



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

3rd March 2023



Diary Dates

March

7th - Team Stingray class assembly 2.45pm

13th-16th - STEM week "Exploring Connections"

16th - Red Nose Day in HMP "Dress in Red"



17th - Training Day

28th - KS2 Parents Evenings 2.30pm—6.30pm

30th - EYFS/KS1 Parents Evenings 2.30pm—6.30pm

31st - School finishes for Easter holidays

April

17th - School reopens

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you can see from the photos we've had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day 2023 and the children all look incredible! Thank you for the time and effort you have put in to creating such amazing outfits. During the day the children have enjoyed sharing their favourite stories, poems and rhymes and I hope you also have time to share a few over the weekend.

This week a few parents have asked me about the plans to appoint a new Headteacher for September. To keep you updated, I am pleased to inform you that interviews are taking place next week with the candidates in school on Monday. I was delighted that we had an excellent field of applicants keen to lead such a wonderful school. We will let you know the outcome of this as soon as possible.

Happy weekend!

Debbie Cousins



Great Fire of London



On Thursday, the children had a very special visitor that came to teach them all about the Great Fire of London. Sir William Petty, a friend of the famous Diarist Samuel Pepys, travelled through time from 1666 to visit Hob Moor for the day!

We started the day off by looking at a giant map that showed how London looked in 1666. We spotted key landmarks and found where the fire started, at a bakery owned by Thomas Farriner on Pudding Lane.



We then acted out an experiment to show how the fire spread by becoming the houses and the streets of London. When one child's 'flames' touched another they were set on fire, and thus the fire spread quickly and burned the wooden houses down!

After that, we imagined that we were citizens of London who were fighting the fire. We made a 'bucket chain' and passed buckets of water along the chain to try to put the fire out. It was hard work and very tiring!



We also explored some historical artefacts from the 17th century. We enjoyed looking at a wind lantern, a flint and tinder box and a leather bucket.

All the children enjoyed the day and joined in brilliantly. We can't wait to write our diary entries next week!



WORLD
BOOK DAY
2023



Changing lives through a love of books and reading.





Hob Moor Champions



Over the last few weeks a number of children have really impressed us with their thoughtfulness and their efforts to raise money to help others.

Alexa spent her half term holiday baking 161 delicious cakes and biscuits to sell to staff, which was just what we all needed in our first week back after our half term break. This raised an amazing £200 for NSPCC.



And a team of children conquered a 5K last weekend to raise money for the York Acorn under 10's. Well done to Scarlett, Kara, Matty and Freddie for supporting the team to raise over £1000.

Keep up the good work to help our local community.

Our class attendance this week is...

W/C	06.02.2023	20.02.2023
Orca	77.91%	89.30%
Turtle	86.67%	85.40%
Starfish	83.68%	92.50%
Octopus	90.80%	92.90%
Seahorse	90.83%	95.40%
Dolphin	88.26%	92.90%
Stingray	97.50%	98.20%
Lobster	93.85%	92.30%
Puffer Fish	92.96%	93.00%
Shark	94.81%	92.60%
Sea Otter	92.31%	95.40%
Whale	92.96%	90.40%



Trust Pupil Parliament

Two children from Hob Moor Primary Academy, Ellie and Sklyer from Year 5, are working with Mrs Goliger on the Trust Pupil Parliament. They have been set a challenge to help and improve the environment. After lots of discussions, they have decided to recycle more plastic in school. To launch this we are having a competition in school for each class to make a piece of artwork out of recycled plastic which represents the school. Children can gather any plastic out of their packed lunches and might be asking you at home for some plastic recycling to bring in. We look forward to seeing all the entries when they submitted on Tuesday 28th March!



Hob Moor Primary would like to say a big thank you to **Kirby Builders Merchants** for donating enough plum slate for all of our children to have a piece to paint for World Book Day.



Stars of the Week

24th February

3rd March

- Turtle** Archie for his amazing effort in phonics, where he is trying his hardest to learn all of our phonemes!
- Starfish** Pagan for her amazing start to Team Starfish and showing a positive attitude towards all her learning!
- Octopus** Michael for working really hard on his story writing, and challenging himself by adding speech and lots of description.
- Seahorse** Alfie for his amazing story writing, and challenging himself to put in expanded noun phrases and story openers. Keep up the great writing Alfie!
- Dolphin** Eloise for showing such a positive attitude all the time, in every lesson!
- Stingray** Zelal for making huge improvements in her reading fluency and showing amazing resilience in maths when learning new written methods.
- Lobster** Oscar for a great effort making a frogitat out of wood. Oscar showed great woodwork skills and good team work!
- Puffer Fish** Freddie for showing amazing ability to teach and guide his classmates when constructing our frogitats.
- Shark** Scarlett for tackling every day with kindness to everyone, a positive attitude to learning and a smile on her face. We are so proud Scarlett.
- Sea Otter** James for being able to talk about how he is feeling and share this with his team.
- Whale** Charlie for his enthusiastic contributions to all music this week as well as an excellent attitude in his other lessons.

Miss Hagens' Deputy Headteacher Award

Harriet for having a fabulous first week at Hob Moor Primary, making friends and settling in beautifully.

- Turtle** Nathan for settling into Team Turtles, and having a fantastic first week in school!
- Starfish** Ana for practising lots of writing in our area and even writing her own stories! Fantastic effort Ana!
- Octopus** Elsie for showing more independence in her writing, and writing a fantastic diary entry with lots of adjectives!
- Seahorse** Skylar & Alexa for having an amazing first week at Hob Moor, and showing our REACH values!
- Dolphin** Kimberly for putting lots of effort into her writing and persevering when she finds it difficult!
- Stingray** Akira-Rose for trying so hard with maths and not giving up when we are trying something new.
- Lobster** Brody for developing huge amounts of confidence in his swimming. Well done Brody!
- Puffer Fish** Lexi for having a fantastic first week back. Your listening skills and concentration have been evident in your work. Well done Lexi, keep it up!
- Shark** Sklyer for her amazing mathematical thinking and perseverance when facing difficult calculations.
- Sea Otter** Hattie for her fantastic start to Hob Moor, being kind to others and a brilliant member of Team Sea Otter.
- Whale** Blake-Tyler for his wonderful attitude to all of his lessons this week, and for being a role model for others in his behaviour.

Wellbeing Award

Amelia for being a good friend, and always showing our REACH values to both children & staff.

Mrs Cousins' Headteacher Award

Scarlett, Kara & Matty for helping raise £1000 for York Acorn. You are a real credit to your team!
Freddie for joining in the fund raising at York Acorn.

