Featherstone Academy Newsletter- Week Ending - 22/09/2023

A Message From The Headteacher

This week has seen significant downpours which in turn has resulted in children spending less time outside, which we know they all love. Fingers crossed next week is not the same. We do try and ensure children go outside where possible, so please ensure children bring coats and suitable footwear if appropriate. Our year 5/6 football team were one of the highlights of the week, with not only how well they played but their attitude to each other, the opponents and even the referees; we could not be prouder.

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

Ancient Egypt Day- **Year 5**- Wednesday 18th October

Autumn 1 term ends- Friday 27th October

Cinema Trip Years **2, 5 and 6 -** Wednesday 8th November

Cinema Trip **Year 3-** Friday 10th November

Cinema **Trip Year 4**- Wednesday 22nd November

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

School Trips

Taking on board the parent survey relating to trips, we have been hard at work planning and booking trips to enhance children's learning outside the classroom.

Please be assured that school will always keep the cost to a minimum, but unfortunately, the cost of coaches has risen and is out of our control. We will cover some of the costs where we can.

Holiday Club

In last week's Newsletter we asked for any parents interested in a Featherstone Academy holiday club for October half term to email us. Unfortunately due to only 5 families interested, some of whom only require one or two days, we are unable to proceed with this for October half term.

We are going to commit to plan for Easter holidays and Summer holidays and we will put together an offer and share with parents before Christmas.

Uniform

Since children have returned to school we have had an overwhelming amount of children losing their uniform and belongings. Please can all items of clothing, lunchboxes, drinks bottles etc.. be clearly labelled with the Child's name.

Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament

Can we all say a massive well done to our Year 5 & 6 boys that played in the Mini Soccer Football Tournament on Wednesday.

All boys played their hearts out to finish 3rd place out of 7 teams. Well done we are so proud of you boys.

Young Voices

We are very excited next week to begin rehearsals for Young Voices. Rehearsals will take place during lunchtime, where the children will learn and practice the songs and accompanied dances ready for the show in February. This week, those taking part in Young Voices took home a letter for parents to purchase tickets for the show. Please can these be returned to school no later than **Wednesday 28th September**.

If you have any questions or queries, please speak to Miss Tkaczuk.

Accelerated Reader Quiz

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

Want to help push on your child's reading ability? Interested in seeing what your child gets up to in reading? Then take a look at our **Accelerated Reader Quizzes at home**.

At Featherstone Academy, each time pupils finish their reading book they take a Reading Practice Quiz to determine how well they understood the content of the book. This is something we would love to also see being completed at home as ongoing home learning opportunities.

By using the following link, Accelerated Reader Quiz , pupils will be taken to our school login page. (We do suggest saving the above link as a favourite for easy access in the future).

Once you have reached the Renaissance Accelerated Reader homepage, children will:

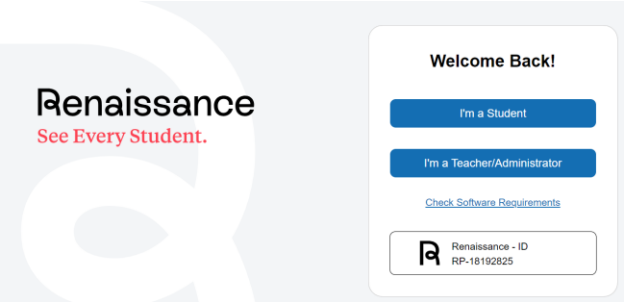
- Enter their login details.
- Once logged in, they will click on the Accelerated Reader link.
- Then, they can then enter the book title for the quiz they would like to take.

