



## Feather Class Newsletter Summer 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

Friday 2nd May 2025 - E-Safety presentation from Lincolnshire County Council

**Monday 5th May 2025 - Bank Holiday Monday (School Closed)**

Friday 23rd May 2025 - Class group photographs

## Our Curriculum

### Maths:

#### EYFS:

The children will be starting the term by building on their counting skills. The children will be recapping their learning from last term by consolidating their learning counting to and beyond 20. We will be using pictorial, concrete and written resources to help further the children's understanding and recognition of their numbers to 20 and beyond.

After our counting adventure, the children will move onto working on adding and taking away.

The children will finish the term by exploring 2-D and 3-D shapes. The children will be learning to rotate, manipulate and recognise 2-D and 3-D shapes. They will also be using 2-D shapes to compose pictures and tangrams.

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 will begin the term by recapping fractions from last term. The children will learn to identify different fractions and split an amount into the equal parts required to make a fraction. The children will begin to look at equivalent fractions and counting in fractions up to a whole.

The children will finish the term by exploring time. The children will start by exploring the days of the week and the months of the year. They will then continue to move onto the times represented on a clock and time problems.

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 \(ttrockstars.com\)](https://ttrockstars.com) - **TT Rockstars**

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

### **English:**

#### **EYFS:**

As part of our whole school Writing project, EYFS will start the term by looking at the Gruffalo. The children will be learning about adjectives and nouns and describing the Gruffalo and his forest.

The children will then move on to explore books based on their topic, Grow. The children will be reading and exploring 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'Jack and the Beanstalk', and 'Oliver's Vegetables'. The children will be focusing on sentence writing this term.

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

As part of our whole school Writing project, Year 1 & 2 will start the term by looking at the Gruffalo. The children will be making character and setting descriptions to share with the whole school.

We will finish the term by writing to inform and writing a recount from a historical figure.

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**

#### **EYFS:**

This term, as part of their topic, the children will be looking at planting and growing. The children will be planting seeds and observing the plants as they grow. The children will make simple observations of the plant, i.e., size and shape. They will then comment on what they notice as the plant changes over time.

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

In Science the children will be building on their knowledge of living things and their habitats. We will be discussing what is a living and not living thing. We will also be exploring habitats for plants and animals and what features the animals and plants require to make it a suitable environment for them.

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

[Science | Oak National Academy](#)

### **Geography:**

#### **EYFS:**

This term, EYFS will be looking at animals and where they live. The children will explore which animals belong in which habitats, what makes a suitable habitat for this animal and why some animals live in the dark.

### **History:**

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

Our History topic for this term is Voyage of Discovery. The children will discover the local links to historical voyages of exploration with links to Matthew Flinders and Joseph Banks.

## **Important Info**

### **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.