

# Newstead Academy 2023-2024 Weekly Newsletter

## Spring 2 Week 2 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### World Book Day

A reminder for World Book Day on the 7<sup>th</sup> 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). If they would like to enter, their box will need to be brought into school on the 7<sup>th</sup> March. We have some great prizes available! Which book will you choose? We have a special Charlie & the Chocolate Factory lunch menu for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Please order meals as normal or call the office.

### Car Park Safety – part 3

Thank you 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 drop off or pick up to park outside of the school and not in school grounds or the school driveway entrance. For safety reasons please walk into school using the pedestrian gate and allocated walking area. Parents who have a prearranged agreement are welcome to use the disabled parking places at the front or rear of the building.

We had a visit this week from the trusts Inclusion Development Officer, Lyn Dixon. Lyn has been blown away by the progress that the children are making, how calm children have been during lessons and how they have all engaged with the activities. We are really proud of the progress all the children have made since starting with us last year!





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

We have really enjoyed making lots of animals this week and learning about their homes!

### Hive 1 - Theresa

This week in Hive 1 we have been having lots of fun exploring farm animal noises and learning the Makaton signs for the animals. We have also created our own edible farm ... yum yum!  
In maths we have been enveloping (wrapping) babies and each other.

### Hive 2 - Vic

This week in Hive 2 our learning has been based around the story, What the ladybird heard. We have practiced writing the names of the animals in the story and making their sounds. We really enjoyed using our chopping skills to make some fruit ladybirds too. They looked great and were delicious to eat!

### Hive 3 - Craig

This week in hive 3 we have been developing our writing skills, practicing addition through maths games, learning about farm animals and making animals out of paper plates. We have also used our IT skills to edit pictures on our iPads. A super busy week for us all!

### Sign of the Week

This week our sign has been 'Farmer'



### Diary Dates

#### World Book day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – 'What's in the box?' competition, no fancy dress.

#### World Book Day Menu

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
Special school lunch menu

#### Easter Holidays

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

#### Early May bank holiday

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

#### May Spring Bank Half Term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

#### Finish for the Summer holidays

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

#### INSET day - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July



*Being different isn't a bad thing. It means you're brave enough to be yourself."*  
*Luna Lovegood, Harry Potter*

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