

Newstead Academy 2024-2025 Monthly Newsletter 27.02.25

Sensory Rooms

We have made some improvements to our sensory rooms at school and pupils have enjoyed exploring the new resources we have available for them.



Makaton Choir

This term we will be busy rehearsing a song for the upcoming Waterton's Got Talent competition. We will be performing **Fight Song** by Rachel Platten. Our performance will be recorded ahead of the event which is scheduled to take place in March.



World Book Day

On Thursday 6th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. Pupils will be completing various activities throughout the day, including making a bookmark, reading part of our favourite book and designing a new character.

This year the theme is **Read Your Way**, to give children and young people the opportunity to discover reading on their own terms. **Read Your Way** encourages everyone to let go of reading pressures and expectations, and lets children find fun in reading.

All pupils are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite character, or bring an object that represents their favourite character (such as Harry Potter's glasses). Please see the link to the World Book Day website below for more ideas.



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6 MARCH 2025

[Families - World Book Day](https://www.worldbookday.com/families/)

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Read Your Way



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News from Our Hives

Simon’s Hive

At the end of last half term, we completed our Saxons and Vikings topic after learning many things about housing, farming and the Saxon way of life. We looked in detail at the Vikings and how they attacked Britain, and how their rule ended. We made shields and Viking longboats as part of our Art curriculum.

In Maths, we continued to look at fractions, with some of the children progressing to decimals and percentages. We also wrote a letter to the police about the Demon Dentist and her wicked ways!

This half term we have lots more exciting tasks planned as part of our Potions topic. We will be making potions in Science, making perfume bottles in Art and writing the next chapter of George’s Marvelous Medicine. We also have activities planned for World Book Day in order to encourage pupils to read for enjoyment. Our Maths will be varied this half term looking at percentages, area and perimeter, and statistics.

Lewis’s Hive

Last half term we loved taking part in lots of scientific experiments where we created the sun, moon and earth. We used these planets in an experiment to learn about day and night. We used torches to beam light from the sun towards our planet. In RE we explored Chinese New Year.

This half term we are learning all about Dinosaurs! We are really looking forward to our archaeological dig this week, where we are going to pretend to be archaeologists searching for bones of different kinds of dinosaurs. We are

focusing on learning about adaptations that certain dinosaurs had and how this helped them thrive for so long.

In addition, we are going to learn all about number lines in our Maths lessons. We are also going to keep working on counting to 20. In our phonics lessons we are working hard to blend sounds together to read CVC words and identify tricky words.

School Diary Dates

INSET Day

28th February 2025

World Book Day

Thursday 6th March

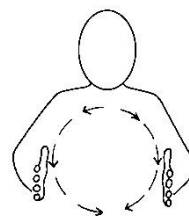
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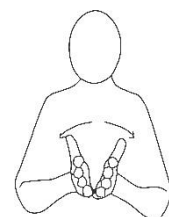
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Sign of the Month

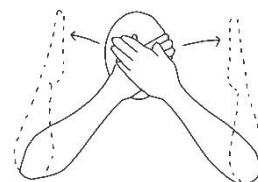
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