



## Feather Class Newsletter Spring 1

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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## Important term dates

Tuesday 14th January - Multisports - After School Club starts

Wednesday 5th February - Feather Class Assembly 9:15-9:45am

Thursday 6th February - Visit from an Olympic athlete

Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th February - Parents Evening

Thursday 13th February - Y1 trip to Peterborough Museum

## Our Curriculum

### Maths:

#### EYFS:

The children will be starting the term by looking at mass and capacity. The children will be using balancing scales and containers to explore. We will be investigating how we can balance the scales and which side is heavier or lighter. We will also be experimenting with containers of different shapes to see if the capacity is the same.

The children will then move on to looking into extending their counting and understanding of the numbers 6, 7 and 8. During this topic, we will also be learning about doubling, finding pairs and conceptual subitising.

The children will finish the term by exploring length, height and time. We will be comparing heights and lengths using concrete resources such as ribbons and string. We will also be comparing different times of the day and which tasks you complete at what point in the day.

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 formal methods for multiplication and division. They will start by exploring how to count in 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s. Alongside this, the

children will be exploring how to group and share objects to begin to multiply and divide. The children will then move on to looking at learning techniques to calculate answers to multiplication and division questions including creating arrays.

The children will then move on to looking at length and height. The children within Year 1 and 2 will be measuring in centimetres and metres, comparing and ordering height and length and using the four operations with lengths and heights.

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 \(trockstars.com\)](#) - **TT Rockstars**

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

### **English:**

#### **EYFS:**

This term EYFS will be looking at the topic People Who Help Us. As part of this topic, we will be reading books about fictional and real-life superheroes. This term we will be recapping identifying initial sounds to begin spell a word. The children will also be writing CVC words and building up to writing short captions towards the end of the term.

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

This term the children are writing with the purpose to inform. They will start by writing a set of instructions to build the perfect castle for the King. The instructions will include imperative verbs, concentrating on punctuating sentences correctly and other features that

we have been learning about in Year 1 and 2. They will then write two recipes designing both a main meal and dessert for a king.

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**

In Science the children will be building on their knowledge of animals including humans. During this unit of work, children will continue to learn about the basic needs that all animals and humans need to survive. They will study more closely the importance of exercise and a healthy diet. They will also be looking at the offspring of different animals and how they develop and change into adults as they grow.

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

[Science | Oak National Academy](#)

### **History:**

Our History top 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

### **Y1 Peterborough Museum Visit**

Year 1 will be visiting Peterborough Museum this term and becoming Palaeontologists for the day. This trip will be prior learning for their Mary Anning History unit next year. The children will be unearthing real fossils and will be investigating what these fossils can tell us about life millions of years ago. We will also be exploring what these fossils can tell us about the people who found us. This will be followed up by a Jurassic Craft session.

### **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.