



# Leeds and Broomfield CEP School

*Many Hands Build a House, Many Hearts Make a School*

Term 2 week 4

It's been another busy week here - I have been inundated with children wishing to showcase their learning. Within Badgers they have been focussing on The Diary of Anne Frank and writing to Kitty in the role of Anne during her first experiences in the annexe. There has been an incredible range of higher level vocabulary choices and sentence structure has clearly been Miss Nel's focus during the drafting and editing phase.

Squirrels are still on the lookout for The Enormous Crocodile; who is rumoured to be within the school grounds. They have been helping the press all week by writing newspaper articles and the Year 4 pupils have even been helping out the BBC with a news broadcast; as all of their camera crew and presenters have mysteriously vanished following the sighting of a crocodile on their premise too!

Marshmallows and cocktail stick formed the introduction to 3D shape in Hedgehogs and they were incredibly excited to share their creations when I went down to visit. I was particularly impressed with some of the mathematical language they were using to describe their shapes.

Last week, Miss Hickling, Mrs Butterfield and I enlisted the help of the Kent EYFS advisor to help us to see how we could further develop and enhance the learning environment for Reception and Year 1. Yesterday, with the help of a few fantastic volunteers, we begun the working progress to transform and develop their classroom and look forward to sharing the outcome with you once all of our building projects are complete.

Our New Intake Open Morning was a great success this morning; after I brief introduction I asked a selection of children from Squirrels and Badgers Classes to show the parents around in pairs. All of the parents, 12 sets, were incredibly complimentary about the children, commented on their fantastic attitude and how positive they were - I didn't prime them as I feel it's better they get their honest thoughts!

With December fast approaching we are beginning to think about Christmas! I would love it if we could decorate the Christmas tree with decorations that the children have made - therefore please could each child create a decoration for them to place on the tree. If they would like it returned to them once the tree comes down please could you ensure it is clearly named! Thank you!

Have a fantastic weekend!

## Weekly awards

**Head teacher award:** Owen W

**Pupil of the week:** Hedgehogs— Ethan R

Squirrels— Hector M

Badgers— Ann-Marie B

**Attendance Ted**— This will only be given out if attendance is above 97% , unfortunately no class reached it this week.

**Not Late Lee**— Unfortunately all classes had 2 late incidents this week

### Improving attendance at Leeds and Broomfield

Currently the attendance at Leeds and Broomfield stands at 93%. As you can see from the table below this is in the lowest Quintile of all schools, and must improve. OFSTED and the local authority would currently judge our attendance to be inadequate.

**Attendance - State-funded primary schools**

Quintile		min (%)	max (%)
Highest (best)		97.0	99.1
2nd		96.5	96.9
3rd		96.1	96.4
4th		95.5	96.0
Lowest		76.7	95.4

The school leaders cannot improve attendance by ourselves we really need your support. We will be regularly reviewing attendance and sending letters home to parents regarding pupils whose attendance is a concern. You may also be invited to a meeting, please ensure you attend.

### **Home learning**

Please ensure your child is reading daily; further up the school this may not necessarily be to an adult but it is important they are reading to continue to develop their ideas, vocabulary and understanding of how a text is structured.

From next week, home learning for Year 1 - Year 6 will go out on Thursday and will be due back into school the following Tuesday; to allow teachers time to mark and address any misconceptions that may have arisen - obviously if home learning is not received on the Tuesday then this may not be able to happen. If there is any element of the home learning sent home that you are unsure of then children are more than welcome to bring it back in on the Monday and a member of staff will go through and support them in their understanding. Key words / phonics will form Year 1's home learning on top of the daily reading, Year 2 - Year 6 will have maths and English weekly. Home learning for Years 2,3 and 4 should take no longer than 15 minutes per subject and 30 minutes each in Year 5 and 6.

This week the children have been learning about the psalms and about David being crowned King.

**Psalm 3:1-3** This prayer was written by King David as he fled from his son during Absalom's rebellion in 985BC (see 2 Samuel 15-19).



"LORD, I have many enemies! Many people have turned against me. Many are saying about me, 'God won't rescue him.' But, LORD, you are my shield, my wonderful God who gives me courage."