FEATHERSTONE

PRIMARY ACADEMY

Featherstone Academy Newsletter-Week Ending- 15/09/2023

A Message From The Headteacher

This has been a really positive week at school with children well settled into their normal routines already; the Summer holiday seems a distant memory for all! Thank you all for your patience as our office team and staff get used to the new school gates, it will take time for this to be the norm for parents, but it is in the best interest of the children. From next week, we look forward to reinstating our celebration assemblies which this year will occur on Thursday.

Key Dates

Flu Immunisations- **Reception- Year 6**- Monday 25th September

Cheslyn Hay Open Day- **Year 6** - Thursday 28th September

Year 3 trip Wolseley Centre- Friday 6th October

Autumn 1 term ends- Friday 27th October

School Photographs- **All Year groups- Thursday 16th November**

Parent -Teacher Communication

Communication is key to help your child flourish at school, the first step is speaking to your Childs teacher on the playground before or after school, second is an appointment with the teacher made either via phone or email. If you need to escalate please discuss with Miss Tkaczuk for any queries within KS2 and then to Mrs Steatham for any queries involving EYFS or KS1 or SEN. If still not resolved and escalating further, this will need to be discussed with Mr Gatrad either on the playground, via email or meeting.

Meet The Teacher

To all the parents that attended our Meet The Teacher, it was so nice to see so many of you take the time out and show interest in your Childs school and get to know the teacher. Please click on the links to see more information on each Class, Teacher and Support Staff.

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Lets Take Our Learning Outside

"There is no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothing."

We try not to let the cold, rain, snow or ice stop outdoor play and learning as it brings such great benefits:

- keeps children physically active
- allows large-scale play from den building to large sand sculptures
- encourages interaction with the natural world
- encourages problem solving and collaboration
- enables imaginative play
- For this reason, we are asking our EYFS parents to send their children in with wellies and waterproof clothing. If you would like to send in a puddle suit for your child which can stay in school, that would be great!

When we enter the winter months, we will also ask for hats, scarves and gloves to come into school. We are happy to store outdoor clothing for parents rather than you bring them to and from school each day.

We do please ask that all clothing is **clearly labelled with your child's name**.

Children (and adults) need to be dry, warm and comfortable when learning and playing outside, with clothing that allows for lots of movement. Outfits need to be fit for purpose and ready to get muddy and wet regularly! Getting clothing right is so important for the success and happiness of outdoor learning and overall happiness of all our pupils.

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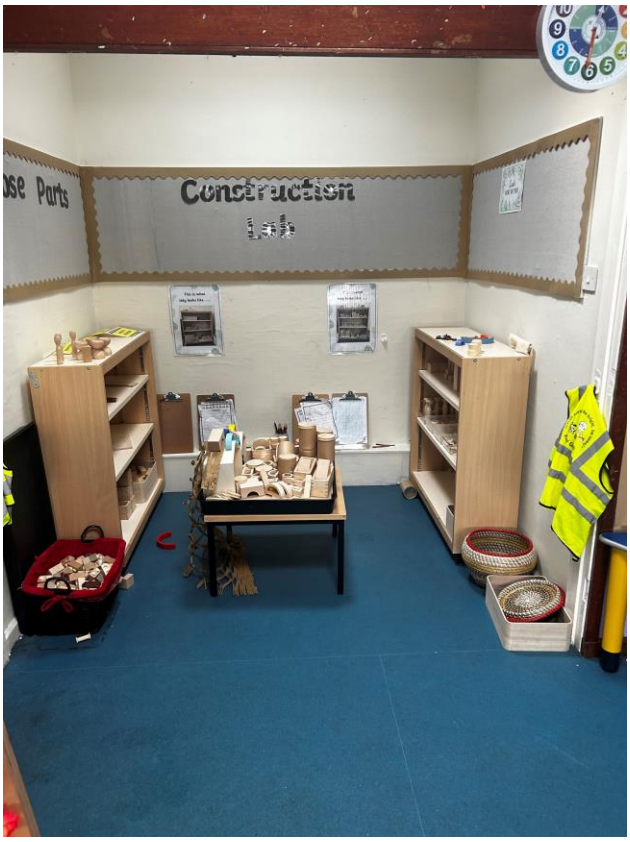
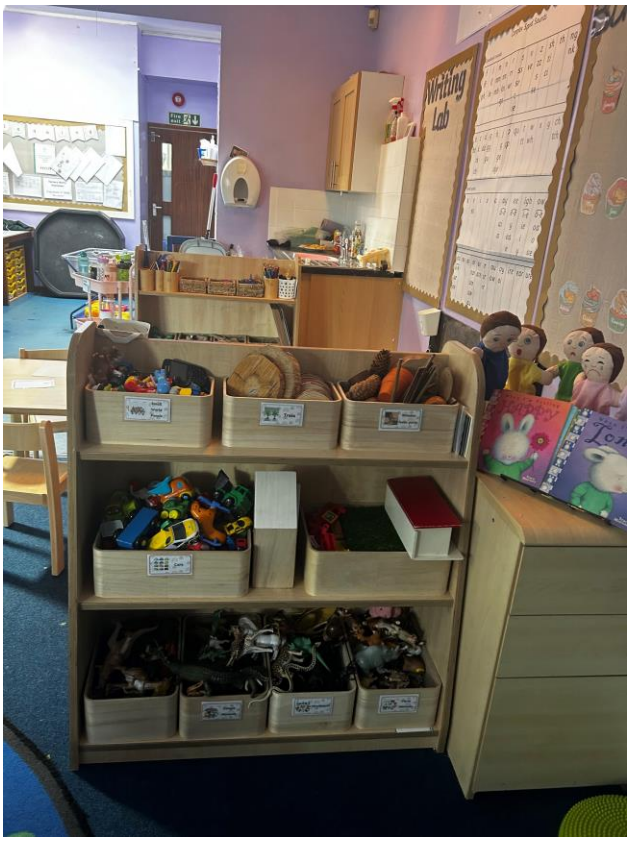
Nursery's New look