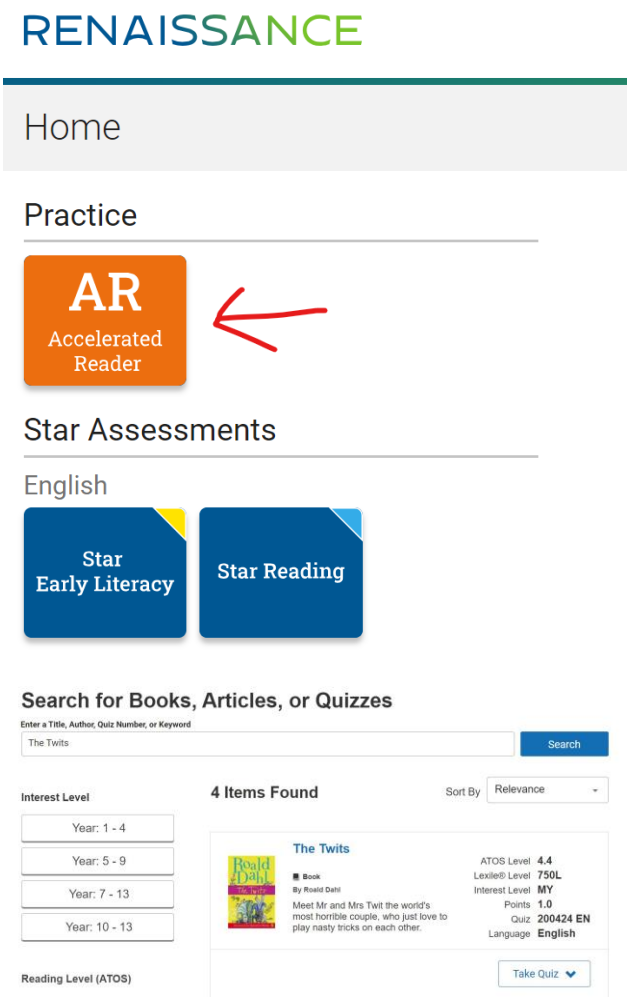
Please see the pictures below as a helpful guide.

Children are very familiar with the Accelerated Reader platform and will know what to do.

If you have any problems with logging in, please speak to your child's class teacher and they will be able to support you with any questions.

As always, Happy Reading!



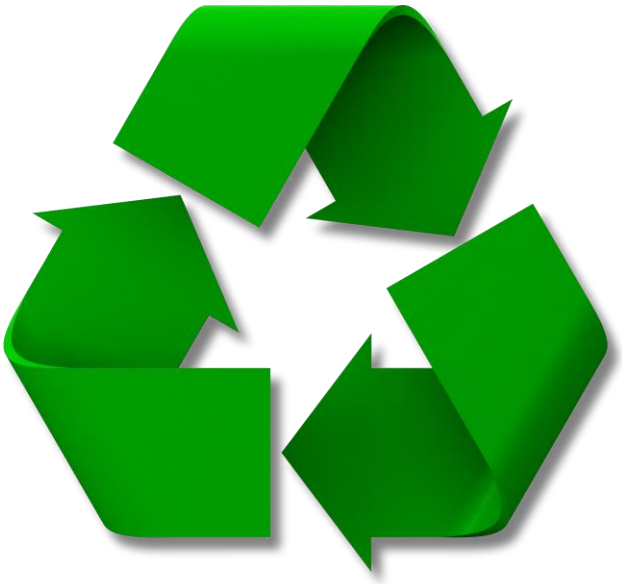


ECO Competition

On Monday 16th October, each class will have time in the hall throughout the day to look into the importance of recycling through the use of VR to celebrate recycling week.

We will be holding a competition for Years 1-6 to create something at home out of recycled materials and even better if your creation shows the importance of being environmentally friendly.

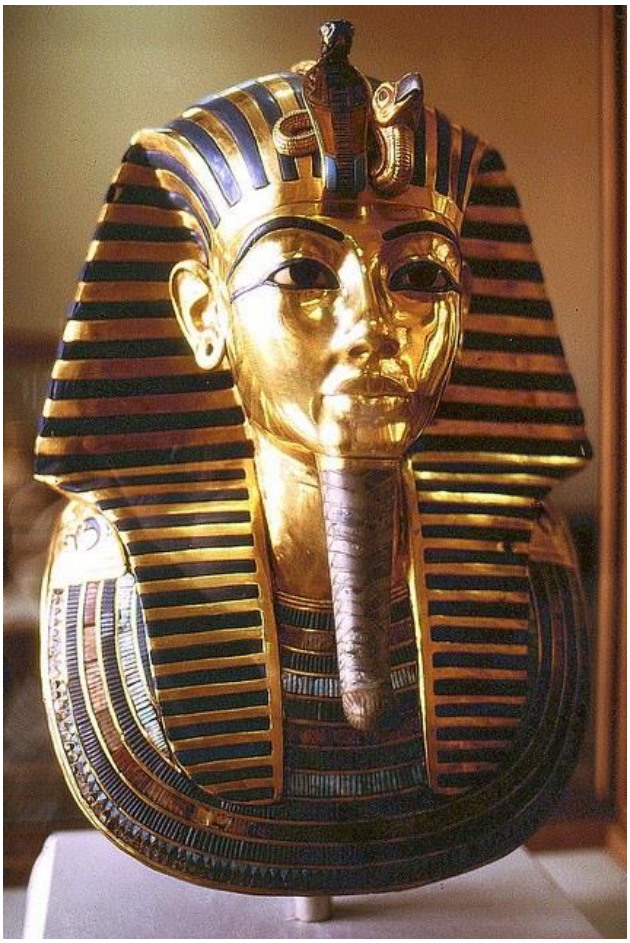
All entries need to be in school by Thursday 18th October and the winner chosen will be rewarded in our Celebration Assembly on Thursday 19th October.



