

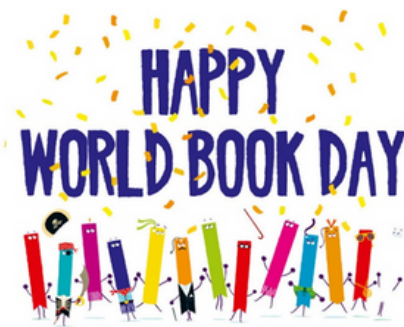
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Message from Mr Hingley



We had a huge amount of fun celebrating World Book Day! At Hannah Ball we really enjoy books, and this was a brilliant way to celebrate our love of reading. Children took part in a digital theatre production titled 'The Incredible story by the boy who did not like books. The film is designed to replicate the high level of interaction in live pantomime shows. Pupils were active and fully engaged throughout the show and afterwards took part in a range of themed reading and story writing activities.

It was also lovely to see the level of imagination as the children came to school dressed as their favourite book characters. Thank you for all the effort made. We enjoyed seeing everyone's outfits!

Children were sent home with a £1 book token which can be spent in any book store.



Reading for Pleasure and Reading at Home

The theme for this year's World Book Day is "Reading for Pleasure".

At Hannah Ball School we are continuing our drive to encourage more children to read for pleasure. Research shows a positive link between reading frequency and enjoyment and educational attainment. Furthermore, reading for pleasure has positive emotional and social benefits, improves text comprehension and grammar skills and increases general knowledge. We have many initiatives that will be taking place in school over this academic year to encourage reading for pleasure.

How to support development Reading for Pleasure at home

To support your child in their development of reading for pleasure, we recommend that you spend at least 10 minutes per day reading with your child. This can be a combination of you listening to them read their school book, them listening to you read a story book or even taking it in turns. The sharing of reading is a valuable experience for you and your child as it gives you the opportunity to discuss new vocabulary as well as characters, themes and even facts that a range of books can offer.

Research shows there are 6 building elements which support a child to read for pleasure



Listen to books
being read aloud

Take books home
to read

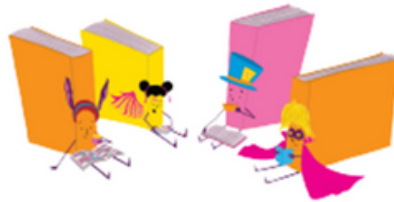


Choose the
books YOU
want to read



Ask for ideas on
what to read next

Find your reading
superpower



Have fun reading!



Make time to read

If your child is finding it difficult to know what they want to read, here are some websites you may find helpful:

- <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>
- <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/reading-spine>
- <https://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/>
- <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/100-best-books/>
- <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/best-new-books/>
- <https://www.common sense media.org/lists/50-books-all-kids-should-read-before-theyre-12>

We greatly appreciate all the support you give in supporting and encouraging your children to read at home and we are looking forward to an exciting year full of reading ahead!

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Machingauta

Deputy Headteacher/ English Lead

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

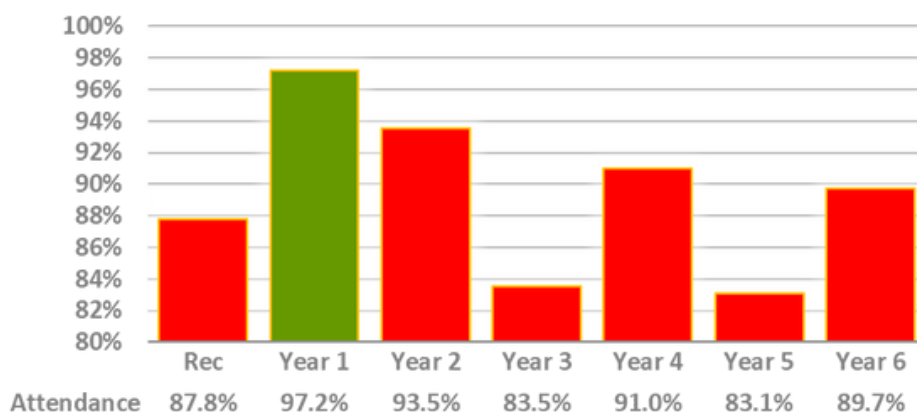
Excellent attendance is really important in order for your child to benefit from school and make the best possible progress.

