



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

15th March 2024



Headteacher Update

Dear families,

In the last newsletter, I shared with you information about our revised rewards and incentives. I am sure many of you will have discussed this with your children, and hopefully the children are coming home and sharing when they have been given a 'Golden Ticket'. Some of you will also have received a 'Wow' postcard through your letterbox which I hope has been a lovely surprise - please do celebrate this with your child - it is a real achievement.

After the Easter holidays, parents evenings will take place, which will give you all an excellent chance to come and meet with your child's teacher. I'd really encourage you all to attend, as these are vital opportunities to share in your children's learning and successes. I will also be available for parents to come and meet with me to share your thoughts and feelings about the school. I'm interested to know what you think we do well, but just as importantly, I'd like to know how we might improve from your perspective.

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend and thanks for your ongoing support.

Kind regards.

Mr Jolly



Diary Dates

March:

20th Easter Egg-stravaganza! - Bring your **Easter Competition** entries to class

21st Easter Disco

22nd Last day of half term

25th Mar—5th Apr Easter Holiday

April:

8th First day of term

16th Y3-Y5 Parents Evening

17th KS1 & EYFS Parents Evening

LKS2

This half term, **Lower Key Stage 2** have thoroughly enjoyed continuing to learn about the **Mayans** and their links to the **rainforest**. As part of their study the children have learnt all about the locations of the rainforests around the world, the animals that live there and about the vegetation! To fully immerse the children in their learning, LKS2 held a Rainforest Day where the children were able to dress up as rainforest animals and/or explorers for the day to engage in a wide range of activities linked to this learning.



The children explored life in the rainforest through a drama activity using our 'Now Press Play' headsets. Additionally, they visited and explored the Amazon Rainforest through use of our chrome books and Google Earth. Also, the children read information, examined and analysed sources of evidence such as photos and listened to first hand accounts of what life is like there through recordings and videos. They have used all this knowledge to write some wonderful stories with a dilemma set in a rainforest! We can't wait to share them with you!

Our class attendance this week is...

w/c	Orca	Turtle	Seashells	Octopus	Seahorse	Dolphin	Stingray	Lobster	Puffer Fish	Shark	Sea Otter	Whale
26.02.24	86.10%	91.10%	96.70%	92.90%	91.70%	99.20%	88.30%	84.70%	96.80%	95.00%	92.10%	94.50%
04.03.24	96.2%	94.70%	100.00%	97.90%	88.60%	92.80%	82.00%	89.90%	91.80%	85.80%	93.10%	89.70%

Easter Competition

Nursery/ Reception
We would like you to colour an egg - coloured egg picture!

Key Stage 1
We would like you to decorate an Easter Hat/Bonnet

Key Stage 2
We would like you to create an 'egg-brasagazza' by decorating an egg

There will be a prize for each class.
Please bring your entries in to class on the morning of Wednesday 20th March

EASTER HALF TERM FUN!!!

50% off any bookings **before 11:00** at **Hollywood Bowl** and **Puttstars** in York using the code **EGG50**

Fun for all the family this Easter at our bowling and golf centre.




Stars of the Week

8th March

- Orca** Charlie for using fantastic listening during Phonics and story times, and using high energy to always be engaged in learning.
- Turtle** Charlie for his amazing effort during guided reading, where he is now confidently reading each book and answering comprehension questions.
- Octopus** Eloise for her growing confidence in Phonics & her fantastic reading this week.
- Seahorse** Michael for a super phonics screening and becoming more and more confident in his reading every week!
- Dolphin** Michael for stepping out of his comfort zone by offering lots more ideas in class discussions and being a more vocal team member during group work!
- Stingray** Thomas for showing a fantastic attitude in his new start to Team Stingray. He is growing in confidence every day, especially in whole class reading discussions. He is a fantastic addition to the team. Keep up the amazing attitude Thomas. Well done!
- Lobster** Jovie for trying really hard in all lessons and always showing our REACH values.
- Puffer Fish** Paisley for her increased confidence in every lesson, and always willing to have a go and do her best!
- Shark** Nicky for his fantastic contributions to our reading discussions. He has shown some great insight when exploring the many layers of "Holes". Well done Nicky.
- Sea Otter** Skyler for her enthusiasm for every text we read.
- Whale** Emily for always putting fantastic effort into her reading, trying her best and joining in with our class discussions.

Deputy Headteacher Award

Kian for putting in an amazing amount of effort into his reading lessons everyday.

15th March

- Orca** Alfie for arriving at Nursery happy and confident, and for speaking during whole class activities.
- Turtle** Betsie for always being an amazing role model in Team Turtles, where she always demonstrates our REACH values.
- Octopus** Rosie for her amazing attitude in all her learning & her fantastic instruction writing.
- Seahorse** Issac for trying super hard during his assessments and having a positive attitude towards them. Well done Issac, keep it up!
- Dolphin** Coby-James for showing an amazing attitude to learning and always trying to better himself!
- Stingray** Joshua for his amazing attitude & effort in his Maths.
- Lobster** Layla for trying really hard with her reading & writing!
- Puffer Fish** Maya for producing an amazing dilemma story with high vocabulary and dialogue!
- Shark** Sophie for her much improved effort and attitude in all lessons. We are so proud of you Sophie. Keep it up and never forget that you are a wonderful member of Team Shark.
- Sea Otter** Zach for being such an inspirational influence to our team.
- Whale** Mia for being absolutely fantastic at sharing her books during World Book week, and always being kind & considerate to others.

Headteacher Award

Mack for being so polite, cheerful & full of enthusiasm every time Mr Jolly visits Team Turtle. What a Superstar!

