

Term 4 Infants
Newsletter

24th February 2017

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 2nd March

Dress as a character from a book you have read. If you've got the book bring it along!

Dear
Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school!
We hope you enjoyed the break.

Already, as part of our Read Aloud Month, we have had the pleasure of a visit from the Lord Mayor of Canterbury, Councillor George Metcalfe and his wife, the Lady Mayoress. They heard children from KS1 and KS2 read and were very impressed with everyone. He said it was one of the most enjoyable events he had been to as part of his Mayoral role.

Thank you to the parents who have given their time to hear readers as part of Read Aloud Month. There are still a few days of February left, so it's not too late to come in and hear readers or to share a story with your child's class. Reading is invaluable - the more we all promote it, the better. So please speak to your child's class teacher if you can help in any way.

This term, our topics will be as follows:

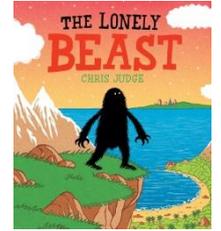
Foundation Stage - 'Magic Pond'

Our Power of Reading books this term will be 'The Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis and Gwen Millward and 'Yucky Worms' by Vivian French. We will be exploring the books illustrations and messages, and writing our own bog baby adventures! Phonics will continue to be a daily focus in class. As part of mathematics, we will continue to recognise and order numbers to 20, finding one more or one less than a given number, practising addition and subtraction, and problem solving activities. We hope that the weather will provide opportunities to learn about growing and changing. We are looking forward to finding out more about spring and our outdoor environment.



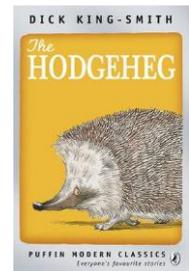
Year One - 'Animals and Us'

This term, we will look at animals, including humans. We will think about how animals, including humans, respond to the environment by taking a 'senses walk'. We will look closely at a variety of animals, making observational drawings and clay models. We really enjoyed seeing the animals your children created at home. The animals theme will continue in music; the children will create their own 'animal rap'. We will be studying 'The Lonely Beast' by Chris Judge in English and will maintain our focus on the primary skills of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, but will also look at different writing skills, including making fact files about favourite animals. During maths we will continue to build our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills, and will also look at fractions and 3D shapes. In RE we will continue thinking about Christianity, looking at stories about Jesus. In PHSE we will look at the way in which we can make contributions to the community. We will maintain our ICT skills, focusing on the creation and manipulation of digital text. Both Donaldson and Jeffers class have dance on Tuesdays and their games lesson on Thursdays.



Year Two - 'Habitats'

We will be reading 'The Hodgeheg', by Dick King-Smith, a fun story which lends itself to work around road safety and nocturnal animals. We will learn about animal's natural habitats, with a focus on British wildlife. We will also look at plants and hope to grow some beans. A literacy focus for the term will be non-fiction writing. We will learn to identify the difference between fact and fiction, as well as facts and opinions. In maths, we have been learning about fractions this week; the children have begun to show a clear understanding of this, but will need to consolidate the concept further. We will continue to focus on multiplication and division, as well as identifying and describing 2D and 3D shapes. We will also cover reflectional symmetry and telling the time to five minute intervals, all through problem solving in real life contexts. For PE this term, Ahlberg Class have gymnastics and Carle class have swimming on Mondays.



Our (Year 2) Flat Stanley project is ongoing, but many children haven't received their first post card yet. They would like one! With your support, the children can learn so much about the world around them in a fun and engaging way.



Home Learning

We encourage children to read to an adult at home as regularly as possible - at least three times per week. We are continuing to run our Star Readers scheme, which rewards children for working consistently hard on their reading. They like to collect the reading stamps, so please remember to sign the diary each time your child reads. Please also find five minutes a day to practise spellings.

Reminders

- Maths games are changed every Friday.
- Named PE kits should always be in school.
- Children are not allowed to wear jewellery or to bring toys to school, as they cause distraction and it can be upsetting for them if their items are lost or damaged.

Diary Dates



Join Us For
Briary's Easter Bonnet Parade
Thursday 30th March
For Years R, 1 and 2



Parents are invited to stay on the playground after the morning drop off, to see their children parade across the playground wearing their bonnets with pride.

We are pleased to say that Reverend Estella and Reverend Carol will be visiting.

All other diary dates are on the reverse of this page and you can also find all events happening in school on our website www.briary.kent.sch.uk

We look forward to another enjoyable and successful term.

Best Wishes,

The Infants Team

Dates for your Diary!

Term 4



DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	TIME
Monday 27 th February	Herons	Carle Class Swimming Lesson	PM
Tuesday 28 th February	New Hall	Sign up for Parents Evening	8.40am - 9.00am and 2.55pm - 3.15pm
Wednesday 1 st March	New Hall	Sign up for Parents Evening	8.40am - 9.00am and 2.55pm - 3.15pm
Thursday 2 nd March	New Hall	Jeffers Class Assembly	2.30pm
Monday 6 th March	Herons	Carle Class Swimming Lesson	PM
Tuesday 7 th March	Classrooms	Parent/Teacher Consultations	3.15pm - 6.00pm
Wednesday 8 th March	New Hall	Class Photographs	All Day
Wednesday 8 th March	Classrooms	Parent/Teacher Consultations	4.15pm - 7.00pm
Thursday 9 th March	Meeting Room	School Nurse Clinic (By prior appointment only)	9.00am - 1.00pm
Monday 13 th March	Herons	Carle Class Swimming Lesson	PM
Thursday 16 th March	New Hall	Donaldson Class Assembly	2.30pm
Friday 17 th March	School	AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FINISH TODAY	
Monday 20 th March	Herons	Carle Class Swimming Lesson	PM
Friday 24 th March	School	Mothers' Day Shop	All Day
Monday 27 th March	Herons	Carle Class Swimming Lesson	PM
Wednesday 29 th March	Old Hall	Coffee Morning and Uniform Sale	9.00am - 10.00am
Thursday 30 th March	Playground	Easter Bonnet Parade	AM
Friday 31 st March	School	LAST DAY OF TERM 4	