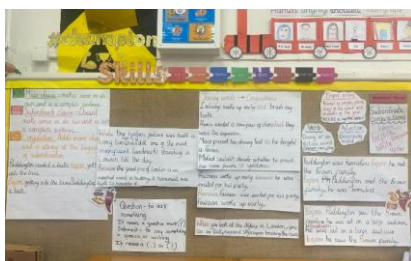
As parents will be aware school attendance is compulsory and it is important that you inform us if your child is going to be absent and for what reason.

I know that the past 2 years have been difficult and even more so for families who have family in other countries but I urge you not to take your children out of school for an extended period of time to visit abroad. Teachers are working very hard to assess all learners and to teach according to the needs of the class within a given time frame. If your child is absent because you have taken them out of school the teacher will not have time to teach them what they have missed as the class will have moved on in their learning.

The class with the best attendance this month has been: **4 Sycamore 03/10/22 - 19/10/22 - 97.29%**

### Our Learning

This term has been a very busy one with lots of new learning taking place. Learning Walls are full of knowledge that the learners have learnt across the curriculum. Here are some photos of our Learning Walls.



### Finally

Please remember we are always here to support you and your child/children. Have a restful and safe half term.