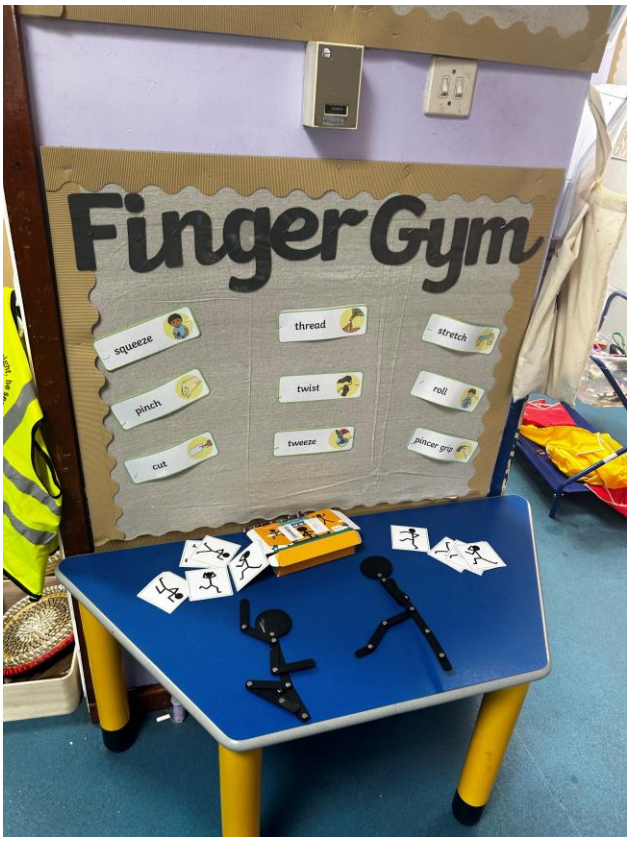
Over the summer Nursery has had a refurb and lots of new resources for the new nursery children to explore and enjoy.


Construction
Lab

Toilets


Writing Lab

Homes
My Family
Who lives in your house?
Mum
Dad
Brother
pets
This is what tidy looks like.....



Class Homework Projects

Please see individual class homework projects that will need to be completed and handed in to their class teacher by Monday 6th November.

Year 1	**We would like to do a project all about me. This is an opportunity for the children to showcase who they are, who is in their family, where do they live, what do they like to do outside of school, any clubs and there interests. The children can present this how they would like to weather it is through photos or writing. Just for them to be creative and colourful.**
Year 2	Year 2 homework project this half term will be to interview a parent/grandparent about their toys when they were younger and to make a comparison in any way they choose between what they played with and what the children play with now. This could be through a box showing models of the toys, an interview and pictures on big paper.
Year 3	**Stone Age Project: Children are encouraged to create a piece of work/art in relation to the stone age. This could be a PowerPoint presentation, model of the stonehenge, timeline, fact file, creating your own tools, creating a survival box or something very creative that could be used for display.**
Year 4	Year 4's autumn topic is Ancient Greece. Their homework task is to make a Spartan helmet or design a shield that would be used in battle. Projects to be completed by week commencing 6th November 2023.
Year 5	**What was a typical home like during Ancient Egyptian times?** **Draw, design or make a model of a typical home during Ancient Egyptian times. Label the key features of the home and what they were used for. Be as creative as you can be!**
Year 6	As part of our topic Road Trip USA, children are going to create a brochure advertising the great places that you can see from The Grand Canyon to the Statue of Liberty. Children will need to research at least 2 places, up to a maximum of 5 places they would like to visit and persuade people as to why they should go there on holiday or a visit. This can be done on paper, on PowerPoint, as a word document or another form of presentation, the choice is yours.

