



Woodfine Summer 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new term. I hope you have had a fantastic and restful (where possible) 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!

Mrs Gray

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

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Important term dates

Autism Awareness Fundraising day - 24th April

May Bank Holiday - 4th May

SATS - 11th-14th May

Whole Class Photos - 19th May

Our Curriculum

Maths:

In maths this term the children will be learning about:

- Understanding fractions as divisions.
- Percentages.
- Ratio and Scaling.
- Algebra functions.

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

[Free KS2 Maths teaching resources | Y3, 4, 5, & 6 | Page 1 of 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 4, all children should know their times table and division facts up to and including 12 x 12. To continue to support the children with their times tables they will continue to complete 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 \(trockstars.com\)](#) - **TT Rockstars**

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

English:

In English this term the children will begin using Visual Literacy to write a character description and a diary narrative, developing their descriptive writing and use of correct tenses. Through Guided Reading, the class will study 'Counting on Katherine' by Helaine Becker, which explores the race to space through the inspirational problem solving skills of Katherine Johnson. This links to our Science topics (Earth and Space) and will form part of our final writing task for the term; An informal report on why the Earth is not flat. This piece of writing will stretch the children's ability to be playful with their writing, but also factual and engaging at the same time. Our second class text for the term will be 'Eric' by Shaun Tan, an illustrated story of an outsider trying to find his feet in a new environment, and will be explored as part of our No Outsiders curriculum.

[Free KS2 English teaching resources | Y3, 4, 5, & 6 | Page 1 of 2 | 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

Our Science topic for Summer 1 and 2, is Earth and Space. The children will be learning about:

- What are the names of the planets in our solar system?
- How do we know the Earth is a sphere?
- How long does it take the Earth (and other planets) to orbit the sun?
- What is the largest object which orbits the Earth?
- Why is there day and night on Earth?

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

[Earth, Sun and Moon KS2 | Y5 Science Lesson Resources | Oak National Academy](#)

Humanities:

Our Humanities topic for Summer 1 and 2 is 'Pushing Boundaries' looking at the Earth. The children will be learning about:

- What is longitude and latitude and how can it help to locate a place?
- What is a biome and where can they be found?
- How do climates differ in different countries?
- What is causing flooding in Bangladesh?
- What can be done to reduce flooding?

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

[Free KS2 Geography teaching resources | Y3, 4, 5, & 6 | 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.