

Newstead Academy 2023-2024 Weekly Newsletter

Spring 1 Week 4
2nd February 2024

I have been blown away by the kindness that we are seeing from the children in school at the moment. Children are helping each other, encouraging each other and giving each other compliments; seeing them using and refining the communication skills which we have been working on so far this year is filling our hearts with pride and we can't wait to see how these positive interactions continue to develop.

World Book Day – What's in the box?

For World Book Day on the 7th March children do not need to come to school in fancy dress. We are having a competition in school this year instead and would like the children to get creative! Children should create a scene from their favourite story in a shoe box (or small box), it will be a lovely opportunity for families to work together on a project over a period of time. If they would like to enter, their box will need to be brought into school on the 7th March. We have some great prizes available! Which book will you choose?

Car Park Safety – part 2

Thankyou for your ongoing support with the improvements we are trying to make to the start and end of the day. Could we ask any parents who pull into the carpark to please park to one side so that there is space for the mini-buses to be able to pass.



Safeguarding Signposting – Safer Internet Day 6th February 2024

- Top Tips for parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre - These top tips have been written for you (parents and carers) to help you support your child to stay safe and happy online.



What have our Busy Bee's been learning this week?

"Why can't you see, I'm Stick Man, I'm Stick Man, I'M STICK MAN, that's me, And I want to go home to the family tree!"

As well as developing our communication skills and building friendships we have had some incredible learning taking place across school this week.

Hive 1 - Theresa

Hive 1 - This week in Hive 1 we have been reading the story Stickman. The children have enjoyed exploring sticks in many ways:

- Toys, by making their own Stickmen.
- Music, by learning actions to a song and using them as musical instruments.
- Art, by using them to paint.
- DT, by making hedgehogs

Hive 2 - Vic

We have been Scientists in Hive 2 this week! We have had fun investigating floating and sinking and change of state. We baked Gingerbread Men to help us understand what happens when we mix and heat ingredients. We have read the story of Stickman and collected sticks to make our own Stickman- take a look at them on Tapestry. We have had two birthdays in our Hive this week so we finished our week with a Birthday Party on Friday afternoon. Wow- what a busy week!

Hive 3 - Craig

This week in Hive 3 we have read Stickman. We have made our own stick man figure and retold the story. In maths we have increased our addition and subtraction skills without decreasing our patience and we have also had a week of amazing music interaction sessions.

Sign of the Week

This week our sign has been 'Tree'



Diary Dates

February Half Term – Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024

World Book day – 7th March – 'What's in the box?' competition, no fancy dress.

Easter Holidays – Monday 25th March 2024 to Friday 5th April 2024

Early May bank holiday – Monday 6th May 2024

May Spring Bank Half Term – Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024

Finish for the Summer holidays – Friday 19th July 2024

INSET day - Monday 22nd July



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