



## Woodfine Newsletter Spring 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new term and year. I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. 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!

Miss Sheppard

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

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## Important term dates

Parents Evening - 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:

- Multiplying up to a 4-digit number by a 2-digit number
- Long division
- Mental strategies
- Adding and Subtracting Fractions (Revisit)
- Decimal numbers

Every week we will have an Arithmetic test, providing an excellent opportunity for the learners to compete with themselves to better their scores and to challenge themselves.

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

Year 5: [Free KS2 Maths teaching resources | Y3, 4, 5, & 6 | Page 1 of 2 | Oak National Academy](#)

Year 6: [Free KS2 Maths teaching resources | Y3, 4, 5, & 6 | Page 1 of 2 | Oak National Academy](#)

Year 6 will also have an extra maths session each week to prepare for the SAT's examinations in May.

### Times tables :

This year, we will continue to focus on times tables. It was a government expectation that by the end of Year 4, all children should know their times table and division facts up to and including 12 x 12.

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:**

In English this term, we will begin by writing a setting description based on 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll set during World War 2. We will then move on to write a Narrative with Speech about an Evacuee meeting their new family for the first time. By the end of the term, the class will have also studied formal reports and persuasive posters, to write their own persuasive speech.

Our Guided Reading texts this term are:

Letters from the Lighthouse (Emma Carroll)

Rose Blanche (Roberto Innocenti)

Oak National Academy have some amazing resources to further support their learning:

[Free KS2 English teaching resources | Page 1 of 3 | Oak National Academy](#)

### **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. 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**

In Science the children will be learning about Forces. The children will be learning about:

- What is gravity?
- What is friction?
- What is air resistance?

- What is water resistance?
- Gears, Pulleys and Levers.

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

[Forces including simple machines KS2 | Y5 Science Lesson Resources | Oak National Academy](#)

### **Topic:**

Our Topic for the term is World War 2. The children will be learning about:

- To construct a basic timeline to sequence events
- To know what events happened in the lead up to World War 2.
- To know how Germany has changed from the 1900's to today.
- To know how World War 2 began.
- To understand how/why Britain reacted to the war.
- To know how life changed in Britain during the war.
- To know what the Home Front was and how they coped under attack.

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

[Significant turning points: how did experiences differ during WWII? KS2 | Y6 History Lesson Resources | Oak National Academy](#)

## **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.

### **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.

### **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.