Ancient Egypt Day- Year 5

Ancient Egypt Day

On Wednesday 18th October, Year 5 will be taking part in an Ancient Egyptian Day. We will be joined by the 'Widget Workshop' team who will assist in transporting the children back to Ancient Egypt with the use of VR technology. We would love for the children to come dressed up in Ancient Egyptian attire for the day, to really immerse themselves in the whole experience. Whether this costume is made, bought, or the children come in with an accessory - we would love to see some creative costumes. If you have any questions or queries, please speak to Miss Tkaczuk on the gate.



Class Learning

Nursery: We will be reading Kipper's Birthday, the children will be learning about how birthdays are celebrated.

Reception: We will be looking at our feelings and emotions and how we manage them.

Class 1: Science we are testing different materials to see which materials are best to for an umbrella, Maths we are learning to identify one more and one less than a given number.

Class 2: We will be finishing off our geography unit of weather and starting our history unit of toys. In maths we will be looking at number lines and using them to estimate and count and in English we will be writing our own adventure stories in the style of the Snail and the Whale.

Class 3: History: The Stone Age, Writing: Completing our Adventure stories based on a Stone Age girl time travelling to our world, Maths: Completing our great understanding of place value and partitioning.

Class 4: English- The Lost Happy Endings- Writing a diary entry, Reading- The Girl Who Stole an Elephant, Maths- Place Value- compare and order numbers to 10,000.

Computing- We are software developers- learning to code programmes.

Class 5: Next week, Year 5 will be looking at rounding numbers in maths to the nearest 10,100, 1000, 10,000 and 100,000.

In English, children will be writing a newspaper report on the topic of homelessness.

Our focus subject next week will be art. Children will be practicing their drawing skills, focusing on the artist Henri Rousseau.

Class 6: In year 6 next week we will be exploring newspaper articles as we build up to writing a newspaper report on the book we are studying. In Maths, children will identify multiples, prime numbers and factors as we delve deeper into our understanding of times tables. In Science, children will study how we classify animals and the reasons for doing this. In PSHE year 6, will explore the rights that we all have and the behaviors that are expected of everyone as well as how we can make a difference in the world.

Celebration Assembly

This week saw the return of our weekly Celebration Assembly, we would like to say a big well done to;

Little Learners- **Kalli-J Arthur**

Nursery- **Alfie Davies**

Reception- **Evie Rose Patten**

Class 1- **Jenson Pawar-Ansell**

Class 2- **Mikayla Onyia**

Class 3- **Harmony Hanchard**

Class 4- **Poppy Cairns**

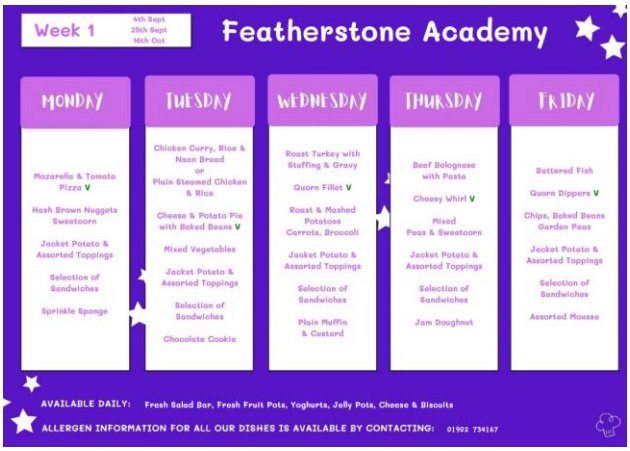
Class 5**- Jack Higgitt**

Class 6- **Demi Allen**

Mrs Streatham- Deputy Head- **Abel Vitta**

Mr Gatrad- Headteacher- **Milo Ellington**

Lunch Menu- W/C-25/09/2023



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