



Feather Class Newsletter Summer 2

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

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Important term dates

Thursday 3rd July - Sports Day - 1:30pm start.

Friday 11th July - Whole School Transition afternoon.

Our Curriculum

Maths:

EYFS:

EYFS will start the term by exploring sharing and grouping. The children will be exploring different ways of sharing numbers through concrete resources and exploring odd and even sharing and grouping. The children will end this unit by playing to build doubles.

The children will then move onto visualise, build and map. The children will start this unit by creating, exploring and identifying patterns. The children will then be exploring positional language and giving instructions to build. The children will end the unit by creating and studying maps.

The children will then move onto deepening their understanding and consolidating their learning at the end of the term.

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 start the term by exploring mass, capacity and temperature. The children will be using concrete, actual and pictorial resources to learn about grams, kilograms, volume, capacity, millilitres and litres. They will also be learning about temperature.

The children will then move onto learning about positional language. The children will be exploring how to describe turns and movement.

The children will end the term by consolidating their previous learning.

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:

The EYFS topic for this term is Let's Move. We'll be investigating and exploring different forms of transportation and journeys. We will be looking at the books - 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch', 'Rainbow Fish, and 'The Way Back Home'. We will be focusing on sentence structure, writing postcards and descriptive writing.

Year 1 and 2:

This term, we will be focusing on writing to entertain. We will start the term by writing a story about an adventure at sea after reading the book 'The Secret of Black Rock'.

We will end the term by writing rhyming poems about animals and expeditions after reading our poetry book 'Animals Out Loud'.

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 transport, movement and forces. The children will be learning to express themselves verbally about transportation, movement and how they have travelled from one place to another.

Year 1 and 2:

In Science, the children will be learning to describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.

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 transportation and holidays. The children will be learning to use appropriate terminology to describe a journey and what they saw on their journeys and holidays.

History:

EYFS:

In History, EYFS will be comparing old and new transportation. The children will be observing pictures of air travel over time, including observing photographs of the first airplane.

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.