



Newsletter Spring 1 Jeffers Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new term! I hope you have had an amazing half term 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.

Thanks for you continued support!

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

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Important term dates

Parents evenings - Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February

Last day of term - Friday 13th February

Our Curriculum

Maths:

In maths this term the children will be learning about:

- Addition and subtraction (within 100) - Year 1&2
- Multiplication and division - Year 1&2
- Mass and capacity - EYFS
- Growing 6, 7, 8 - EYFS
- Length, height and time - EYFS

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

[Free EYFS Teaching Resources for Lesson Planning | Oak National Academy](#)

[Free KS1 Teaching Resources for Lesson Planning | Oak National Academy](#)

English:

In English this term the Year 1 and 2 children will be writing narrative retellings, biographies and fact files, focussing on the class texts, Tyrannosaurus Drip, Stone Girl Bone Girl and Dinosaur Lady. The children will be writing their own fact files, biographies and a short narrative. We will be looking at the structure of these styles of writing with particular focus on tenses, conjunctions, nouns and verbs.

EYFS children have the topic of 'Fairytales' where children will explore the structures of narratives, making predictions on stories, labelling and exploring adjectives. We will do this via our class texts of the Gingerbread Man, A superhero like me, Supertato, Zog and the flying doctor and Busy People.

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Science

In Year 1 and 2, the children will be learning about animals, including humans. They will explore the following areas:

- Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults.
- Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air).
- Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene

In EYFS, we will be exploring our understanding of the world and looking at the roles of engineers. We will be looking at different materials and designing and building bridges by testing materials against their strength, how waterproof they are, and how easy they are to use when building.

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[Identifying plants and their basic parts KS1 | Y1 Science Lesson Resources | Oak National Academy](#)

[Growing \(Plants\) EARLY-YEARS-FOUNDATION-STAGE | YR Understanding the world Lesson Resources | Oak National Academy](#)

History

For Year 1 and 2 children, our topic for the term is Fossil finder. The children will be learning about:

- Who was Mary Anning?
- Who was David Attenborough?
- What is a fossil, how is it formed and what can we learn from them?
- What is the same and different about Mary Anning and David Attenborough?

In EYFS, we will be looking at Understanding the World. The topics will include:

- What it means to have a job
- Understanding the role of a police officer

- Understanding the role of an engineer
- Designing and building a bridge
- Understanding the role of a fire fighter
- Understanding how hospitals have changed from the past to the present
- Chinese New Year

Important Info

Boom Reader

Your child will be allocated weekly 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.

PlusPay

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

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 playground gates 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. Gates 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.