



Lethbridge Primary School Newsletter

February 2019



Welcome to our latest newsletter

This term has been packed with exciting events. Our STEM week was held in January and the children had a great time developing their science and engineering skills with an eco-theme. There are lots of photos of the week on our school website. Please take a look if you can:

https://lethbridgeschool.org.uk/pupils_STEM.php

We also joined in with Children's Mental Health Week 2019. Children took part in workshops with the aim of helping our children build resilience for today's modern world using the FLIP (focus, language, imagination, power-pose) to engage a growth mindset to problem solving. This ties in with lots of work we are doing in this area including our Personal, Social and Health Education scheme, JIGSAW, and our investment in school ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) as well our investment in our Rainbow Room and Sensory Room.

Thank you to Friends of Lethbridge for sponsoring the workshops for these special weeks. The feedback from children, parents and staff has been overwhelmingly very positive indeed.

Our JIGSAW scheme this term has been focused on discussing our dreams and goals in PSHE. We have aspiring scientists, doctors, waitresses, game makers, you-tubers, midwives, authors, boxers, teachers, dancers, singers, astronauts, climbers, ski instructors and Olympic hopefuls in our children.

In years 3 and 4 children have been working in groups and pairs designing their dream gardens that have included zip wires, underground dens, tree houses, swimming pools, tennis courts, skate ramps and just about anything else you can think of.

Year 4 have also made reflective dream catchers to remind them of their goals. Year 3 have put their goals onto flowers.

Years 5 and 6 have been thinking about sensory gardens. They could focus on a specific sense or special need or make it more general. Texture, colour, sound, touch and smell have all been considered. Wide pathways, different floor coverings, raised beds and easy access have been included. Totem poles and clouds have been used to record goals for years 5 and 6.

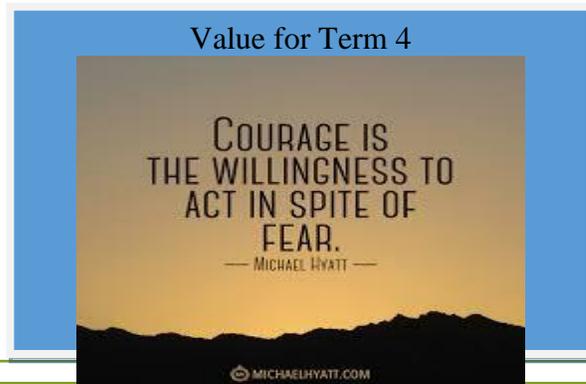
Children have also listened to the song 'When I Grow Up' from Matilda and watched clips and read stories that cover the topic. Children have played games with children they might not usually play with and amongst all this they have even had quiet moments for reflection time.

All this has led to this last week of activities to complete the topic. Across years 3 to 6 children have planted nearly 250 pots of Rosemary, Parsley, Thyme, Lavender and Nasturtiums. Fingers crossed they grow! Children have made flowers from tissue paper and card and flower tags to go in their pots.

Next term we look forward to the Year 4 production, the annual School Games, our KS2 choir singing at the Wyvern and children visiting us from Berlin as well as our annual Mothers' Day Wrap event and the Easter Egg Hunt!

Have a wonderful break and we will see you again on February 25th.

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