



## Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 11 March

### Whole School

#### Friday 15 March

This year, two events fall on the same date, so we are combining them! It is Red Nose Day and our Friends of Goat Lees Non-uniform Day. Therefore, children are welcome to come to school wearing non-uniform and for those that have the capacity to do so, we would like Tombola donations for the Easter Fair. Suggested items include gifts, books, toys games and boxes of chocolates or smellies. No tins of food please. Obviously, we don't want to ignore **Red Nose Day** and if children want to dress in something red or wear a red nose as part of their non uniform, they are very welcome. We are also going to collect any loose coins that you may wish to donate as small amounts soon add up when put together. Any contributions would be wonderful, but this is optional.

**Arbor:** Please log in to Arbor if you haven't done so already - we are now up to 94% uptake! This is vital as a method of communication between you as parents and the school. You will need to access Arbor to book Parent Consultation Meetings which are happening this week, we have extended the booking deadline for the Thursday 14 March meetings until noon on Thursday. Please book an appointment to see your child's teacher. Any problems please contact the school office, and they will be happy to help.

**Class photos:** We have Profiles Photography in school on **Wednesday 13 March** to take whole class photographs of the children. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform including ties if appropriate. Children in Years 5 and 6 who have PE on this day will need to come into school in their uniform please.

**Science Week** - next week is British Science Week, and this year's theme is 'Time'. The children will all be completing an extra science lesson during the week based on time. On Friday we will also have a scientist coming in to speak to the children and hopefully inspire a few scientists of the future! You might like to complete some time-based activities at home as well - click on the following links to give you some ideas:

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/app/uploads/2024/02/British-Science-Week-2024-Community-pack.pdf>

<https://www.rigb.org/learning/activities-and-resources?type=28>

**Big Plastic Count** - Next week we will be taking part in the big plastic count and are asking you to count all the plastic which you throw away or recycle at home. Your child will bring home a letter with more information and the tally chart on the back for you to record on.

**Book swap:** Our reading ambassadors will be running another book swap after school.

**Tuesday 12 March** will be for Year R, 1 and 2 and **Wednesday 13 March** will be for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. This will be after school in the school hall. Please come along with a book you would like to swap.

### Billy Class - Reception

In Phonics we will be reading: longer words, words ending in -ing and compound words

We will review the tricky words: **he me be we was you they**

Please remember to wear your School Uniform on **Wednesday** this week

Next week is **Science Week**. Please see our Science letter that will be sent out on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March as it has information about some home learning activities.

### Angora Class - Year 1

Another busy week in Angora class, well done to everyone for all their hard work and effort this week especially with your wonderful World Book Day costumes- you all looked great!

**Phonics:**

**O** spelled a as in water

**O** spelled o as in want/was

**Air** spelled ear as in bear and ere as in there.

**Words with a schwa ('uh' sound), such as celebrate, difficult, animal**

**Tricky words (review): who, whole, because, eye, people, thought, through**

### Alpine Class - Year 2

Thank you for all your hard work at home getting brilliant costumes sorted for World Book Day! The class looked amazing together in their costumes and we had lots of fun working through some fabulous activities and dancing together with Year 1 in our costumes for PE.

**Reading books:** Please remember to return reading books by Tuesday so that we can re-sort the book packs for our next groups. Each time your child reads with you, if you can log this in their reading journal, we will add to their bookmarks to earn House Points and other prizes.

**Home Learning:** Our written homework will be due in on **Monday** and the children can earn table points and House Points for trying the Maths and English activities. We would also like the children to practise on Spelling Shed and Numbots as often as possible.

### Kinder Class - Year 3

We had a wonderful day yesterday. The children looked great in their costumes, and we had brilliant fun.

This term we will be doing a times table test twice a week, once on a **Wednesday** and once on a **Friday**.

Maths and English homework has been set for this week.

Also, this term our geography topic is 'What is it like and where can I go to climb a mountain?' On **Monday** we set home learning based on the topic. It will be due on **Monday 25 March**. House points and Rocks points will be awarded for those who have completed their homework.

### Cashmere Class - Year 4

Please try to ensure that your child is reading a minimum of 4 days a week and that they bring in their signed reading records on **Friday**. If they have a shorter stage book, they will need to read their book twice before changing it to ensure they have a good understanding of the text and the language used within it.

Please help your children access Spelling Shed as they should be playing **5 games** on it a week or writing their spellings out and bringing them in on **Friday**. We really are seeing a big increase in spellings score amongst those children who are practising regularly each week. Well done and keep it up.

Any support you can give your children with their times tables would be beneficial.

Friday is non-uniform day, please ensure the children have sensible shoes on to do PE and we will do the lesson in their own clothes. Don't send in their PE kits as well please.

Please remember to sign up for parent's consultations if you haven't done so through Arbor already.

### Pygora Class - Year 5

It was lovely to see all the costumes the children arrived in for World Book Day, they were fantastic, and it was great to see a range of book characters and ways the children felt comfortable to express themselves. As a class we have read the story of 'El Deafo' about a child who lost her hearing at a young age and came up with a superhero persona to help her manage her emotions and to feel more confident. The children have been designing their own superhero personas based on what makes them unique, talented, special or their personality, so do ask them about this at home.

Thank you to those parents who have already signed up for Parent Consultations on Arbor - most have now booked but there are still a few parents who have not yet. Please book an appointment ASAP.

Swimming will continue as normal.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - P40 & 41 - Rounding decimals  
English - P 44 & 45 - Commas after subordinate clauses

5 games each of Spelling Shed and TTRS.

### Pygmy Class - Year 6

It was lovely to see some of our families that were able to attend the class assembly on Tuesday. We hope you'll agree that the children did well, and they are already looking forward to their production all the way in term 6!

The children looked amazing for World Book Day this year - they fully embraced the day, and had some thoughtful discussions around our book, Malala's Magic Pencil. Do find some time at home to ask your child what they have learned.

We are looking forward to seeing you all next week for Parent Consultations - please make sure you sign up for a slot as we still have a few parents that have not yet done so.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.60 Perimeter and area  
English - p.20 Present and past progressive

5 games each of Spelling Shed and 20 minutes of TTRS.