



Featherstone Academy Newsletter- Week
Ending- 19/01/2024

A Message From The Deputy Headteacher

This week we have welcomed parents into school for 'Stay and Play' with our Little Learners, as well as 'Look into Learning' with Year 1. And what an enjoyable experience this was for all involved! Especially for our children, who love to share what they get up to in school with their families. Please take a look at our key dates to see if you can join us for any upcoming sessions.

Key Dates

Monday 22nd January - Nursery Stay and Play

Tuesday 23rd January- Year 2 Look Into Learning

Monday 29th January - Reception Stay and Play

Tuesday 30th January-Year 3 Look Into Learning

Monday 5th February - Friday 9th February- Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 5th February-Year 4 Look Into Learning

Wednesday 7th February- Botanical Gardens Year 1 & 2

Thursday 8th February - Weston Park Trip Year 6

Friday 9th February- Own Clothes Day- Express Yourself-(Whole School)

Friday 9th February - Break up for Half Term

Tuesday 20th February- Year 5 Look Into Learning

Thursday 22nd February- Young Voices- Resorts World Birmingham

Tuesday 27th February-Year 6 Look Into Learning

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day- Whole School

12th-14th March- Scholastic Book Fair

19th-20th March- Parents Evening

21st March- Easter Bonnet Parade (**Early Years only-LL, Nursery & Reception**)

Our First Word Millionaire

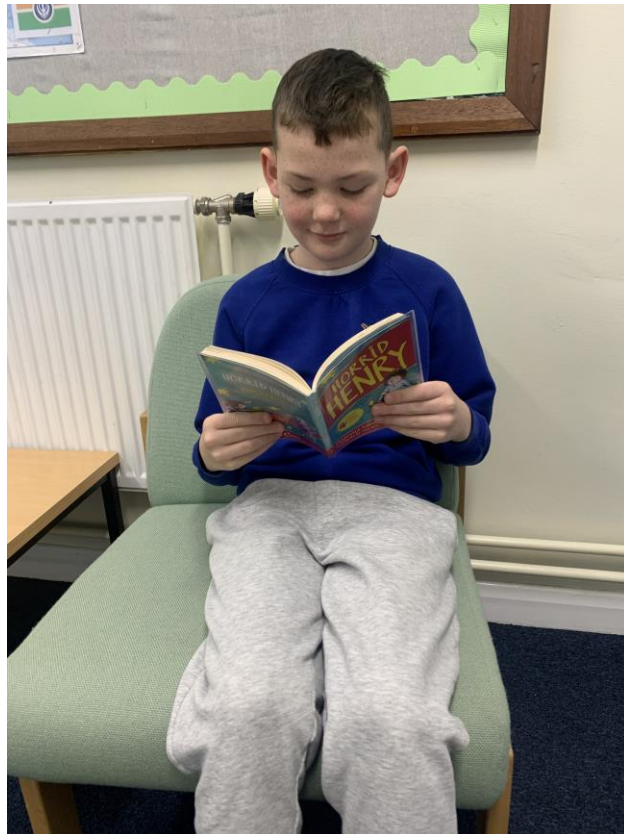
Wow! We are super excited to share that we have our first Word Millionaire at Featherstone Academy.

Congratulations to Jax Bethell.

Jax has continued to show his love for reading by completing **101** Accelerated Reader quizzes, taking his overall word count to **1,039,114** words! As a reward for Jax's hard work, he has been invited to a celebratory afternoon tea later this term.

We can't wait to see how many other pupils will be joining the celebration. Invitations are not only for word millionaires, but also for pupils we can see are trying hard with their reading skills, showing an improved enthusiasm towards reading, or completing regular accelerated reader quizzes.

Happy Reading, everyone!





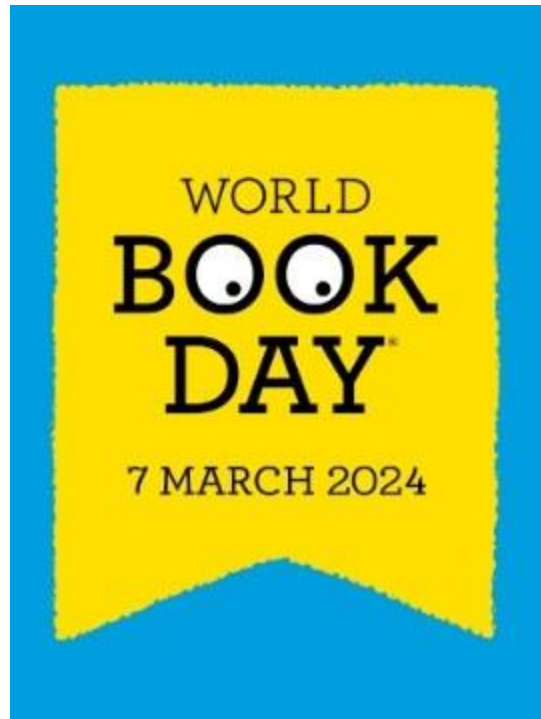
World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

We know how meticulously some of children plan their World Book Day outfits, so this year we are giving you all plenty of notice.