Year 6 Cheslyn Hay Open Evening

On Thursday we sent out a letter to all Year 6 parents informing you about the Cheslyn Hay Open Evening, the date was unfortunately incorrect on the communications. The correct date is Thursday 28th September.

School Governors

We would like to say a big thank you to two people who came forward to support the school in our governance following the request in newsletter, these will be announced shortly.

Application for Secondary School

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2024

To be sure of receiving an offer on national offer day please apply online through Staffordshire website www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions using the UID number for your child given on the letter to your child last week.

You will need to make your application by **31 October 2023** and your child will receive an offer of a Secondary school place on national offer day **01 March 2024.**

All the information you need about the admissions process within Staffordshire is available on our web pages.

Holiday Club

We are looking at starting a holiday club, if you are interested please email information@fea.greenheartlearning.org to register interest for October half term - we will need a minimum number to proceed.

Flu Immunisations Reception- Year 6

To complete the on-line consent form, please using the following link:

https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/

Choose the following from the dropdown list:

Featherstone Academy – 25 Sep 2023 - Flu

Your school code is: SS141278-23

Consent forms must be in by 10am on 22nd September 2023

Class Learning

Please see your childs class learning for week commencing; 18/09/2023

Nursery: This week we will be reading a non- fiction text called 'Lets Build a house/. We will be learning about different types of hoses and the children will be encouraged to talk about the type of home they live in.

We will be making our own homes using a variety of wooden blocks and materials. The children will also be making their own shape house picture linked to maths. There will also be creative opportunities to paint draw and cut/stick.

Reception: My family Following on from last week we will start to look at our families and the special people in our lives who look after us and love us.

Class 1: In Maths we will be how to represent numbers, recognise numbers as words and counting on from a given number.

In Science we will be starting a new topic and we will be looking at different types of materials.

Class 2: Maths- partitioning numbers to 100. English- continuing work on our book The Snail and The Whale to use adjectives. Geography- creating our own weather charts.

Class 3: Geography: United kingdom – Looking at how to use maps, looking at Capital Cities and how to use directional language. Writing: Building up to writing an adventure story in relation to The Stone Age.

Science: Light – To investigate how we see light

Home learning – Please keep encouraging your children to read at home and visit the Rollama website each day.

Class 4: Maths- Place Value- representing and partitioning numbers to 10,000, English- The Lost Happy Endings- looking at the features of a diary, Reading- The Girl Who Stole an Elephant, Music- Mamma Mia- learning to sing the song and playing the glockenspiel.

Class 5: In English, Year 5 will be looking at the features of a Newspaper report, ready to write our own the following week. In Science, we will be looking at different types of forces and whether they are a push or pull type of force. Our afternoon focuses will be Music and PSHE. In music, we will be playing, improvising and composing with the song 'Livin' on a Prayer'. In PSHE we will be looking at children's rights and how these are incorporated into children's daily life

Class 6: English - Poetry about refugees, Maths - Compare, order and rounding numbers, Science - explore the work of Carl Linnaeus, Computing - We are computational thinkers

Parent Volunteers

We currently have a handful of parent volunteers that take time out of their busy weeks to help and support us in school to do 1:1 reading with the children. Please can I encourage more to go through the process and offer some time if they can, you will even have the opportunity to have lunch with your children in school on those days. Once we have a DBS in place the parent may even have the chance to go on school trips.

School Photographer

The School photographer has been rescheduled for Thursday 16th November. Children will have individual and school sibling photos taken on the day.

TT Rockstars

Times Tables Rock Stars is a maths programme that takes all the worry out of learning times tables and has a proven track record of boosting children's fluency and recall in multiplication and division.

This week you will have had login details for your Childs TT Rock Stars, when logging in you may need to input the schools postcode which is WV10 7AS.

Lunch Menu W/C 18/09/23

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