Featherstone Primary School

Weekly School Newsletter

4th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a busy one with not only the first week back but with class teachers organising a range of activities as part of World Book Day.

Today, class teachers promoted authors where children had the opportunity to visit their classes and hear about the life of the author and the books written.

In addition to this, we have planned for reading to be promoted even further in school so that this creates an even bigger love for reading.

An example of some of the activities planned are:

Book Swap

Book Swap for **Year 3** will take place on **Friday 11th March** at playtime.

If you have a book that you would like to swap, then bring it in and choose another.
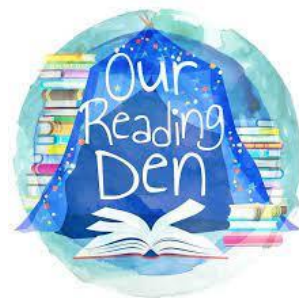
Let someone else enjoy your old book for free!

The book swap shop will be managed by some monitors. Job applications can be collected from Miss. Beach or Mr. Douglas to be a monitor, and these have also been emailed to parents.

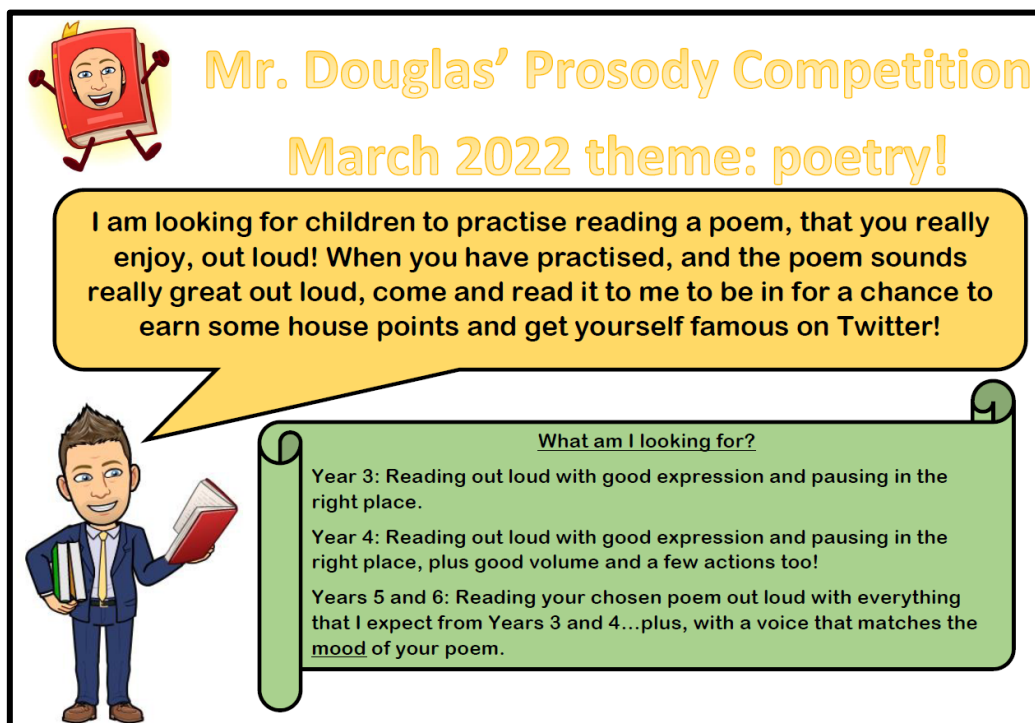| Year 4	18th March
Year 5	25th March
Year 6	1st April
Year 2	7th April
Year 1	29th April
EYFS	6th May

Reading Buddies – organised by Miss. Beach
Children in Years 4 and 5 are being asked to read with younger children, to help younger children improve their fluency and expression. Job applications can be collected from Miss. Beach or Mr. Douglas to be a monitor, and these have also been emailed to parents.

Reading Den – organised by Mr. Silvester, Mrs. Leonard, Mr. Douglas and Miss Nicholls
Dreamy Hollow will be getting a magical makeover to create a calming, peaceful reading den during lunchtime. With comfy corners, pillows and a great array of books, children (beginning with those in KS2), will get the opportunity to relax in the reading den during their lunch time and get lost in the magic of a good book.

Expressive reading competition ("prosody") – organised by Mr. Douglas

Mr. Douglas' Prosody Competition
March 2022 theme: poetry!

I am looking for children to practise reading a poem, that you really enjoy, out loud! When you have practised, and the poem sounds really great out loud, come and read it to me to be in for a chance to earn some house points and get yourself famous on Twitter!

What am I looking for?
Year 3: Reading out loud with good expression and pausing in the right place.
Year 4: Reading out loud with good expression and pausing in the right place, plus good volume and a few actions too!
Years 5 and 6: Reading your chosen poem out loud with everything that I expect from Years 3 and 4…plus, with a voice that matches the mood of your poem.

Each month, children will have the opportunity to practise their reading expression ("prosody"). Every month will have a different theme. The theme for March is poetry. All children have to do is practise their favourite poem and perform it to Mr. Douglas at the end of March. Winners will get house points, a small treat and the opportunity to go on Twitter too!

Bed Time stories for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – organised by Mr. Gravell
Children in the younger years will have the opportunity to come back into school in the evening to enjoy a cozy story time. Pull on your pyjamas, grab your teddy and return to school for stories, hot chocolate and biscuits! More details to follow.

A few photos of World Book Day activities

Voting Day – School will **not** be closed for the May voting 2022. School is open on this day.

School Dinners
The dinner money amount for next half term is:
£71.05 for meals every day.
£14.70 for meals on a Thursday (pizza).

Who has been showing great confidence this week?

RCP	Oliver Kyle
RDG	Jacob Stoddart
1C	Alfie Poller
1R	Zachary O'Brien
2M	Nyla-Rose Clarke
2H	Keegan Harrison
3H	Azlan Ali
3M	Shelby Budden
4D	Hadiyah Sohail
4Q	Channah Uwadiae
5H	Aiden Maw
5M	Imaan Shaikh
6S	Alarnah McClean
6N	Mahamed Ahmed

Well done to all of these children for their confidence this week! We are proud of you all!

Diary Dates

Spring Term	Forthcoming Events – Key Dates
17.03.22	EYFS Bedtime story hour 5-6pm
22.03.22	Y4 visiting Gurdwara (Smethwick)
30.03.22	Year 2 Bedtime story hour 5-6pm
07.04.22	Easter Bonnet parade 9am on the playground (weather permitting). Parents welcome to watch
08.04.22	School closed for Easter
Summer Term	
25.04.22	Back to school – School open
04.05.22	Y5 to Birmingham City University (afternoon)
23.05.22	Y3 to Lunt Roman Fort
26.05.22	Y2 to West Midlands Safari Park
14.06.22	EYFS to the Think Tank
06.06.22	Y5 to Black Country Living Museum
20.06.22	Y1 to Tamworth Castle
29.06.22	Y1 to Stratford-Upon-Avon
06.07.22	Transition Day- with new class/Reception stay and play.
07.07.22	Y6 to Drayton Manor

From Mr. E. Gaibee, **Headteacher**