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# Lionwood Infant and Nursery School Newsletter



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## Attendance

20/05/24 to 24/05/24

Cherry- 85 %

Apple - 95%

Pear - 93%

Holly - 93%

Maple - 97%

Elm - 97%

Willow - 100%

**Whole School**

**= 94%**

**Target = 95%**

To all our families,

We have reached the end of another fun filled half term. This week was STEM week, with all of the year groups taking part in different activities. I think we definitely have some future designers and engineers among us.

Keep a look out on class dojo and the newsletter for upcoming events. The last term is always a very busy one with lots of opportunities for you to come in to school.

This years Key Stage One production is going to be 'Finding Nemo'. Year 2's will start auditioning for parts when we return after half term and year 1 will be busy learning songs for the performance.

A huge thank you to all the staff and children for all their hard work this term and thank you to all the families for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend and restful break,  
Ms Thorpe  
and the Lionwood team



**Nursery - Poppy**

**Pear Class - Sophia**

**Apple Class - Nyla**

**Holly Class - Farati**

**Maple Class - Harry**

**Elm Class - Venus**

**Willow Class - Hanna**

### CONGRATULATIONS!

A very big WELL DONE to these children for their hard work and commitment to their learning. We want to take this opportunity to say how proud we are of them.



## CURRICULUM UPDATES

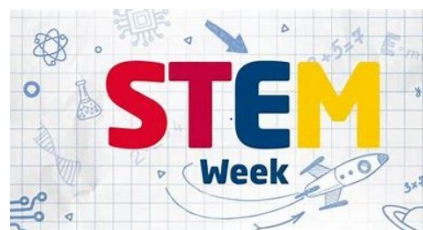
### Nursery

This week the children in Cherry Class have greatly enjoyed STEM week where they have investigated Pushes and Pulls. After exploring different 'push and pull' toys, the children were set a challenge to design and make their own pop up character which they could push up/pull down. They then referred to their design when creating their toy. The children were asked to evaluate their work and were given the opportunity to amend their product. We were so impressed by their creations. Mrs Moon also brought some of her daughter's toys in which the children sorted into the correct sorting hoops. Thank you to those who brought toys in from home to share with the class too.



### Reception

We have all enjoyed a great STEM week! The children have shown that they are fantastic independent creators! We began the week by exploring push and pull forces. We looked at different toys and decided if they had a push or pull force. Some toys even had both! We then designed our own characters to create a pop-up puppet. We would then perform with these pushing them up and pulling them down. The children then used their designs to create the puppet and placed it in a cone. We then performed a story or rhyme to our friends. The children have all completed phonics assessments this week and we are proud of the progress they have made.



### Year 1

This week has been STEM week in Year 1 and the children have all enjoyed designing and building their own catapult to experiment with push and pull forces. The children have developed their understanding of how forces in motion have an effect on an object. We have been impressed with how independently the children were able to select a design that they would like to create and bring their creation to life. Once we constructed the catapults the children tested them to see if there was anything we could do to improve. In English this week we have been rehearsing the skills required to write a non-chronological report. We have revisited prior learning in maths focusing on the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. The children have worked so hard this half term and made brilliant progress. We hope everyone enjoys the break and we look forward to welcoming you all back for the final Summer term.



### Year 2

It has been a busy week in Year 2, full of excitement and creativity. In English we completed some short burst writing activities, we wrote a pinball poem and created instructions on catching a spider. In Maths we have been discussing number facts and recalling our knowledge of inverse operations. In Science we learnt about grassland habitats and completed food chains relating to them. Throughout STEM week, we have been designing and making pinball machines. The children used their creativity to come up with different themes, deciding on the forces that needed to be used and their attachment techniques. We finished off our week trying out our pinball machines. Hopefully the children will have great fun with them over half term. Also, a reminder that auditions for longer parts in Finding Nemo will take place on the first week back after half term. If your child would like to audition, they must learn a part from the letter they brought home with them.



## Dates for your diary

27th-31st May – Half term

3rd June – Back to school



# JUMBLE SALE

**St Matthew's Church,  
Telegraph Lane West, NR1 4JA**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
10am - Midday**

**REFRESHMENTS & CAKES**

**CLOTHES, BRIC-A-BRAC,  
CHILDRENS TOYS, PLANTS**

**BRING CASH!**

**Jumble donations accepted - drop off at the church**