Please ensure your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Children should only be absent from school if they are really poorly. We have excellent pastoral care and qualified paediatric first aiders. If your child is under the weather, please talk to their teacher who will be able to ensure they are looked after with lots of TLC! Please follow the below guide if your child is unwell.

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics				
Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

This weeks attendance



Holidays in term time.....

Holidays in term time are no longer permitted (due to changes in the law on school attendance which came into effect from Sep 2013). We are unable to authorise time off for holidays and any holidays which are taken in term time will be recorded as unauthorised on the register and may result in a fixed penalty fine.

If time off needs to be taken for any other reason we will ask to see documentation.

Please phone the office on 01494522476, choosing the absence line before 9.00am on the first day of your child's absence. There is also a 24 hour answer machine facility. You can email the school office on hannahball.bucks.sch.uk. Please make sure you write your child's full name in the message.

If you don't let us know why your child is off school, we have to record this as an unauthorised absence.

**CERTIFICATES WILL GO TO THE FOLLOWING PUPILS WHO HAVE
SCORED OVER 1000 POINTS THIS WEEK! WELL DONE!**

Y1

**Sofia
Patrick
Mukundi
Haleema
David**

Y2

**Laila
Hajrah
Ashvika
Aleeza**

Y3

**Dean
Aniela**

Y4

**Uzair
Shammah
Sethun
Maya
Logan
Elijah
Anaum
Adiva**

Y5

Fredrik

Y6

**Olivia
Nathan
Muhammad
Madiha
Cassie
Aahil**

**And a special congratulations to Aahil who has also earned a Silver Certificate! He has scored
1000 points each week for 5 consecutive weeks. Well done!**

Star of the Week



RECEPTION

Aneesa for using her sounds and key words to read sentences. She is also now re-reading the sentence to improve on her fluency! Great job Aneesa!

YEAR ONE

Lilly - Rae for always trying listening during the lesson input and trying her hardest in the follow up activities.

YEAR TWO

Aleeza for consistently fantastic handwriting and always trying her best in everything that she does.

YEAR THREE

Hashim he is a very respectful student in Year 3. He is always engaged with his learning and always pushing himself in new challenges. I hope to see him as a teacher in the future. Well done Hashim.

Kind regards

YEAR FOUR

Elif - for understanding the importance of homework. She has been practicing her timestables as well as her spellings and this has clearly shown in her class work. Well done and keep this up!

YEAR FIVE

Poppy - For being incredibly kind and helpful to her fellow class mates, helping them develop new words and language skills!

YEAR SIX

Fareed for his excellent effort with his handwriting this week in his Publishing Book!

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

RECEPTION

This week in reception we have continued to read our story 'what the ladybird heard'. The children have been practising retelling the story using the story map and we

have also looked at the characters in the story. We also went on a 'signs of spring' walk around our school and we saw the daffodils starting to grow and a few bird nests in the trees. This

is a great opportunity for discussion on your walks to and from school, to see what other signs of spring they can see! Please continue to read with your children and practise their sounds and harder to read and spell words. Also a reminder to please bring a water bottle each day and make sure that it is only still water in the bottle and not squash or flavoured water. Have a great weekend!

YEAR ONE

In RE this week we have learned about the significance of Palm Sunday and have continued our learning in English on the text 'Farmer Duck' and written character sketches on the farmer and the duck. We have been working hard to improve our handwriting skills and we are working hard to master the concept of near doubles in Maths.

YEAR TWO

This week in Year 2 we have been writing setting and character descriptions in English using our text 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. The children thought of adjectives to describe the giant and the castle, and then used these to help them write their descriptions. In Maths, we have been learning to make equal groups by sharing and grouping objects. We also learnt the divide symbol and how to use this to make division number sentences. In Science we discussed the ideal conditions for plants to grow in. Then the children planted bean seeds in different conditions and over the next few weeks, we will see which plants grew and which were in the best conditions. In PSHE, we continued with our topic 'healthy me', by discussing the importance of relaxing. We talked about why it is important to make time to relax and what would happen if we did not relax. On Friday, we celebrated World Book Day in Year 2. The children started the day with a book quiz, and then they enjoyed an interactive theatre show. They also completed other fun activities which included making bookmarks, designing front covers and making zig zag books. It was a great way to end the week!

