



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL CLOSURE 2021

Edition no 2

Friday 15th January 2021

Subject Focus of the Week

SCIENCE



At LEAP this term there is a huge focus on science, with children observing seasonal changes, investigating the magical world of

forces, discovering how electricity works and even exploring space.

We know that when children learn something in science lessons this is only the beginning and often our children, once fed the seed of inspiration, are ready to go off and take their learning further. We are here to support and encourage our young scientists and here are some ideas to get them started:

If you ever needed a place for inspiration then the Science Museum is it. With 5 floors jam-packed with exhibitions, discoveries and mind-blowing experiments, the Science Museum can now be accessed with Google Maps Virtual Tours. Take your time exploring the galleries that inspire you most from the comfort of your home.



<https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/virtual-tour-science-museum>



This website is excellent to get your child experimenting at home. All the experiments have a handy video, explanations about what is happening and resources that you can find in your house. We would recommend the 'Dry Erase' experiment where you can bring your pictures to life!

<https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/>



Are you in need of an out of this world news story? BBC Newsround are covering some really exciting stories about NASA's exploration of our solar system, including new discoveries on both Jupiter and Mars!



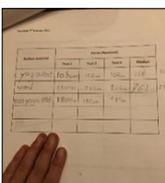
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/55610298>

LEAP scientists get investigating!

Melissa from Kingsmead's year 5 has been investigating friction. Like all thorough scientists she made her prediction and designed a fair test. To ensure her results were accurate, she repeated the test three times and calculated the average.



Great work Melissa!



Whatever inspires you, please remember to send us pictures and videos so we can share your wonderful learning on our social media pages. Have fun investigating!

FSM VOUCHERS

The government portal for ordering FSM vouchers is coming online from Monday so we will be registering all families who are entitled to receive their vouchers as soon as it goes live. Please check your email for updates on this or call the school office. Don't forget to register for FSM if you think you are entitled as it helps you access both technology and money vouchers. The link to register for Free School Meals is [here](#). The FSM vouchers will be worth £15 a week per child & will be received as £30 for 2 weeks.

From next week we are going to have a 'shop' at the front of each school which will feature a wide range of completely **FREE food goods** supplied by local supermarkets and charities to help our families make ends meet during these times. **These 'shops' will be for anyone from our community and staff, no questions asked, no need to qualify for Free school meals just come on down and grab a bargain.** Tinned goods, fresh fruit and veg and items baked by our kitchens will be there for you to take. Just bring a carrier bag and help yourself! If any of our families have unused stock from their businesses please feel free to donate to our shops. Each school will send out emails and texts to let everyone know when the 'shop' will be open for business, several times each week.

Meanwhile the fantastic hampers being made by the school kitchen teams containing a huge variety of goods have filled the gap in the meantime until the vouchers and our 'shops' were ready to open. Thank you to all our kitchen teams led by chefs **Margaret, Helen, Shernette and Tom** for making this happen so quickly and to such a high standard – not a bit like the ones so widely publicised this week from a private catering company supplier.



HOME LEARNING

Home Learning is back in full swing and the teachers have had nothing but praise for the children in their

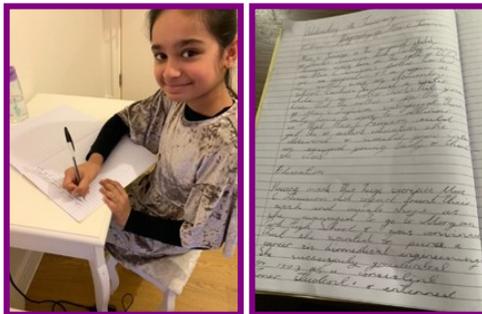
classes. Their commitment, stamina, adaptability and enthusiasm has been outstanding and have made us all proud to be in the jobs we love. Well done to all children across LEAP!

With such high participation it has been almost impossible for teachers to choose their Star Learners and nominations have been flooding in. After painful deliberation our star learners this week are...

