



## Heathfield Infants Newsletter



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### Best Attendance

This week's Best Attendance was achieved by Dolphin Class KS1 and Sea Turtles Class in Reception.

### What We Have Been Doing

To support our 'Pets' theme this week in Nursery, we have been looking after the school's Guinea pigs. The children have shared stories about their own pets and what they need to do to look after them. Hopefully the children will be able to share their knowledge with you. If you would like to put a picture of your own pet on Tapestry, we would love to see it. We have also been making our own books and sharing these with each other. Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day so please encourage your child to come dressed as their favourite book character.



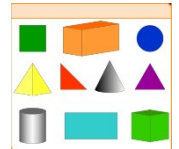
This week in Reception we had a fantastic time celebrating Book Week. We enjoyed the Storytelling Workshop and created our own stories and characters using our imagination. Bedtime Stories was very relaxing. Children wore their cosy pyjamas and enjoyed listening to some of their favourite books, while drinking hot chocolate and eating biscuits. In Literacy, we read the book 'The Gigantic Turnip', and expressed our opinion to create a story map charting the main events of the story. During maths we focused on numbers 'eleven' and 'twelve' and tried to recognise, count and represent the two numbers in different ways. We learnt what a pattern was and copied and created our own patterns. Perhaps you can ask your child to identify some patterns in their environment. We are looking forward to seeing which character your child will be on World Book Day next Thursday.



Year 1 loved celebrating Book Week and enjoyed so many brilliant books. One of our favourites was 'How to Find Gold' by Viviane Schwarz. We used our storytelling and predicting skills to make up stories about the adventures the main characters might have. We planned and created sea monsters which we used in our drama. We also enjoyed using a range of musical instruments to add sounds to images from the book. This week our guided reading sessions looked a little different, as we enjoyed playing musical chairs with books, reading in the dark with torches, in dens and under tents. In maths we finished our work on position and direction. We learnt how to follow and write steps using mathematical vocabulary such as right, left, forward, backward, up and down. The children moved around their classrooms following directions.

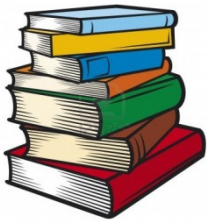


What an exciting Book Week Year 2 had. We had a fantastic session with a story teller where the children recalled the story of 'The Enormous Turnip' and acted out many parts. We studied a very special book called 'The Extraordinary Book of Silly Superpowers' and created our own character with a silly superpower, then wrote a character description using interesting adjectives, to describe what the character wears, as well as how the character acts. We were very inventive and read about a range of superheros with powers such as recalling all the dinosaurs ever known to man, lightening girl and even a character who can talk to wolves! In maths we spent a lot of time looking at the names and properties of 3D shapes. Using this knowledge, we were able to solve crimes that the 3D shapes had committed. What 3D shapes can you help your child find at home? We would love to see what you find. In geography we started our new topic of 'Weather Experts' and made weather stations where we will observe the weather over the next two weeks. Finally, we started our new DT project creating our own 'wheels and axels' toy. 'Tom's Talking Reptiles' will visit us on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. This is an exciting opportunity to observe how the animals move and we will use this to inspire the DT toy that we create. I am sure the children will have a lot to say when they come home after their session.



### NSPCC Assembly

This week we welcomed a representative from the NSPCC to our assembly. She brought 'Buddy', the NSPCC mascot with her and talked to the children about how they can stay safe. The important message for the children was to "Speak Out, Stay Safe". We emphasised the fact that if they are worried about anything, they can talk to a grown up at home or in school.



### Book Week

This week we have had great fun celebrating Book Week with all sorts of exciting activities, both in and out of our classrooms. The infants really enjoyed the interactive Storytelling workshops, in which we explored how stories unfolded. Our storyteller used acting and props to involve and engage both children and staff in the process of building a story.

Nursery and Reception enjoyed their animal stories, whilst Year 1 and Year 2 explored stories about dragons and enormous turnips. To celebrate our Book Week, some children from Year 1 and 2 also visited the Alligator's Mouth bookshop in Richmond. After enjoying listening to a selection of the owner's favourite stories and poems, we then spent time browsing the books in the store. Finally the children got to choose a book to take back to school and put in their class book corner.

Some children also participated in our Infant Book Swap this week. Children in all year groups brought in a book from home to swap for a different one. We had all sorts of different books to choose displayed on tables in our Infant Hall. The children enjoyed the opportunity to share books they enjoyed and also found new ones they had not read before.



### World Book Dress Up Day – Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March

To celebrate 'Book Week 2020', Nursery to Year 6 can come to school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March dressed as a book character of their choice. We are really looking forward to seeing all your amazing costume ideas.

### Special World Book Day Menu and Golden Ticket Event Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

To celebrate World Book Day we will serve a special menu on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. If your child usually has packed lunch and would like this special school lunch menu for the day, please let the Infant School office know by 9.00am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Remember, all Infant aged children receive FREE school lunches! Some lucky, random children may also find a 'Golden Ticket' during the dining service and have the chance to win a brand new book!

### Nursery Applications for September 2020

The deadline for Nursery applications is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020. If you would like to apply for a place at the Nursery, please collect a form from the School Office.

### Parents Evening Rescheduled

Our rescheduled dates for parents evening are:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - 5.00pm-7.00pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - 4.00pm-7.00pm

Online bookings will be available from today at 6.00pm and close on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm. Please see separate emails sent today.

### Updates on the Coronavirus

Public Health England have created a blog, which will be updated as and when changes happen to keep users informed. The blog is available to all those living in the United Kingdom. You can access the Public Health England blog by following the link below:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