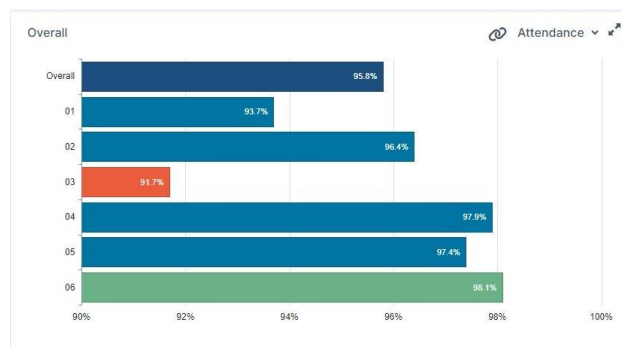
World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and shared reading. Its mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own.

Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. Spending **just 10 minutes a day** reading and sharing stories with children can make a crucial difference to their future success and it's fun for all involved.

World Book Day 2024 will be on **Thursday 7th March**, children of all ages will come together to share the joy of reading for pleasure. We are asking on that day for all children to come in dressed as their favourite character from a book they love. We are so excited to see who walks through our door on World Book Day and see where our reading takes us!



Attendance - w/c 15/01/2024



Class Learning

Nursery: Next week we will be sharing The Billy Goats Gruff in class. The children will have an opportunity to paint characters from the story. They will be learning new words to use to describe the Troll. We will also be look at the moral of the story and how the troll wasn't very kind. Children will also be able to use the props to act out the story.

Reception: Exploring Dinosaurs- talk about the different types of dinosaur, what they would of eaten and why there are no dinosaurs around today.

Class 1: Next week we are starting a new book called Can't you sleep little bear. We will be looking what the problem is and how resolve the problem with solutions. In maths we will be looking at number lines and estimating numbers. Towards the end of the week we will be comparing numbers within 50.

Class 2: In Maths next week we will begin our new unit of multiplication and division, focusing on making equal groups and introducing the multiplication symbol. In English we will start our new text 'Voices in the Park' and will be learning the features of a play script. In Computing we will be using iPads to take and edit photos inspired by the theme of winter.

Class 3: Writing- The children will be starting their class text 'Cliffhanger' by Jaqueline Wilson. The focus will be on Film Trailers with the purpose to entertain. Children will write their own 'cliffhangers' in the form of a film trailer for this book. Can they write an audio trailer that would be used on the radio to advertise this book?

Music- Children will be looking into Reggae music and music that spreads positivity. They will then create their own jamming sessions where they will combine these two genres and focus on pitch, tempo and rhythm.

Maths- Children will be consolidating their understand of multiplication and division with a focus on multiplying and dividing with 2 digit numbers.

Class 4: Maths- Multiplication and Division- diving a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. English- The Abominables- looking at the features of a character description- fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and varying sentence types. Reading- The Abominables- retrieval, summarising, inference, vocabulary and explaining.

Class 5: Next week, children will be continuing to read the book 'Rooftoppers' and explore character and setting within their Reading lessons. In English, children will be building up to writing a flashback, immersing themselves into the character of 'Vivienne'. Our focussed week next week is Art. Children will be exploring the artist Hans Holbein, and learning how to draw portraits of famous Tudor figures. They will focus on the skills of tone, shadow and perception, before creating their final piece of art.

Class 6: Year 6 have a great week of activities to look forward to. In Maths, children will be calculating angles on different lines as well as in shapes such as triangles. In reading, children will continue to read different stories from our Survivors book - exploring how to answer inference and retrieval questions. Year 6 will also use the book to help create ideas for their own story based on our class text. In Science, children will investigate shadows, deciding how and why they change. In PSHE, children will explore how we stay physically and mentally healthy, exploring how we deal with situations where we put ourselves under pressure or where others put pressure on us.

Celebration Assembly

We welcomed parents and families back into school this week for celebration assembly-we would like to say a big Featherstone well done to our winners this week;

Little Learners- **Elijah Darby**

Nursery- **India Dickenson**

Reception- **Sienna-Lee Brown**

Year 1-**James Walker**

Year 2-**Olivia-Mae Jones**

Year 3- **Harry Freeman**

Year 4-**Emilie Isik**

Year 5-**Jack Higgitt**

Year 6-**Ella Webb**

Mrs Steatham-Deputy Headteacher- **Chris Kowala**

Mr Gatrad- Headteacher-**Cristian Lungu**

Lunch Menu- w/c 22/01/2024

Week 1 22nd Jan		Featherstone Academy		
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Tomato Pizza V (pepperoni available on the side)	Sausage or Guorn Sausage V with Mash'd Potato & Yorkshire Pudding, Peas, Baked Beans, Gravy	Roast Chicken or Guorn Fillet V	Cheesy Pasta Bake V with Garlic Bread	Battered Fish
Potato Puffs, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Roast & Mash'd Potatoes Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy	Corrots, Baked Beans	Guorn Dippers V
Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Selection of Sandwiches	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Chips, Baked Beans Garden Peas
Selection of Sandwiches	Shiraz Custard	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings
Chocolate Puffin Custard		Flapjack Custard	Jam Sponge Plain Sponge Custard	Selection of Sandwiches
				Ice Cream Tub
AVAILABLE DAILY: Fresh Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit Pots, Yoghurts, Jelly Pots, Cheese & Biscuits				
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