Star Learners of the Week

At **Kingsmead** year 5 have been writing biographies on influential scientists. We have started to learn about **Mae Jemison**. This week's star learner, **Ammara**, has carried out some of her own research to write a biography on Jemison. She was the first African American Woman to go to space. Shenaz, Yr 5's teacher says,

"Ammara has been working very hard and is always very focussed in our lessons." Keep it up Ammara. We are all very proud of you.



Aila in year 3 at **Mandeville** has worked extremely hard since the beginning of her home learning. Danielle her teacher says, *"Aila always produces work to an extremely high standard despite it being all virtual. She has a*

particular talent for technology and is able to help other children access the work but more importantly uses different tools to present her understanding. Her hard work and dedication has helped her to produce pieces of work to truly be proud of. Keep up the great work Aila!"

Here is a non-chronological report all about Frogs. Below are the different features of a non-chronological report. Can you label the report with the correct feature? Here's an example:

Frogs

Appearance
Frogs come in all shapes and sizes. The green frog is the largest in the world of over 30cm in length and weighs more than 1kg. The smallest frog is the tiny white frog with a length of just 1cm. Frogs have various eyes or brown skin with yellow spots and they have to be able to see their surroundings. They can also see in the dark. Frogs are also very good at jumping and swimming. They have good eyes - their large, bulging eyes help them to see over their head and see behind them.

Habitat
Frogs are amphibians. This means that they can live on land and in water. They can be found in every continent of the world except Antarctica. However, some with tropical origins, will struggle to survive the winter of different latitudes on the land. They can only survive in temperate, subtropical and tropical climates, swamps and rivers.

Diet
A frog will consume many of a variety of insects, such as flies, beetles and various small fish. They catch their food by sticking their long, sticky tongue. When pulling the prey into their mouth, frogs do not drink water - instead they absorb it through their permeable skin.

Reproducing Frog Facts!
The male for a group of frogs is an army colony or herd. A frog needs to be in a pond or a stream to lay their eggs. They lay their eggs in the water. The male frog will guard the eggs and the female frog will lay the eggs.

Images are the pictures.

Heading
The heading is the title so you know what you are reading about.

Paragraphs
Paragraphs are a few sentences long. Usually with one topic.

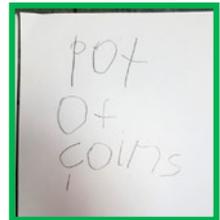
Brackets
Brackets are used to like the information!

Bullet Points
Symbols that introduce a list of things.

At **Gayhurst**, **Vivian** in Nursery has shown us just how much our youngest learners can do! From measuring her whole family's feet to showing us her beautiful handwriting, Vivian is beyond a doubt



a worthy Star Learner this week! *"I drew a pot of coins at the top of the beanstalk"* Vivian said and she wrote it down too! We can't wait to see what you do next Vivian!



myON DIGITAL LIBRARY



This week has been an interesting week. As you can see from our results, more books have been read across LEAP and children have spent a lot longer reading, which is fantastic! We can also see from our results that we haven't read quite as many pages as last week even though we have read more books and read for longer. Can you work out how this might have happened?

	Books Read	Pages Read	Minutes Read
Last Week	1,080	17,500	5,370
This Week	1,744	17,480	10,420

LEAP's most read books of the week:



ONLINE LEARNING RULES

Children don't forget these are the expectations for the live online learning sessions:

1. Be fully dressed before your first live learning lesson
2. Be seated as if in class so that you can see the screen clearly and can write things down if asked to
3. Make sure you are in a quiet room/space, with no distractions. TV & video games must be turned off.
4. Have all your resources (paper, books, whiteboard and pen) ready to be used
5. Siblings should not join in the live learning session, even if they are a student at your school in another year.
6. Please do not interfere with the live lesson by muting other people or the teacher
7. Please do not eat during live learning sessions
8. Please make sure you are focussed on the teaching and task and not using the laptop to do other things.
9. Please keep your camera on when teaching is taking place.

