

# Newstead Academy 2024-2025 Newsletter 7.2.25

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## World Book Day 2025

This year World Book Day is on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025. We would like our children to join in by creating their favourite "Potato Book Character".

Instead of the children dressing up they dress up a potato! 😊

There will be a prize for the best dressed potato in each Hive.

Please send any entries in on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. All children will be doing book related activities on the day.

Please see some ideas below.



## PBS Plans

Thank you to parents who have shared information for our PBS Plans. You will soon receive copies of these from your child's Class Teacher along with a letter explaining the next steps. The Plans are already proving useful in further supporting children within the setting.

## Makaton Choir

Following on from the success of our Christmas Singing and Signing performance we are busy rehearsing a song for the upcoming Waterton's Got Talent competition. We will be performing Fight Song by Rachel Platten. Look out for more details coming soon.

## Welcome to new staff

We have further strengthened our lunchtime team by welcoming Bridget to Newstead. She is already getting to know our children and doing a fantastic job of supporting them with their lunches.

## Valentine Themed Lunch

Next Thursday we have a special Valentine Themed Lunch, please log in to the My Child at School App to select your child's lunch choice or call Tina in the office on 01924967610 for more information.



"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 enjoying stage 2 of Attention Autism. It's very messy and fun, and the children sit in anticipation of what's going to happen... Rainbow paint, pot plant worms or snowman splat. In Maths, we have been making numbers to 5 and to 10, using nursery rhymes, counters and small classroom items. Our letter in phonics is 'k' - king, kite and kitten. The children have been writing, building and recognising it well. We have had some good attempts at teeth brushing too.

### Hive 2

This week we have looked at the sounds "igh" and "o" in Phonics and practised writing words with these sounds. Our text of the week has been Owl Babies and we have produced some fabulous observational drawing and clay models of owls. We used our sense of smell like nocturnal animals and tried to identify different smells with our eyes closed. We didn't like the smell of the onion very much!



### Hive 3

In Hive 3 recently some of us has been looking at 2D and 3D shapes and some of us have been exploring times tables and multiplying by 3 and 4. In our writing sessions we have been learning how to write a diary and the features of a good diary entry, we also explored past tense verbs and how some words are easily changed with - ed but others are trickier like eat to ate. We have finished our coast topic looking at the life of James Cook and his expeditions. We are moving on to materials and their properties.



### **School Diary Dates**

#### **Valentine Themed Lunch**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025

#### **February Half- Term**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

#### **World Book Day**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

#### **Easter Holiday**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025

### **Sign of the Week ICE**



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