

West Melton Primary Newsletter

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Reading: A Key Priority!

Here at West Melton we are passionate about reading. Reading is a golden thread which runs throughout our curriculum and our school. Our ultimate aim is that children read well and with enjoyment. From the early stages of reading in FS1, up to Year 6, we use a phonics-first strategy to decoding.

In FS and KS1, children are taught phonics following Ruth Miskin's RWInc. Alongside this, in 1:1 Reading, Guided Reading, Whole Class Reading in KS2, we develop children's comprehension skills.

In addition, pleasure for reading is developed during our daily story time sessions where children listen to the teacher and foster a love of reading.

We have invested in quality texts for whole class reading, story time and topic. All books for whole class reading and displayed in the new KS2 Library and have been organised by their Lexile (readability) so to help guide the teacher should a child find a text too difficult or too

New Class Authors

Our new Class Bubbles are named after a variety of Children's authors and will be have the opportunity to read a variety of books written by them too. EYFS- Valarie Thomas, Y1/2 - Alf Proysen, Y3/4 Steven Butler, Y4/5 Lara Williamson and Y6 - Philip Pullman

Meet our new Reading Ambassadors

These children are looking forward to working with our Literacy Lead Mrs Bettison, to promote, prepare, organise and further improve our Reading opportunities this year.



Home Reading %



EYFS Bubble
55%

Y1/2 Bubble
62%

Y3/4 Bubble
76%

Y4/5 Bubble
61%

Y6- Bubble
84%

WELL DONE!

Home Reading

Each week the % of children reading at least 3 times a week (more is even better) Well done to the children & parents in Y6 this week.

Star Learner of the week



EYFS Bubble

Courtney

For being a relational learner through positive behaviour

Y1/2 Bubble

Godwin

For being a responsible learner.

Y3/4 Bubble

Sonny

For being reasoned with his knowledge of the Stone age.

Y4/5 Bubble

Kyle

For improved responsibility

Y6- Bubble

Kenzie

For showing increased resilience and reasoning skills in his maths lessons

Star Writers

EYFS Bubble

Billie

Y1/2 Bubble

Ava

Y3/4 Bubble

Lacey

Y4/5 Bubble

Miley

Y6- Bubble

Catherine

HEAD TEACHERS AWARD

EYFS Bubble

Charlie

For his independent links to learning

Y1/2 Bubble

Amelia

For displaying responsible behaviour when visitors come into class.

Y3/4 Bubble

Corbyn

For the resilience and progress, he is making.

Y4/5 Bubble

Kelsi

For being a responsible learner and class role model.

Y6- Bubble

Alfie

For fantastic resilience in PSHE/Artwork and wonderful manners

Attendance Week Commencing 14th September 2020

CLASS	% ATTEND	NO OF PUPILS IN CLASS ACHIEVING 100%	NO OF PUPILS IN CLASS ARRIVING LATE
EYFS-Valarie Thomas	94.8%	15/15	0
Y1/2-Alf Proysen	93.2%	16/20	0
Y3/4 – Steven Butler	98.5%	26/29	0
Y4/5 Lara Williamson	93.3%	23/31	1
Y6 Philip Pulman	88.2%	13/17	1
AVERAGE %			
94%			2/117
WHOLE SCHOOL FOR THE WEEK 21.10.19 to 25.10.19			94%
WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET			96%

Attendance last week was much better – well done to everyone!

Well done to Mrs Bettison's Class who had the best attendance for the second week running.

A great start with punctuality too – keep it up!

Our Safeguarding Lead Mrs McConnell is happy to help with any queries/support needed regarding attendance and punctuality

EYFS Learning Opportunities

This week in EYFS, the children have been making an apple pie.
They enjoyed picking the apples from our apple tree.



Staff News

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Jones next Friday as she leaves us to further her career as a newly qualified teacher. She has been a fantastic support in EYFS and we are proud of the career progression and achievements she has made during her time at West Melton. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work, support and commitment to our school and families and wish her all the best with her new career as a teacher.

Next week we are pleased to welcome back Mrs Arnold, our Assistant Headteacher and EYFS Lead and pleased to share that her daughter's operation care and recovery has gone well too.

Safety Updates

Thankyou for wearing masks on collection and pick up . We have put this additional safety step in place as we want to take every precaution possible to keep our bubbles open during this pandemic.

Safe Communication

If you do need to speak to your child's class teacher, please try to make an appointment with them after school hours as due to the safety arrangements and timetables for supervision, it is difficult to release staff during school hours.

Thankyou for your understanding with this.

Website/Social Media

Please check out our website and social media pages to see some of the learning opportunities that your children have taken enjoyed since their return this September.