RECEPTION CLASS APPLICATION DEADLINE

A reminder to parents/carers that application deadline for Reception class **is end of day today 15 January 2021**. Parents must apply online at www.eadmissions.gov.uk

Parents can watch a parent briefing explaining process here: <https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/applying-primary-school-briefings>

SCHOOL OF FOOD LIVE: WEDNESDAYS 4PM on YOUTUBE

Starting on **20th January**, join us on Wednesdays at 4pm for a live streamed cooking class with Chef Tom, Food Educator at the Hackney School of Food. Each week, Tom will teach a simple but useful recipe that chefs of any age can make. The classes will last about 45 minutes - but these are recipes that you'll use for life! The class will be live-streamed on the [Chefs In Schools YouTube Channel](#).

Week one will be Root Veg Soda Bread – a great recipe for bakers of all abilities. We would love to see as many of you there as possible – and of course, photos of your masterpieces afterwards!

January 20th - Shopping List

ROOT VEG SODA BREAD - To make 1 Loaf or 4 Small buns

- 1 Medium Sized Parsnip or Beetroot or Carrot etc
- 500g Wholemeal Flour (plus extra for the kneading). Wholemeal flour is our favourite but spelt flour is a great alternative. If you only have plain flour in the cupboard – that will work too.
- 300ml Buttermilk or thin yoghurt
- 2 Teaspoons Baking Powder
- 1 Teaspoons Salt (4g)
- 2 - 3 Tablespoons Cold Water
- Optional – a handful or mix of Pumpkin, Sunflower, Poppy, Flax Seeds and Porridge Oats

Equipment: Bowl, grater and baking sheet – wooden spoons are optional – hands will do!

Bonus recipe – while the bread bakes, Chef Tom will show you how to make homemade butter and cheat's buttermilk.

Homemade Butter

- 100 – 150ml Double Cream – or enough to fill half a jam jar
- Pinch of salt
- Optional: Shallot/Fresh or Dried Herbs/garlic

Make sure your double cream is at room temperature on the day.

Cheat's Buttermilk

If you've enjoyed the bake but struggled to get buttermilk – Tom will show you how to make your own.

- 250ml Whole Milk – skimmed won't work
- 10-15ml Lemon Juice/White Wine Vinegar

UNSUNG HEROES

A big shout out from all the staff at the three schools for our amazing IT support team of **Kurian and Dylan** who have worked tirelessly with an enormous workload over the last two weeks to help everyone get on top of remote learning. They ensure that from installing new webcams to rebuilding children's laptops to remote access for all staff to resources and our database – it all works (well most of the time anyway!) The technology demands just haven't stopped and although at times they've looked exhausted they have done an amazing job at calming technophobe nerves and managing increasing demands from all of us. **THANK YOU Kurian and Dylan** – you've been amazing.



POSITIVE FEEDBACK

Raising Morale, Working Together

In these challenging times for all of us, it's inspiring to hear from you that we are doing a good job and that you appreciate that the children's learning & well-being is at the forefront of everything we do and organise. Here is some of the lovely feedback we've received this week:

Part of an email from a Kingsmead Year 1 parent:

"We wanted ... to say what a great job we think you are doing and thank you so much for all the efforts you are putting into the online teaching. We really appreciate how much energy it takes to plan and run these lessons and that's on top of managing the tech with so many boisterous 5-year-olds all with their own views about how to get Teams to work!"

Thanks also to Sulayman and Rania's mum, who made this amazing giant tiramisu for staff at Kingsmead to say thanks for the food hampers and all that school has done for families. Staff were really touched by this lovely gesture.



Email from a Gayhurst grand parent:

"As the grandmother of two happy Gayhurst children, I want to pass on my grateful thanks to all the teachers and staff for their commitment, positivity and care throughout these incredibly difficult months. Gayhurst has shown that it is right at the heart of the community it serves and its dedication to the well-being of all its children has been inspirational. Thank you"

Email from a Mandeville Year 1 parent:

"Thanks for the brilliant lessons each day, it is keeping us healthy and well, so much appreciated. I will be writing a sound report to Ofsted about all the fantastic work Mandeville's staff and team have been doing for us during this difficult time we are all facing. Home learning and the support is phenomenal, without it we would all crumble."