



# Forde Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022



**Building Lifelong Foundations Together**

## Home Learning

### **Please log in to Oxford Owl and complete the home learning.**

Please read 4 times a week and record in your reading logs.

Please also log into Numbots and play the games.

### **Star of the Week**

My star this week is Oscar for trying so hard with his writing in RWI!

### **School Value Award**

This week our School Value is **Love** and it goes to Rohan for all of the love his gives out!

### **Reading Award**

My reading award this week goes to Ryleigh for trying so hard in RWI! Keep it up!

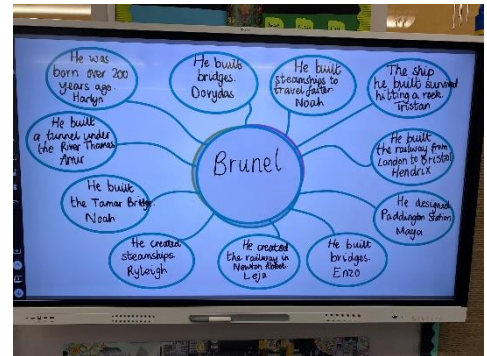
### **PE Superstars**

Jude and Maya are PE superstars for a wonderful dance lesson!

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week we have had!

As historians this week, we were learning all about the life and relevance of Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We learned about how he had impacted Newton Abbot by encouraging the trains to stop here so that there was a boost in tourism! The children couldn't believe what Brunel had achieved and that we still use his bridges today!

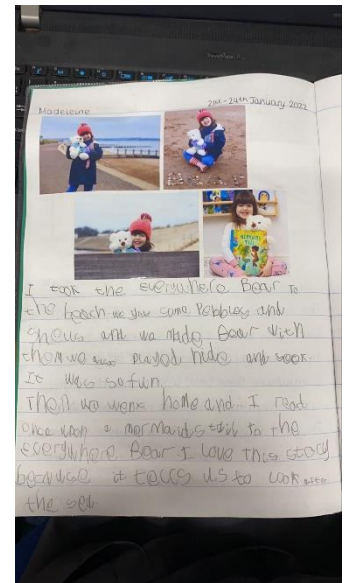


We love reading here at ASM! National Storytelling Week is from 30th Jan - 4th Feb and we are inviting children to bring in their favourite book and a teddy to show and read to their class. They will all make their own bookmark to take home. Resources kindly donated by the PTFA and a suggested PTFA donation of £1 per family when they are taken home.

The Everywhere Bear had a fantastic first weekend with Madeleine! They went to the beach together and Madeleine even shared her favourite story with the bear at bedtime. I wonder who he will be going home with this week! A love of reading is important for children to become confident readers. We ask that the Everywhere Bear is brought back to school in his bag every Monday morning so that we can discuss his adventures!

Please don't forget that the RWInc reading books are now on Oxford Owl to be read electronically. If you are having problems logging in, please just ask and I can talk you through it. This is a key part of consolidating their learning and part of the home school agreement to read a minimum of 4 times a week.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Miss Robertson



## **A note from Mrs Secker**

This week has unfortunately seen another spike in COVID cases. I hope that the letters and information I have sent out this week help to clarify some of the more confusing DFE guidance that is currently out there. We are working really hard in school to minimise the disruption to learning and to keep things going as 'normal'. Many schools in the Trust are much more badly hit and have had to move to remote learning due to significant staff absence. We are not at that point and currently confident we have enough staff to remain safe.

However there may be times that we are unable to answer the phone or return calls in the same day. If you have a message that you urgently need us to hear, please text or email Mrs Webber who will relay these to us even if she is not on site.

We also say a sad goodbye to Miss Burton on Monday. Miss Burton has been part of the Learning Academy Partnership for 13 years and has been an incredible maths lead and class teacher in two of our schools. Miss Burton is well loved by all of our children and will be greatly missed. I'm sure you all join me in wishing me the best of luck in her exciting new adventures. We will make sure she comes back to visit lots.

I would like to finish by saying that the children, as always, have coped incredibly with the constant changes and disruption caused by absences. I am so proud of their positivity, resilience and their love and care for each other.

## **Dates for your Diary**

30th Jan – 4th Feb – National Storytelling Week. Children are invited to bring in their favourite book and a teddy to show and read to their class. They will all make their own book mark to take home. Suggested PTFA donation £1 per family.

4th Feb – David Lawrence, local Author visiting for a presentation and book sign

9th Feb – Dan Magness, World Record Holder Football Freestyler and Entertainer visiting each class for workshops and displays.

18th February – PTFA non school uniform day. Suggested donation £1 per child

25th March – Mothers / Carers Day – PFTA to make gifts with the children. Suggested donation £1 per family.

3rd March – World Book Day

## **Office News**

### **TERM DATES**

Because of the additional Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queens Jubilee on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, the last day of summer term is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Community News**

### **THAT FOODBANK**

Our local foodbank have reached out and asked if we have any families who would like some help. If you would like a food hamper please let Mrs Webber know

### **TISSUES AND ISSUES**

Tissues and Issues welcome parents/grandparents/carers living in Torbay and Devon. The child/ren you care for do not need to have received a diagnosis to attend this group. Tissues and Issues coffee mornings are a chance for parents/grandparents/carers with children that have additional

needs/disabilities, to come together to have a relaxed chat with parents/grandparents/carers in a similar situation. It's a chance to meet new friends and for your children to make new friends too. During the coffee mornings the group will be inviting guest speakers, to find out more keep an eye on their Facebook group "Tissues and Issues" or telephone: 07796470009 E-mail [tissuesandissues@outlook.com](mailto:tissuesandissues@outlook.com).

### **THE GOODIE BOX SCHEME**

I wanted to let you know about 'The Goodie Box Scheme' which is running in February, where Devon County Council have 2200 recipe kit boxes available for families with young children who are experiencing financial difficulty or challenging circumstances. They hope to support families with children aged 0 - 5 years predominantly, but also welcome referrals for families with older, primary aged children.

Families will receive food for simple and delicious recipes delivered straight to your door, as well as a step-by-step guide on how to cook the recipes together as a family. The recipes are suitable for weaning age children and have modification suggestions to suit your tastes. The Goodie Box also contains a fun activity booklet and a growing kit to do together. If you are interested in the scheme please let Mrs Webber know.