YEAR THREE

Year 3 has had a great week. They have been continuing their English lesson on "How to wash a Woolly Mammoth" and have started writing instructions on how to wash different animals like dogs and rabbits. The children had to make sure they used different adjectives and time connectives in their instructional writing. They have been really enjoying this English lesson as we had a special guest, Mrs Machingauta, teach them this week. In Maths, we are still learning our measurements. The children are starting to understand their different units of measurement, for example Centimetres and Metres, and comparing different lengths and heights. They are becoming quite confident in this which is great to see. Friday was a big day as it was World Book Day, the children dressed up as their favourite book character. Parents, you have done amazing jobs with their costume designs!. We watched a fun interactive theatre show and afterwards we did activities like creating a poster to help Prince Charming to find his princess. Looking forward to seeing what next week has in store for us. Miss Stickland

YEAR FOUR

This week year 4 have been busy learning all about how the teeth work in both English and Science. In English the children are learning to write an explanation text on how the ear works and will be innovating next week with writing an explanation all about the human digestive system. In science, we have planned an experiment and will be carrying this out today to see how different types of drinks affect our teeth. Do certain drinks cause tooth decay? It will be interesting to see the class reaction to the results next week. In maths with have continued our learning on perimeter and have learnt what a regular and non-regular polygon is. In Art, we have designed a set of teeth ready to make them out of clay. I can't wait to see these! And finally, to end the week we are celebrating World Book Week, with a a range of activities for the children to enjoy and learn all about the importance of reading. Well done year 4, have a great weekend!

YEAR FIVE

Today Year 5 have been enjoying taking part in a range of different activities based around books and reading as part of World book Day. Your children also have an opportunity to enter a writing competition and the information has gone home with them today. Those that dressed up in their favourite book character looked amazing and we have taken photos to put on display. Our next new topic in Science is: Living things and their and Habitat, where we will be learning about a variety of animals and their life cycles.

Swimming:

Please note: Your children will need to bring their pyjamas and swimming costumes for swimming this Thursday, as they have part 2 of their life saving session to complete.

Please remember to pack their swimming caps, as there are still quite a few children who continue to leave them at home.

Homework:

This week: Spellings, Athletics and the option to write a story for the writing competition.

Have a safe and happy weekend.

Mrs Guy and Miss Dear

YEAR SIX

This week, year 6 have been introduced to their new English text 'The Highwayman' and have done some lovely work around the poem; creating freeze frames and hot seating various characters in order to gain a deeper understanding of the text. In science, year 6 have been creating classification keys to classify various animals. Year 6 have also been learning all about the life of Queen Victoria and will be creating fact files using their research next week. We look forward to all of the World Book Day activities today - especially the online theatre show! Have a lovely weekend year 6.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
March 2023		
Friday 17th March	Tower of London Trip	Year 5
Monday 27th March	Odds Farm Trip	Reception
Fri 31st March	End of Spring Term (Normal finish time)	Whole School
April 2023		
Mon 17th April	INSET DAY – School closed	Whole School
Tues 18th April	Start of Summer term – School Opens	Whole School
May 2023		
Monday 1st May	May Bank Holiday	Whole School
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation	Whole School
Mon 8th – Thur 11th May	SATS WEEK	Year 6
Tuesday 23rd May	Tempest Photography – Class Photos	Whole School
Fri 26th May	End of half term (Normal finish time)	Whole School
June 2023		
Mon 5th June	INSET DAY – School Closed	Whole School
Thursday 22nd June	Trip to The Wimbledon Theatre	
Tues 6th June	Start of half term – School Opens	Whole School
July 2023		
Tues 4th July	Transition day	Whole School
Wed 5th July	Transition day	Whole School
Fri 21st July	End of Summer Term (Timings tbc)	Whole School
September 2023		
Mon 4th September	Start of Autumn Term (tbc)	Whole School