



## Feather Class Newsletter Spring 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new term and year. I hope you have had a fantastic and restful (where possible) break. It is great to see the children back smiling and ready to learn.

This newsletter is to inform you of some of the important information and dates about the children's learning and events that are happening this term. Please keep an eye on MyEd for all the latest news and updates regarding events happening at Fishtoft Academy.

You can also keep up to date with the latest news by following us on Facebook and X. The Feather Class X handle is @MrsHaynesWass

Thanks for you continued support!

Mrs Haynes-Wass

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Znajdź link do przetłumaczenia tego biuletynu na inny język - [Google Translate](#)

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## Important term dates

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Monday 10th March - Open the Book

Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day

## Our Curriculum

### Maths:

#### EYFS:

The children will be starting the term by building on their counting skills. The children will be continuing onto the numbers 9 and 10. This will include finding an amount, recognising the numbers 9 and 10 and identifying pictorial representations of these numbers.

The children will then move onto exploring 3D shapes. The children will learn to identify 3D shapes and identify 2D shapes within 3D shapes. The children will also continue to explore 3D shapes within patterns.

Please find below the link to Numbots to help your children to practise their Maths skills at home:

[NumBots | Motivational maths practice for schools and families.](#)

#### Year 1 and 2:

The children are going to start the term by looking at statistics. The children will be using different graphs (tally charts, block diagrams, pictograms etc.) to record information, but also using these different graphs to read interpret the information provided.

The children will then move on to consolidate their learning.

The children will then move on to look at money. The children will learn to identify different denominations of money and count in pounds and pence. The children will also be comparing amount of money and calculating with money.

The children will end the term by looking at fractions. The children will learn to identify different fractions and split an amount into the equal parts required to make a fraction. The children will begin to look at equivalent fractions and counting in fractions up to a whole.

Oak National Academy have some amazing resources to further support your child's learning:

[Maths, primary, Year 1 - | Oak National Academy](#)

[Maths, primary, Year 2 - | Oak National Academy](#)

### **Times tables :**

This year, we will continue to focus on times tables. It was a government expectation that by the end of Year 2, all children should know their times table and division facts for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. To continue to support the children with their times tables they will be singing songs and doing times table focused activities as part of their Maths lessons.

Throughout the year, the children will continue to be tested on their times tables to further boost/secure their knowledge and also give them an opportunity to earn their times tables certificates.

Please find below the links to TT Rockstars and Hit The Button which the children can use at home to practice their times tables:

[Times Tables Rock Stars \(ttrockstars.com\)](https://www.ttrockstars.com) - **TT Rockstars**

[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/HitTheButton)- **Hit The Button**

### **English:**

#### **EYFS:**

This term EYFS will be looking at the topic Amazing Animals. As part of this topic, we will be reading books about fictional and real-life animals. This term we will be moving onto reading, writing and matching CVCC. The children will be beginning to write sentences including capital letters and full stops. At the end of the term, the children will be exploring instructions and how to make pancakes.

#### **Year 1 and 2:**

This term the children are writing with the purpose to entertain. The children will start the term by writing a description about their lost dragon so that the brave knight can find it. The children will then move on to retell a classic tale and write their own classic tale at the end of the term.

Oak National Academy have some amazing resources to further support their learning:

[English, primary, Year 1 | Oak National Academy](#)

[English, primary, Year 2 | Oak National Academy](#)

### **Phonics:**

Phonics lessons will take place twice a day for all children within the class. The children will be learning new sounds along with consolidating and recapping old sounds.

To help your children with their phonics at home, you can log on to Phonics Shed for your children to practise their sounds:

[Phonics Shed - Phonics Shed](#)

### **Spelling Shed:**

To help develop the children's spelling, we use Spelling Shed. This program has fantastic games/resources to help the children practice their weekly spellings. Weekly spellings are set for children in Year 1 and 2. The children will be given assignments every week based on a spelling rule and will then be tested in class on that rule the following week.

Please find the link for Spelling Shed below:

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

### **Science**

#### **EYFS:**

This term, as part of their topic, the children will be looking at pets and other animals. The children will be identifying and labelling different animals as well as comparing two animals to see how they are the same and how they are different. The children will also be exploring how animals change as they grow older and what habitats they live in.

#### **Year 1 and 2:**

In Science the children will be building on their knowledge of animals including humans. During this unit, the children will be learning about exercise and why it is important. The children will also be looking at the importance of eating the right amounts of the right food and hygiene.

Oak National Academy have some amazing resources to further support your child's learning:

[Science | Oak National Academy](#)

### **History:**

#### **EYFS:**

This term, EYFS will be looking at a comparison between the Queen and King's coronation. The children will be looking at pictures from people in the past and present. With support, the children will be finding out facts about people from the past.

### **Year 1 and 2:**

Our History topic for this term is Britain since 1066. The children will be exploring how the history of the UK has been developed by the Normans in 1066 and the subsequent change to life in towns and villages. The children will investigate our local links to King John and his lost treasure.

## **Important Info**

### **Boom Reader**

Your child will be allocated 3 reading books. We will continue to use Boom Reader to log reading activity. When using this application, could you please log reading with a parent and when the children read to themselves.

To access Boom Reader, please click on the link below:

[BoomReader Parents \(go-read.co.uk\)](https://go-read.co.uk)

If you have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

### **Homework**

Homework will be set on a Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. The homework is always fully explained to the children and often recaps things they have been learning in class. The children will be sent home with a copy of the pick and mix grid which has the homework for the term on (this is also available on the school's website). If there are any issues or problems with the homework, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### **Water Bottles**

Please ensure that water bottles contain only water as squash and fizzy drinks are not permitted in the classroom. We also ask that all water bottles are named so the children can easily identify theirs and that they are plastic. Glass bottles are not permitted in school.

### **Plus Pay**

Fishtoft Academy is a cashless school. To support this, we use an app called Plus Pay to pay for a range of things in school (Breakfast/Afterschool club, Trips etc.). If you have any issues throughout the year with Plus Pay, please see Mrs Bringeman in the office.

To access Plus Pay, please click on the link below:

[Login - IRIS ParentMail](#)

## **MyEd**

Please keep an eye on MyEd as any important information, notices and letters will be posted on the app. We will also post some of the amazing work the children have been doing in class and celebrate some of their successes through our social media platforms. If you have any issues/problems with accessing MyEd please see Mrs Bringeman in the office.

## **Carrot Rewards**

Children can earn a range of certificates based on the amount of Carrot Reward points they earn and at the end of every term the 10 highest earners will win special certificates to celebrate their hard work. As well as this, the Carrot Reward points can be spent in the online shop and the items the children buy will be brought down to the classroom by Mrs. Bringeman.

To access Carrot Rewards please click on the following link - [School Rewards Platform | Carrot Rewards](#)

## **Doors**

The classroom doors will open at 8:35am and will close again promptly at 8:45am. Anyone arriving after that time will need to go to the office to be signed in. Doors will reopen again at 3:15pm for collection.

We also ask that people are mindful when parking their cars at busy times and be respectful to the local community and each other when parking in the car park. Where possible, we encourage our families to use other methods of getting to school, rather than cars, to ease congestion.

## **Appointments**

If you wish to discuss and problems/issues that arise, then please arrange an appointment at the office with Mrs Bringeman and we will be happy to meet with you.