

Welcome back after what we hope was an enjoyable half term week. We are really looking forward to welcoming all children back on the 8th March 2021 and staff are currently finalising the arrangements in order to share our full re-opening details next week.

Thank you for your continued engagement with our remote learning. We understand how difficult this can be for some families but please keep doing your best for this final week of remote learning. Staff use all work submitted to assess how each child is progressing as well as the whole class and this information is so important for future planning and coverage of the curriculum.

We are so proud of all your children and can't wait to see everyone again for face to face teaching and learning again.

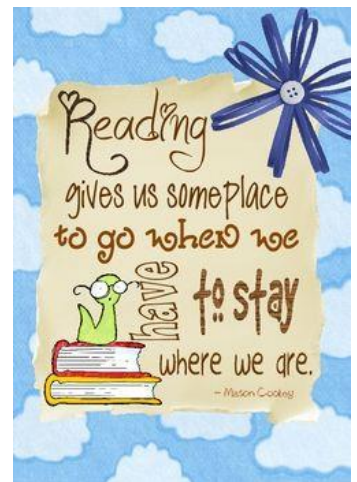
World Book Day – 4th March

Our theme for World Book Day this year is:

'Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are'

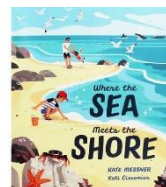
To celebrate our love of reading we have designed many ways we will be celebrating this day whether that be at home or in school.

Each year group have chosen a book to focus on for the day which links to our theme of being transported to different places when we read. This will be read to the children on the day by staff during the morning live learning meeting. Work for the day will be presented as a menu of choice. The idea is that children can pick one item from each section of the menu to complete as their learning. All these will be linked to their year group book. They can then share what they have been doing at the afternoon live meeting and by submitting their work as the daily assignment.



In addition to this, we are inviting the children to dress up to link to our theme when they join in with the Teams meetings or attend school. They can pick a character that they wish they could be transported to meet or an outfit that they would wear to a destination a book can take them too. There is lots of scope to be creative with our theme so please do not go and buy anything special. Just use what you have already. Some simple ideas are:

Shorts/T-shirt/Sun glasses – Where the sea meets the shore
Woolly hat, scarf and gloves – One snowy night
Superhero/Character outfit – Ten little Superheroes



Any character from a book outfit.

Staff would love to see our children dressed up on their live learning meeting in the morning and afternoon if they would like to. This is entirely optional. Children attending school may also dress up if they wish.

We have also organised a special video from Authors Chris Smith and Greg James (Kid Normal books) who have answered some questions that our children have submitted to them. They will also perform a poem they have written during lockdown on the video which we hope your children will enjoy. This will be shared via a youtube link on the day for your child to watch.

Along with the above some staff will be having a go at our own version of 'The Masked Reader'. You child can have fun trying to guess the member of staff dressed up with their face hidden and voice disguised sharing some extracts of their favourite books.

Miss Womack and Miss Greensmith will be starting the day off by sharing an assembly on Teams and all these videos will be shared on Teams for your children to enjoy watching.

As usual all work is to be submitted via the assignments on Teams and we are very much looking forward to sharing some photos of the work the children create in next week's newsletter.

Each child will also be sent an electronic World Book Day voucher token via Teachers 2 Parents. This can be exchanged for a special book in selected shops. All details are on the voucher.

This promises to be an exciting and different style of day that we are all very much looking forward to.

Parent/Teacher meetings

During the week commencing 22nd March 2021, we will be offering all parents the opportunity to speak with their child's class teacher over Teams or the telephone. This will be a chance to talk about learning during lockdown and also a chance to discuss how they have settled back into school again. Each class will be offering different evenings and times and this will be shared in the coming weeks. Booking will be available via email and text message.

Comic Relief

We will be joining in with fundraising for Comic Relief on Friday 19th March 2021. The theme this year is superheroes so we will be inviting the children to dress up as a superhero (either a known one or an invented one) for the day in exchange for an online donation to Comic Relief. For health and safety reasons we will not be wearing red noses on the day but children can wear other comic relief products if they wish such as T-shirts and headwear. Thank you for your support with this.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/havelockschools2>



Staffing Update

We are delighted to be welcoming back Mrs Peskett from maternity leave on Monday 1st March 2021. She will be returning to work in Year R, 1 and 2 to deliver extra learning sessions for 3 days a week on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for groups of children and individuals. We know you will offer her a warm welcome back. Mrs Spencer will be continuing to teach the Peacock class for the remainder of the academic year.

Junior Bake Off

If any child aged 9+ has been practising their baking skills during lockdown and feels they would like to have a go at entering Junior Bake Off please see an attached leaflet on how to apply.

<https://junior.take-part.co.uk/>



Science Competition

Please click on the link below to find out about a Science competition open to all children aged 6+. We hope some of you will enter and then let us know how you get on. There are some good prizes to be won so have a go and show what great scientists we have at Havelock. Good luck.

<http://www.cambridgesciencecentre.org/home/win-amazing-prizes-for-you-and-your-school-with-cambridge-science-centre/>



Emergency reporting

Please continue to report any confirmed positive cases using the emergency out of hours number for any children who are attending school via text message on **07527324844** after 4pm Mon-Fri and at the weekend. Thank you.

Morning Drop Off/Pick up

Thank you for all those of you who are continuing to wear a face covering when coming onto site and maintaining their distance from others. Please can you all continue to arrive at the exact timings and not any earlier, have only one adult on site to drop off and pick up and remain distanced from others. Please can we also ask you to ensure your children remain standing with you when waiting to allow everyone enough space to distance. Thank you for your co-operation with these measures.