



Woolhampton CE Primary School

Enabling all to Flourish

Weekly Newsletter: 28th February 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you for your support in ordering school lunches ahead of time at home. This has made a real difference to the start of the day and enables learning to get started much quicker.

If you have any difficulties ordering, the office will be more than happy to show you how to do it.

We have had a really positive first week back and have been prompting our new school rules. Lots of children have been sent to come and see me to share their hard work –

Rule 2: “We work hard and try our best.” It is such a pleasure to share their achievements with them and see how proud they are of their work – I shall have to order some more giant stickers!

We are looking forward to World Book Day next week (Friday, not Thursday!) and hope to see some ‘traditional tales’ dressing up. I would like to remind everyone once again that there is no need to buy anything for this – just be creative with what you already have. Reading is so important and the positive impact of daily reading goes well beyond learning to read. Children who read every day achieve significantly higher across all subjects than their peers who don’t. As we always say to parents, if you only do one homework with your child, make it reading. Read together, read to them or let them read to you – every little helps.

In assembly this week, I spoke to the children about sharing what they do at school with families at home. I know that the favourite answer to the question: “What did you do at school today?” is “Nothing” or “Not much.” - At least that was/is the answer that my own boys give me. I explained to the children that if they occasionally share with you what they do, you would be really happy! As you know, our curriculum is on our website, but to give you a little more insight into what goes on, we are going to have a ‘Class Spotlight’ feature in the newsletter each week. Each class will take it in turns to share a little of what they have been up to over the last few weeks – Beech Class are going to go first for today’s newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading about what they have been up to.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rebecca Cox

Headteacher

Class Spotlight – Beech Class

This week in Beech class we have been working really hard!

In maths the Reception children have been learning about height and trying really hard to use our new maths vocabulary of 'taller' and 'shorter'. They have been measuring various items and themselves, outside using crates. Did you know, Miss Beth is the same height as 8 crates!

Yr 1 have been practicing their number bonds to 10 and have started to use this knowledge to help them with learning their number bonds to 20.



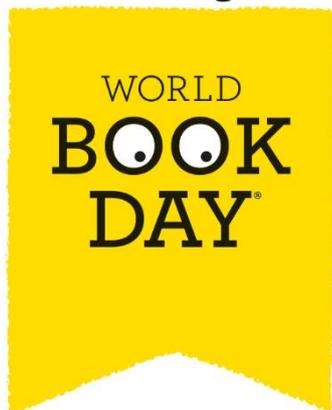
In English, there has been some strange happenings going on! First we found some clues and then some cctv images of a creature that has been to visit our school and is lost. We have been looking for more clues and Year 1 have written messages and questions for this creature to read, while Reception children have been creating their own creatures and reading and writing some alien words.



Finally, in PSHE this week, we discussed the importance of families and understanding that all families are different and special. We spoke about who is in our family and things we like to do with certain family members. The children drew pictures of their family and the Yr 1 children labelled them.



Celebrating with



World Book Day – Friday 7th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 7th March. Please note that the official World Book Day is on the Thursday, but as this clashes with forest school and gymnastics, we will be having our day on the Friday. We are extremely lucky that FoWS have organised a visiting theatre group to come to school on that day. They will share an immersive theatre experience with the children based on a traditional tale. We would therefore like to set the challenge of coming to school dressed up as a character from one of the many traditional tales (Little Red Riding Hood, Three Little Pigs, Hansel and Gretel etc). Dressing up is not compulsory and children are welcome to come in uniform if they prefer, or they may wish to simply wear an accessory or bring a cuddly toy in costume. We know that sadly World Book Day has become a

commercial opportunity, but there is absolutely no need to buy anything special for this day – let's keep the focus on having fun, enjoying reading!

Thank You

The school office staff would like to say a huge thank you to everyone, for ordering the school dinners online rather than the teaching staff spending time ordering them, during registration. Not only has it cut registration time down significantly, giving the children a smoother transition to classwork in the mornings but it has been enormously helpful to us too, thank you.

Can you help? - Items Needed

If you are planning a clear out, we are still looking for items of good, like new quality and would be very grateful for donations of any of the following items.

Play Sand Cars/ Large Vehicles Big piece Puzzles Den materials (lengths of fabric)

Blankets Bunting Small picnic bench Outdoor rugs Tepee

Solar powered fairylights Small watering cans Buckets and Spades for Construction Area

Bedding plants 1m lengths of Guttering Baby dolls and clothes Dolls buggies/prams

Happyland construction Rubber ducks Fishing nets Drawing easel

Small soft balls Garden Decorations (Wind catchers)

Thank you in advance!