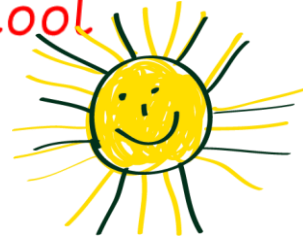


St Andrew's C of E Infant School

Newsletter

12th January 2024



Message from Mrs. Woan:

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! What a wonderful start we have had to the spring term.

It is great to see all the children back in school. They are pleased to be back and have settled in to the school routine really well.

Curriculum Newsletters have gone out this week on dojos. Please ask if you would like a paper copy.



Shining stars awards
this week go to:



Ladybirds: Xeria
Honeybees: Stefania
Butterflies: Scarlett
Owls: Riley
Kingfishers: Savannah
Dragonflies: Luke

Diary Dates

22nd January -
Reception Height and
Weight - National Child
Measurement Programme
in school.

26th January -
Dodgeball festival in
school

Half Term
Monday 12th-16th
February

Compassion is our current school value

Ladybirds:	William
Honeybees:	Jophiel
Butterflies:	Ollie
Owls:	Winter
Kingfishers:	Lucy
Dragonflies:	Jude

*'The Lord is
compassionate and
merciful, slow to get
angry and filled with
unfailing love' Psalm
103: 8*



Weekly Attendance Scores

Ladybirds: 98%
Honeybees: 100%
Owls: 98%
Butterflies: 99%
Kingfishers: 94%
Dragonflies: 97%



Best Class of The
Week is: **Honeybees**

4 classes have also had
attendance parties
today!

After-school Clubs

Both teacher led after-
school clubs and the
South Ribble Football
club start next week. If
your child has been
allocated a space, you
will have received a
confirmation email.

Home Learning and Reading at Home

Home learning challenges have been sent out on dojos. These are fun activities that you can do together with your child.

We understand that life can be busy and sometimes you are juggling a lot of things.

If this is the case we ask please **prioritise reading at home with your child**. This has such a positive impact on your child's progress and confidence. Those children who don't read at home often fall behind and lose confidence.

Helping your child learn to read and reading to your child the best gift you can give them.

Top 10 tips to help children enjoy reading

To help make reading enjoyable and fun, we asked experts and authors what they recommend to help get children reading.

- 1. Make books part of your family life** – Always have books around so that you and your children are ready to read whenever there's a chance.



- 2. Join your local library** – Get your child a library card ready for when they reopen. You'll find tons and tons of fantastic books, allow them to pick their own and encourage their own interests.



- 3. Match their interests** – Help them find the right book – it doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.



- 4. All reading is good** – Don't discount non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines and leaflets. You could even start by watching a read aloud video! Reading is reading and it is all good.



- 5. Get comfortable!** Snuggle up somewhere warm and cosy with your child, either in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa, or make sure they have somewhere comfy when reading alone.

- 6. Ask questions** – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read such as, 'What do you think will happen next?' or 'Where did we get to last night?'. Can you remember what's already happened?



- 8. Read again and again** – Encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps to build up fluency and confidence.

- 9. Bedtime stories** – Regularly read with your child or children at bedtime. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with your child.

- 10. Rhyme and repetition** – Books and poems which include rhyme and repetition are great for encouraging your child or children to join in and remember the words.





BOB's Book of Brilliance

Ladybirds: Anna, Zander, Willaim Bl, and Alice for awesome independent writing.

Honeybees: Catherine, Corey and Chloe for awesome independent writing.

Owls: Ally, Theo, Neive, Alice, Jessica, Brooklyn and Lily for making moving pictures.

Butterflies: Scarlett for writing science information in detail. Alicia for making a moving picture.

Dragonflies: Olivia, Viola, Luke and Zoe for writing about Neil Armstrong.

Kingfishers: Leah, Kaleb and Olivia for completing tricky maths work. Rory and Charlie for writing about Neil Armstrong.

These children have worked extra hard. A huge well done!



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