

Snapshots of the Week

Week: 19 April to 23 April 2021



This week...

Sports

Wow what a great first week back we have had in PE. The sun has been shining and all of our learners have returned from half term full of energy and raring to go.

EYFS Challenge - This week has seen EYFS battling it out in a kick for accuracy challenge. Well done to the winners this week Buttercups class.

Next week we look forward to the return of the Key Stage Specific Koboca PE challenges.



The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched [The Big Ask](#). It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that they can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the Covid-19 outbreak. Please take a few minutes to [complete the survey](#) to support them doing this.

Reading Rocks!

This term, we are getting excited about reading! There are five elements of our work around reading in school:

'Unlocking the Code'

Getting to grips with the mechanics of reading is a large part of the curriculum in Reception and Key Stage 1 however, there are some children who have struggled with their phonics knowledge as they progress through school. We have invested in evidence-based intervention programmes to be delivered by trained staff to support those children.

The Matthew Effect (The rich get richer, the poor get poorer)

The more children read, the better they get - practise, practise, practise. We are building in more opportunities for children to be heard read in school and you too can play your part. I cannot emphasise enough the power of just reading more - it doesn't matter what they read, as long as they read!

Reading Fluency

The best readers can read at speed and with understanding. The focus of English lessons over this term will be on reading and understanding what has been read - we hope you hear about the lovely books they are reading.

Literacy Lovers and Story Enthusiasts

This term we are making reading to children even more of a priority. Teachers will read more complex, longer texts to pupils that excite and interest them. Role models who read have a significant impact on children as readers - we will be reading role models in school, please be reading role models for your children at home too!

Opening the Doors to Quality Literature (Every hour spent reading is an hour spent learning to write)

Texts are chosen carefully to provide the right level of complexity and challenge as well as a range of types of texts that children need to be able to grapple with. From this quality reading comes high quality writing.

There is more we can do together, in partnership, to help raise the profile of reading at home and in school. We will be in touch with ways you can help and support over the next few weeks. Have a relaxing weekend - get stuck into a good book!

Reminders for the first week back...

PE Day

Please remember on your child's set PE day to send them in wearing their PE Kit.

Reception – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 1 – Monday and Tuesday

Year 2 – Thursday and Friday

Year 3 – Wednesday and Thursday

Year 4 – Monday and Tuesday

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Bank Holiday Monday

Bank Holiday and May Half Term

Summer Term Reminders

A couple of reminders as the weather is getting warmer!!

1. Water bottles come into school on a Monday.
2. Sun cream, please apply this before your child comes into school. We will not be able to do this.
3. Sunhats are welcome, please ensure they are named.

Lewis Manning Hospice

We received a lovely email saying:

'Further to my letter of thanks for your incredible 'pictures of positivity', I just wanted to share some photos with you of the children's framed artwork, on the walls of our hospice now.'

