



# Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

## 4th March 2022



### Headteacher Update

#### Diary Dates

##### March

4th World Book Day  
18th Red Nose Day- 'Funny is Power'  
11th Training Day

##### April

11-22nd Easter Holidays

##### May

2nd Bank Holiday  
30th May-3rd June

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope everyone had a wonderful half term break and a good rest after a very long half term. We've had a fun-filled first week back with the Years 3 and 4 enjoying their rainforest dress up day on Tuesday to launch their new theme, and then today dressing up in our book character costumes celebrating 25 years of World Book Day. We have all had a great day, sharing our favourite books and recognising all the characters. As ever, thank you so much for your thought and creativity to send your child(ren) in such amazing outfits. I'm sure many of you were up very early with face

paints, cardboard and glue. Thank You!

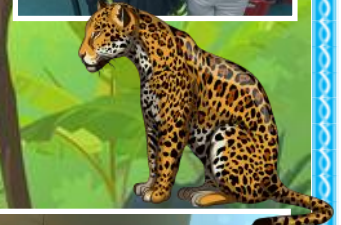
Each child will bring home their World Book Day voucher and are keen to go and get their free book from a bookshop. I know many of the supermarkets are stocking them too. It would be great to think that all our families could spend time sharing a book this weekend or have a look at the World Book Day website that has a whole host of activities for families to enjoy <https://www.worldbookday.com>

*Debbie Cousins*



### Rainforest Day

On Tuesday LKS2 became rainforest explorers! To launch our new topic "Gifts From A Far" we had a rainforest day. Everyone came in dressed in their best "rainforest chic," we had explorers, exotic animals and even trees! During the day, we took part in an immersive "Now Press Play" experience which took us on a journey to the rainforest. We also used percussion instruments to create a rainforest sound scape and created junk models showing the layers of the rainforest. What an amazing day!



### Mental Health Week

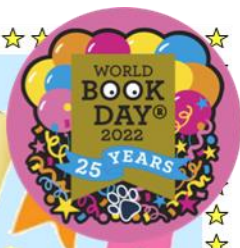
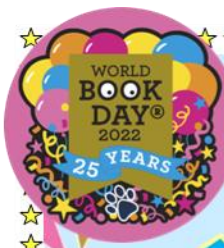


It was fantastic to see children all across school thinking about their mental health during Children's Mental Health Week 2022 before the holidays. Children across school talked about different emotions, when to get help and who they would go to. We have a bright and colourful display of our 'Support Balloons' in the hall flying above a skyline of wellbeing bricks full of ideas of things our children do to support their own mental health and wellbeing.

Family Matters York still have spaces on the following courses starting in March: Handling Anger in the Family and Time Out for Parents. To book a place or for further information please visit: <https://fmy.org.uk/parenting/> or email: [helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk](mailto:helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk).







# World Book Day





## Fun with our Friends

Our children have told us they want to improve playtime. We agree this needs to be a priority. We want to ensure that every child feels happy, safe and can be healthy during their break times.

Next week we will launch our new playground charter and over the coming weeks we will be developing our playground to provide more opportunities to explore, create and have fun with their friends. If you feel you have any ideas or can contribute to this in any way please do get in touch. If you have any crates, tyres, pallets, Lego, action figures, plastic animals/dinosaurs etc or any outdoor toys of good condition that your children no longer play with, please speak to the class teacher or email us on admin.hmp@ebor.academy



## Stars of the Week

18th February 2022

**Swan** Mia for coming in every morning with a smile on her face and for always trying her hardest!

**Robin** George for being a fantastic member of Team Robins

**Toucan** Aubree for being an amazing friend and helping others in Team Toucan!

**Parrot** Thomas for some super designing, building and evaluating in DT this week! You have been a brilliant member of Team Parrots, we will miss you lots!

**Woodpecker** Tilly-May for her determination in guided reading and therefore making great progress. Well done Tilly! Keep it up

**Puffin** Ellie for keeping us all laughing with her funny sense of humour and quick wit

**Albatross** Amelia for being really supportive to her peers by helping them out and putting a smile on their face. Amelia always has so much kindness to offer!

Jacob for being a fantastic member of Team Albatross

**Razorbill** Millie for always giving 100% effort in everything she does, and bringing a positive mind set to school everyday.

**Osprey** Imogen for always showing kindness to others, being a fantastic role-model and always having a story to tell!

**Eagle** Nicolla for having a really positive attitude to her learning and for persevering when she's struggled. Well done!

**Hawk** Ava and Sophie for being such an amazing example to others with their care, kindness and empathy. They show politeness and consideration to everyone they encounter in our school

**Falcon** Evie for being a kind and considerate member of the class, helping and caring for others

### Wellbeing Award

Nicolla for a positive contribution to an out of school activity

### Mrs Cousins Headteachers Award

Dylan, Charlie, George and Muhammed for including our younger children in their games. Parents phoned me to say how much they appreciate this. Well done!

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**Swan** Jayden for trying his hardest in our Guided Reading sessions this week to sound out and blend the CVC words and following what was happening in the story

**Robin** Keegan for his fantastic reading this week, where he has been developing his expression! He has also enjoyed acting out lots of his favourite fairy tale stories!

**Toucan** Kai for trying super hard in his reading this week at school and at home. Well done Kai!

**Parrot** George for super sight reading and use of expression in guided reading this week

**Woodpecker** Emily-Jayne for her amazing home reading and constantly bringing in her book bag

**Puffin** Freddie for showing a great level of maturity all week, especially at break times when playing football

**Albatross** Lacey for fantastic effort with her reading. She always wants to read to the group and is using her phonic knowledge to help

**Razorbill** Blake for meeting all of my expectations and giving 100% effort in all his learning after returning from half term

**Osprey** Rian for his enthusiastic start back to school this half term

**Eagle** Harry for showing perseverance in maths this week and being an active participant in lessons

**Hawk** Ryan and Jayden for putting in lots of hard work and smashing their previous best scores on arithmetic tests. Amazing stuff, well done!

**Falcon** Megan for always trying her hardest in everything she does; showing perseverance when it's tricky and always actively participating in activities as well as being a kind, caring friend who's always willing to help and support others.

### Wellbeing Award

Team Toucan for making us proud by being such brilliant role models walking nicely in school

### Mrs Cousins Headteachers' Award

Mac for joining all his friends in Hob Moor Primary for our assemblies each week