



Friday, 8th March 2024

What a treat to see the great effort children had made with their costumes for World Book Day, along with their excitement as they guessed who each character was. It was wonderful to see the variety of book characters and promote such enthusiasm, centred around a love of reading. Thank you to parents/carers for your support with the success of this day. Our teachers and staff also joined in with an array of interesting book characters and costumes.

We are hosting a second book swap after school on 27th March, including a cake stall. Forest School will also be open for you to explore. We hope to see parents at this event to celebrate the end of Spring Term.

We will be holding Parents Evenings on 1st and 2nd May after the Easter holidays. Children have been working hard and have produced some fantastic work this term, which we look forward to sharing with you.

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

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 96% attendance.

Our whole school attendance this week was 93%.

This week's award winners are:

Squirrels Class

The achievement award for Reception goes to Hughie for making a beautiful Mothers' Day card.

The achievement award for Year 1 Sophia for progress in Maths.

The achievement award for Year 2 Oaklee for supporting and encouraging his peers in the music lessons this week.

Foxes Class

The achievement award for Year 3 goes to Reggie for thinking hard in maths to compare fractions.

The achievement award for Year 4 goes to Thomas for a beautiful and detailed watercolour painting.

Badgers Class

The achievement award for year 5 goes to Bentley for his effort in PE.

The achievement award for year 6 goes to Delilah for her work in English.

The Bythams 'Reading Road'

Our Class Books

Squirrels

The Hedgehog by Dick King Smith

Foxes

Malamander by Thomas Taylor

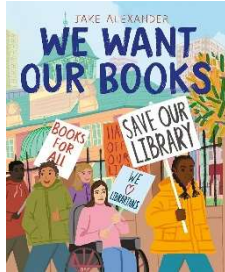
Badgers

Who let the Gods out!

Mrs Jack's recommendation

We Want Our Books by Jake Alexander

When the library closes, Rosa and her sister decide to put on a protest. At first, nobody notices them, nobody listens. But eventually, crowds of book lovers join them and the precious library is saved. A book about the power of using our voices, the power of... community.



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 this event after school on **Wednesday 27th March**.

Read Write Inc.
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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Squirrels Class – EYFS,

This week we have continued to have great fun in our role play of the flower shop. We have some budding florists and customer service assistants. We have been busy creating some beautiful art work using vegetables.

In Maths we were exploring the numbers 9 and 10, through stories, rhymes and games.

We enjoyed sharing stories with our friends on World Book Day.



Squirrels Class – Years 1 & 2

We have been very busy this week, learning about what all animals need to survive in Science.

We have designed and created some lovely cards.

Y1s have begun to explore numbers up to 50 and Y2 have continued honing their multiplication and division skills with the 10 and 5 x tables.

We had a fabulous book scavenger hunt on World Book Day and enjoyed sharing stories with our friends.

Foxes Class – Years 3 & 4



We had great fun during 'World Book Day' describing the characters we had dressed as and a scene from the book or story. We used ambitious adjectives in our paragraphs. Children looked fabulous in their costumes which included The Grinch, The Runaway Pea, Cheshire Cat, Harry Potter, Baby Yoda, Where's Wally, butterfly, horse rider (complete with horse) and non-fiction book characters - quite a number of football players!

In maths, years 3 and 4 are developing their knowledge of fractions, including numerators and denominators, and comparing fractions. Year 4 enjoyed comparing mixed fractions and using their reasoning skills to explain answers to maths problems.

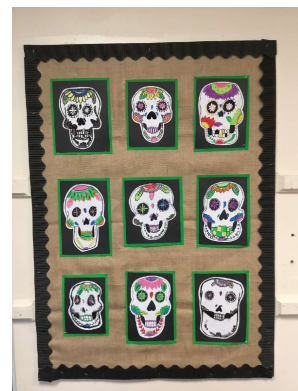
Badgers Class – Years 5 & 6

World Book Day was a delightful highlight as the children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters, immersing themselves in the joy of reading and storytelling.

In our PE lessons at Witham Hall, we have observed excellent sportsmanship among the students. They have demonstrated teamwork, respect, and fair play.

Our exploration of light in science has continued. Through hands-on experiments and discussions, the children are developing a deeper understanding of the properties and behaviours of light.

In English, the students are nearing the completion of their film review projects. They have been honing their analytical skills, creativity, and written expression as they craft thoughtful reviews of the film.



Wood School – Badgers Class

Due to World Book Day, we had a true Forest School session, this is where you have a prompt, but you let the children have child led play. This was an amazing session as majority of the children chose to build a new den, the engineering skills to stop it from falling were amazing. Everyone then helps carry the sticks up, the teamwork and problem solving. I was in awe watching them. Other children were inspired by this and started building their own den or climbed up the rope or played in our rope area.

