



Friday, 1st March 2024

We have enjoyed a busy week at school with many exciting activities. As a Read Write Inc School, sessions are in full swing with many short additional sessions happening throughout the day to really accelerate children's phonics knowledge and reading skills. There has been some most impressive writing of 'ditties' (simple sentences) from children in squirrels, who have been so proud of their achievements!

Thank you to our TAs, especially Mrs Pearce, for providing children with lots of fun phonics sessions to ensure they make good progress through the programme. Please support your child at home by using the excellent resources from Mrs Jack and RWI on the page below and by listening to them read.

Alongside this, much excitement is building amongst the children for World Book Day activities next Thursday, dressing up as our favourite book characters to promote a love of reading. We can't wait to see all the different characters, including our staff!

On Tuesday in assembly, we were visited by Michael. Children listened with great interest as he told an animated Bible story using large fuzzy felt characters to create different scenes. We look forward to his return next week to tell us the second part of the story. Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Ives.

Key Dates

Tuesday lunchtime:

KS1 Football Club

Wednesday lunchtime: KS2 football, group 1

KS2 chess & games club

Thursday lunchtime:

KS2 football, group 2

Art and craft club

7th March – World Book Day

– Dress as your favourite character.

11-15th March – Science

Week. This year's theme is 'Time'. All classes will participate in various investigations during this week.

27th March – after school

Bytham's Big Book swap, cake stall and Forest School

PE Days

Tuesday: Foxes swimming

Tuesday: Badgers at Witham Hall

Wood School

Monday: Foxes

Wednesday: Squirrels

Thursday: Badgers

Attendance

Well done to Foxes class with 95% attendance.

Our whole school attendance this week was 94%.

This week's award winners are:

Squirrels Class

The achievement award for Reception goes to Thomas for great improvement in phonics blending.

The achievement award for Year 1 goes to Jack H for trying really hard to stay focussed.

The achievement award for Year 2 goes to Jessica for showing great knowledge when multiplying and dividing by 2.

Foxes Class

The achievement award for Year 3 goes to Riley for his contribution and writing in English, working hard to describe settings and characters.

The achievement award for Year 4 goes to Enya for working hard in maths, improving her recall of number facts.

Badgers Class

The achievement award for year 5 goes to Harry for his work in maths.

The achievement award for year 6 goes to Chesley for his work in maths.

The Bythams 'Reading Road'

Our Class Books

Squirrels

The Hodgeheg by Dick King Smith

Foxes

Malamander by Thomas Taylor

Badgers

Who let the Gods out!

Mrs Jack's recommendation

Love Grows Everywhere by Barry Timms

Love grows on the street...and reaches out to those we meet. A neighbour from across the way. A friend from school who'd like to play. A book that pays homage to the fact that love makes a brighter world.



Bythams Big Book Swap – date to remember!

At the children's request, they would like a Big Book Swap and cake stall every term. This time we are also opening the Mini Spinney and having marshmallows over a fire. We will hold it after school on **Wednesday 27th March**.

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Phonics

Parent videos

To help you support your child on their reading journey, we will be sharing a different parent video each week. Click on the picture link below to view the video.



RWI Virtual Classroom Videos – Squirrels Class

Each week we will be posting virtual classroom videos to share with the children for additional home support. If you are unsure which group your child is in, please talk to your class teacher. The links will expire after a period, if you would like anymore, please get in touch.

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[Pinny time – lesson 1](#)

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[Speed minute – special](#)

[friends – lesson 1](#)

[Pinny time – lesson 21](#)

Purple RWI Group

[Speed minute set 2 –](#)

[lesson 1](#)

[Set 2 – 'Special friends,](#)

[Fred Talk' lesson 1](#)

Orange RWI Group

[Speed minute – lesson 1](#)

[Set 3 – 'Special friends,](#)

[Fred Talk' lesson 1](#)

Yellow RWI Group

[Speed minute – lesson 10](#)

[Set 3 – 'Special friends,](#)

[Fred Talk' lesson 17](#)

Grey RWI Group

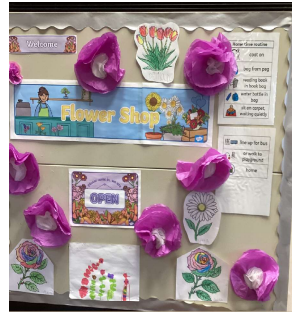
[Speed minute – lesson 17](#)

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[Fred Talk' lesson 17](#)

Squirrels Class – EYFS,

This week we have had great fun in our flower shop. We have been developing our social skills, as well as design and number knowledge while 'working' in the shop. We have also shown very good ball control skills when practising dribbling, in our P.E. lessons. As the weather has been drier, we have been able to explore the outdoor space, enjoying playing with our friends, sharing and turn taking.



Squirrels Class – Years 1 & 2

In Science, we tested out skills to see if humans can do things that other animals can, such as eating like a bird, flying like a bird, wriggling like a snake and sniffing like a dog. Don't worry we didn't really eat worms!

In Maths, Y2 have shown great knowledge with multiplying and dividing by 2 and in Y1 we have been continuing adding, subtracting and recognising numbers 11 to 20.



Foxes Class – Years 3 & 4

This term, our DT project is to review, design and make a pencil case using our needlework skills.

First, we looked at what made a good or poor pencil case. Next, we refreshed ourselves with our sewing skills. Even threading a needle can be challenging! With perseverance we all managed to sew some stitches onto our tester felts. In science, we are looking at 'Animals and their Habitats' this term. Next week and every Monday, we will also explore our own habitat of school and the outside areas as part of our wood school activities.



Badgers Class – Years 5 & 6

This week in PE, our class has been actively engaged in invasion games at Witham Hall. The girls have been immersing themselves in the skills and strategies of netball, while the boys have been honing their abilities in football.

In science, we have delved into the captivating subject of light. We have conducted investigations about reflective materials this week.

In maths, both year groups have delved into the realm of statistics. The pupils have been sharpening their problem-solving skills and practicing how to comprehend and interpret data with confidence.

In English, our focus has revolved around the preparation for our film review, intricately linked to the topic of *Hola Mexico*.

Wood School – Squirrels Class

This week, Squirrels Class looked at the changing of seasons, we are nearing the end of Winter and will be welcoming Spring over this next term. As a school we are looking at the book 'In the Garden' which is a large flap book showing all the changes. The children made wonderful meals in the mud kitchen, made a web of string around all the trees and practiced their knot tying.

