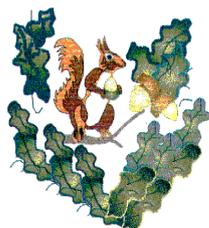


# Fleet Wood Lane School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term has got off to a great start. The children returned from their Easter holidays refreshed and eager to go. Term 5 sees Science again taking the lead in our topic learning and it seems to be growing season for many classes.

Dormice children are learning about the seaside in their Mermaids and Pirate topic. Hedgehogs one are looking at seasonal changes in the weather and will be using the spring weather to help them along with their topic of 'Lets get growing and cooking!'. Otters will be applying their green fingers to their topic of 'Roots, shoots and juicy fruits' where they will be learning about plants. Robins will be growing a 'Secret garden' and learning about electricity in their 'Bright sparks' topic. Bats will be building on their prior learning of electricity in their Writing Wizardry topic, whilst Foxes pupils will be reaching for the stars as they become 'Space Explorers'. Owls pupils will be 'Electrifying!' in their science learning relating to electricity and light.

## **Holidays and celebrations galore!**

Whilst the summer terms always offers the good news of a bank holiday, this year we have two to look forward to. Next Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May is early May bank holiday. So, this week we have a long weekend to look forward to. The following Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, is also a bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III, after which we have just two full weeks in school, before the Spring bank holiday half term break. The last day of this term is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

## **Flower Festival – St Mary Magdalene, Fleet**

This weekend our local church joining in the with the annual flower festival. The church will be open for their Flower and Craft festival on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May. 10-4pm. Mrs King has been working busily putting a display of children's work together for the event. If you have time, pop along to enjoy the event.

## **Coronation Events**

We have a coronation dance event for the children to enjoy on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – watch out for pictures on Twitter.



Our official celebration of the Coronation will be Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. The children will be working in their school houses (rather than classes), taking part in coronation craft activities to include making bunting, crowns and flag making. We will then be holding an assembly at 2.15pm for parents/carers followed by tea, coffee and biscuits being served for a Royal Tea Party at 2.40pm.

## Lots of other things to look forward to.

The PTA have been very busy organising a fun packed summer term of fund raising for us all to enjoy. Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May is pyjama day. Children are being invited to come to school wearing their pyjamas in exchange for a gift donation for the summer fair event.

Sports day is scheduled for the morning of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. It is hoped that the Summer fair will move from being an afternoon event to an evening event - to be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Please watch out for more information being published about this. It is going to be a fantastic event!

## Curriculum News

### Jigsaw



Last week, we launched a new whole school personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE) curriculum called Jigsaw. It perfectly connects the pieces of Personal, Social, Health and Well-Being Education, teaching children and young people emotional literacy, social- and lifelong skills, Relationship and Sex Education and resilience in an age-appropriate manner.

The scheme sees common themes being taught across all year groups, presented as a puzzle for the children – *hence the jigsaw pieces*. Jigsaw aims to help children know and value who they really are and how they relate to other people in this ever-changing world.

Each Puzzle of learning starts with an introductory assembly, generating a whole school focus for adults and children alike. Each class is supported by their very own jigsaw piece and in this week's assembly we were excited to meet our class jigsaw pieces and to learn a little about them before taking them back to our classrooms. *Please ask your child which jigsaw piece they have in their class.*

In addition, there is a Weekly Celebration that highlights a theme from that week's lessons across the school and this encourages children to live out their learning in their behaviour and attitudes. The first theme was 'making others feel welcome'. So, the children have been thinking about how their words and actions can make others feel happy and welcome or left out. The children have been thinking about how a smile and a kind word can make others feel happy in school, as well as including others in our games.

## Home Reading

We know that you all want the best for your children and do all that you can to ensure that you give your children everything they need to succeed and be happy. Giving just 10 minutes each day, to support reading at home, will pay significant dividends for your children. Reading underpins learning across the curriculum. School assessments show us that children who read regularly at home, outperform the children who do not in our termly assessments. Children who read regularly to adults at home become independent readers themselves and enjoy reading. Children who enjoy reading gain access to extensive vocabulary and language structures which they will use in their own written and oral communication as well as transporting them to places/situations beyond their experiences and sometime imaginations.

We recommend that all children in the school read regularly, ideally daily, but we expect children to read to an adult three times a week as part of their homework. Reading to an adult is important for all children; our youngest readers need the support of adults to assist them to practise their decoding and fluency skills, and for our older readers, adults are able to support children to develop

comprehension and understanding. When children read aloud, adults support development of understanding through their questioning, which extends understanding. Reading aloud also builds a child's confidence to speak aloud – a skill that is essential in our modern world.

### **After School Clubs**

Please do return your club responses as soon as possible please.

As always, if you have need any further information regarding anything contained within this letter or any other aspect of the school's operations, please do not hesitate to contact us via your class teacher or the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher