



Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge “Thank you” to begin this letter to you.

It was really lovely to see so many parents attend our Parents Evenings last week. The feedback which we received was delightful and it was lovely to have the opportunity to meet so many of you as you came through the doors and when you left after the meetings. Thank you too for the wonderful comments about the prefect hosts who stayed after school to ensure you found your way to the right classroom. IF you were unable to attend the meetings with the teacher then please do try to make another appointment. The discussions you have together are really important in creating a strong partnership between home and school.

Thank you too to the 35 Year 6 parents who attended our information sessions about the Year 6 tests in May – we are so grateful to you for coming and really hope you found the meeting useful.

WORLD BOOK DAY

THURSDAY MARCH 1ST

We are already very excited!

Parents welcome to come and share a book on Thursday at 2.45pm. Nursery parents are also invited in at 10.50am for morning session & 2.50pm for afternoon session.

Nursery News

It been a lovely first week back in Nursery. The children have really enjoyed our new book 'The Enormous Turnip' and are really joining in telling the story. We have been looking closely at daffodils and have had a go at painting one.

They look amazing and we will be making a display of them.

Next week we will be doing some pretend planting in our outside area. We are learning songs about growing which you will be invited in to hear at the end of term.

We are excited about dressing up for World Book Day on Thursday.

Don't forget to dress as something to do with growing or the story the Hungry Caterpillar, come & talk to us if you are struggling to think of an idea!

News from Reception

Next week in Literacy we will be looking at the story of 'Aliens love underpants.' Please ask your child to design their own alien and describe it. Remember to encourage writing sounds and we looking forward to seeing these.

For Maths, we will be learning about simple addition. It would be great if you could ask addition questions, such as, I have 5 potatoes and 3 beans, and how many do I have altogether?

For World Book day the children's costume theme is Space, for example, aliens, stars, spaceships, rockets.

Year 1

Just a reminder that Thursday is world book day and our topic is toys. All children can come in dressed up as a toy on Thursday. Our learning that day will be focused around the book Toys in space. Parents will be invited in at 2:45pm on that day for children to share their work.

Next week's literacy will focus on deepening the understanding of the vocabulary around the book Dogger. In maths we will be look at comparing

numbers and looking at the difference between them.

Year 2

Firstly, we would like to say thank you to those of you who joined us for our fruit face making afternoon. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their work with you. Next week we will be continuing our diary writing and solving addition and subtraction equations in maths. On Wednesday morning we will be walking to Waterstones to collect the children's world book day books. If you would like to join us and walk with your child please let their class teacher know. Our World Book Day theme is animals so we would like all the children to dress up as an animal if they can. Please can you ensure that any Marwell Zoo trip money is taken with the permission slip to the front office. Finally, a reminder for Peake class parents & carers that Mrs Gough and Miss Williams will be holding parents meetings on Tuesday, please make an appointment to see them if you haven't already done so.

Year 3

This week Year 3 have settled wonderfully back into their learning. The children have enjoyed reading the first two chapters of their class reading book 'The Wind in the Willows'. In Literacy they have written descriptions about the story's main characters and in Maths have started learning how to tell the time.

Next week we are very much so looking forward to celebrating World Book Day with our underwater theme. In literacy we will be learning how to write diary entries in role as characters from 'The Wind in the Willows', in maths we will be continuing with telling the time using both analogue and digital clocks and in topic we will be practising how to use watercolours to paint our very own woodland scene.

A reminder for World Book Day the children's costume theme is underwater animals for examples fish, sharks and turtles.

Year 4

We've had a lovely first week back in Year 4. The children have enjoyed learning how to convert time in maths and we have started to read Greek Myths in literacy.

Next week the children will be moving on to working with decimal number in numeracy - so if you would like any help with the shopping over the weekend, this would be a great time for the children to get some practice in before we start next week.

In literacy the children will be writing their own ending to a Greek Myth!

Please don't forget that Thursday is World Book Day and as our topic is Ancient Greece, the children can dress up as anything they like in relation to Ancient Greece (something as simple as a toga will be fab!)

There have been some amazing topic projects for homework handed in this week, so please keep them coming in if they are still a work in progress.

Year 5

Year 5 are thoroughly enjoying their new topic of 'Saxons and Vikings' and are looking forward to finding out more next week. On World Book Day, we will be focusing on the legends of the Norse gods (that the Vikings believed in) and using this to create our own comic strips.

In literacy, we will be continuing our unit on biographies and will be writing a biography of a famous Viking (Eric the Red). The skills that we will be learning are formal tone, technical language and adverbial phrases.

We would like to thank all the parents who attended parents' evening and we would like to be able to meet with those who were unable to attend at another time.

Reminder: please ensure that your child's PE kit is back in school (including suitable footwear for outside).

Year 6

It was great to see so many of you at parents' evening this week. The partnership we have with you regarding your child's education is a vital link in the chain leading to their success whilst they are in our care.

If you were not able to come and see us we would be very happy if you contacted the school office to book an appointment in the next week or so, thank you.

Next week, in science we will look more closely at the WW2 'dig for victory' campaign and as part of that, attempt growing some simple salad vegetables as a way of studying a plant's life cycle. In English, we will finish our journey on letter writing. This has been based around correspondence between the main characters in the book 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'. The finished letter will be added to the portfolio of writing your child is creating which will determine their writing level at the end of the year. Next week, those pupils who have been invited to extra tuition before and after school will start their groups. Finally, on Friday your child will take home their SATs booklets with instructions on which maths and reading tasks to do next. We hope that you will support your child in ensuring that these tasks are completed.

Thank you for your continuing support