

Welcome back to a new term! Hope you all had a restful half term and are ready for a busy term 4. The children have got off to a great start, with a trip to SS Great Britain for Year 2, a 'Growth Mindset' Big Day for Year 1, important football matches for the Y5/6 and Y3/4 football teams, and a whole range of exciting projects across the school. As you know we had a lockdown practice this week and it went very well. The children behaved brilliantly and the whole exercise was calm, quick and efficient and we were safely behind closed doors within minutes.

### The Great Teacher Swap

This term, teachers are swapping classes once a week so they can teach their specialist and favourite subjects to different year groups. Mr Court is teaching music to Nursery, Y3 have dance with Miss Houghton or music with Miss Hunter; Y4 have Spanish with Mrs Pryde; Y5 and Y2 have art with Miss Trarieux or computing with Miss Blackman; Y6 have PE with Miss Harris or Spanish with Mrs Robinson; Y1 have RE with Miss Murphy or PE with Mrs Trent or Miss Bessell and Miss Grant is teaching Reception. It's a great way for the children and teachers to get to know each other better and is a fantastic learning opportunity for both children and adults!

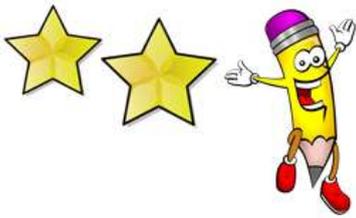


**Congratulations to the following children who have impressed me with their wonderful work and attitudes since the last newsletter:**

- Henry in Y4 for this fantastic artwork:
- Daniella in YR for brilliant counting in Polish and Spanish (on video and in front of the school in assembly)
- Lennon in YR for learning to read ALL the reception key words
- Everly in Y1 for great independent writing
- Layla in Nursery for practising her letters
- Harlo in Nursery for excellent patterns
- Lottie in Nursery for being brave and practising writing her name
- Liam in Y5 for excellent fractions work
- Honey in Y4 for this amazing light-up robot:

**Well done to them all!**





## Star Writers' Tea Party

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February, fourteen children from YR-6 were invited to attend the writers' tea party in Ms Fredrickson's office. They were chosen for their exceptional effort in writing and producing high quality results. This time, they had all written non-chronological reports so we could see how the writing progresses through the school. We shared cake,

drank hot chocolate and squash and enjoyed listening to each other read out all our brilliant writing. Congratulations to all these star writers:

Name	Class	Report on:	Great writing:
Ella B	6B	Circulatory system	Technical vocabulary
Faith H	6G	Wild West Gold Rush	Complex sentences and great presentation
Josh G	5M	Manchester	Beautiful pop-up book
Toby W	5P	Raging Rivers	Rhetorical questions and paragraphs
Grace W	4B	Australia	Complex sentences
Lydia T	4T	Australia	Presentation and complex sentences
Zoe C	3C	Brown Bears	Excellent handwriting and technical vocab
Lily-Mae H	3H	Woolly Mammoths	Adjectives and complex sentences
Harry P	2D	Fire Safety	Expanded noun phrases and personal style
Lily Holbrow	2M	Islam	Informative and clear explanations
Rocco P	1T	Meerkats	Fronted adverbials and relative clauses
Ella B	1R	Koalas	Adjectives
Ranuki J	RM	Rabbit	Amazing sentences and clear letters
Molly B	RBH	Animals	Sounding out words



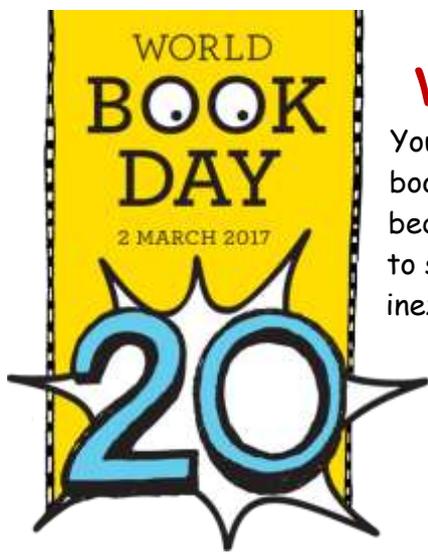
## Stick Insects

We now have 5 tanks with stick insects which are shared across the classes to support their science learning. The children have loved having them and have come up with lots of interesting questions and ideas.

## Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be held through the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> March - online booking will be available next week (you will receive an email when it opens). If you have difficulty booking a slot, please contact the office.

On your way out we will ask you to complete a very short parent survey asking for your views on different aspects of school. There will also be the opportunity to give more detailed feedback online if you wish.



## World Book Week

You should have received a letter this week about next week's world book activities, including the dress as a book character and 'book at bedtime' on Thursday. All donations from the dressing up day will go to support our new library campaign. There are lots of simple and inexpensive ideas for costumes which you can find on the letter or at [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)



## Hengrove Pool

Following a recent safeguarding incident at the pool (not involving anyone from our school), we just wanted to reassure you that Hengrove have now introduced new safety measures when we take the children swimming. Staff are now issued with a key so changing rooms are locked at all times.

## Class Photos

Jeffersons will be taking class photos on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> April.

## Parent Pay

Thank you very much to the very many parents who have started to use the new Parent Pay system. The transition has been remarkably smooth, despite the internet being down for much of the week. There have been a few hiccups but we think these are now all resolved. We had to block the system for a while to add the jacket potato option but this should now be an option from next week. The system had also defaulted to 48 hours' notice required for all orders but this has been corrected so you can order up to **8am** on the day. Please continue to let us know if you experience any problems, and please be assured that we can always use the paper system on the day to make sure your child's meal is ordered.



## See Saw

We have had lots of very positive feedback from parents about the new class blogging app, see saw. Please sign up if you haven't done so already - ask the class teacher if you need a copy of the log in details.

## Key Dates Term 4

27 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 3 <sup>rd</sup> March:	Book swap every day after school
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	KS2 (Y3-6) author visit and book signing (Huw Roberts)
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Parents' Coffee @2:45pm (general communication)
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Science Day @ Redmaids
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Y5/6 Boys' Football vs Ilminster
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> March:	Bristol Together Football training @ Millpond (5x Y5)
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> March:	Y2 Dance festival @ BDS
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> March:	Football league @ Merchants
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> March:	World Book Day - dress as a book character
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> March:	Book at Bedtime 5-6pm
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March:	Y5/6 Boys' Football v Sea Mills (away)
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> March:	SATS meeting for Y6 parents after school
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> March:	Football league @ Merchants
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March:	Girls' Football vs West Town Lane (away)
13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> March:	Parents' Evenings
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> March:	Y5/6 Hockey tournament
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> March:	Bristol Together Football training @ HP (5x Y5)
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> March:	Parents' Coffee @ 2:45 (Rainbow maths and times tables)
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March:	Boys' football vs Sea Mills - red tops (home)
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> March:	Y5 Trip to Bristol Zoo
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> March:	Maths/music big day
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March:	Tag Rugby Festival
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> April:	MLP music concert
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> April:	Class Photos
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April:	<b>End of Term 4</b>