

Newstead Academy 2024-2025 Newsletter 28.02.25

World Book Day 2025

A reminder that we will be celebrating World Book Day on the 6th March. This year we are asking children to decorate a potato as a favourite book character. There are some examples below in case you are in need of inspiration! We are looking forward to seeing the characters that our children produce!



PBS Plans

Thank you to our families who have already signed and returned the PBS Plans. We are constantly reviewing and updating these and are seeing how helpful they are in supporting us to encourage children to regulate and manage their feelings.

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Waterton Academy Trust is committed to providing a mental health and well-being offer to children and staff. At Newstead we have a member of staff trained as a Mental Health First Aider and also have a member of staff undertaking the Senior Mental Health Lead training. We are working towards obtaining the Mental Health Award for Schools through the MHFA organisation.

If you feel your family needs any support with mental health some useful resources can be found using the following link on the Barnsley Compass Be website:

www.compass-uk.org/services/compass-be-barnsley-mental-health-support-team



"You'll never get bored when you try something new.
There's really no limit to what you can do."
Dr. Seuss

News From our Hives!

Hive 1

This week in Hive 1, we have been exploring our new topic **Ocean Explorers** through songs, games and food. We have focussed on learning about the different parts of jellyfish and how they swim. In maths, we have been finding and representing numbers from 1 to 10 and our letter in phonics is 'e' for elephant. It's great to have everyone back after half term!



Hive 2

We have had a busy first week back after half-term. We have started our new topic, **"Dangerous Dinosaurs"**. We have been on an adventure back to the past with Andy and his dinosaurs and have created representations of dinosaurs in different ways including using clay and pastels. Our book this week has been "The girl and the dinosaur". We have even had a dinosaur egg hatch in our class! We have decided to name our new dinosaur... *Steggy Blue!* In Maths we have been looking at the composition of numbers and how we can represent these in different ways. We have used counters and Base 10 materials to help us with this. In Phonics we are working hard on our reading and are getting confident with segmenting and blending words to help us read independently.



Hive 3

In Hive 3 we have been looking at writing in the past tense, we have talked about the fun things we did during the break and have written about them. In maths we have been looking at different ways of adding and some of us have been looking at groups and multiplying. Our science topic is all about materials and their properties and we conducted an experiment to see which materials *twist bend stretch squash*



School Diary Dates

Easter Holiday

Monday 7th April 2025

Monday 21st April 2025



Sign of the Month Spring (season)

