



HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome **all** of our children back to their classes and for education at school to resume again on **Monday 8th March**. At present we are working our way through the updated DfE guidance to ensure all safety measures are in place and everything is prepared for the children's return. From initial reading, we do not anticipate any major changes to the way the school was operating in the Autumn term and it is very likely to be a return to that arrangement. We shall be in touch with full details as soon as possible.

In the meantime please do continue with the excellent support you are providing with remote education. We look forward to taking this from your hands!

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Martin

Headteacher

World Book Day - Thursday 4th March

At Hook Junior School we are passionate about books. To celebrate the pleasure of reading, World Book Day is an important date in our calendars and one we know lots of the children look forward to. It is a great chance to celebrate our love of reading across the entire school. This year, even though times are different, we still plan to have lots of exciting and engaging learning opportunities throughout the day but there will be some inevitable changes.

Our theme this year is: **Poetry – music to our ears**

A look at what's going on:

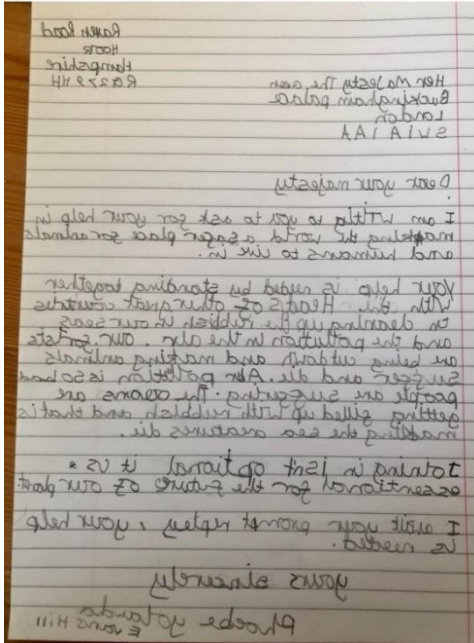
- Morning Assembly to launch our day
- Teachers will be sharing videos of themselves with a recommended read from our e-books platform
- Look who we caught reading photos – can you spot your teacher reading in an unusual place? (we would love to see some photos of you reading in unusual places sent in throughout the day too. Under a tree? In Dad's office?)
- Design your own bookmark competition – prizes to follow
- Stop! Drop everything and read – children (and staff) will be asked to stop what they are doing and enjoy some quiet reading time at intervals throughout the day
- Learn and perform poetry
- Write your own poem / song

We will not be participating in any sponsored events this year as we do not want to add financial pressure to families at this difficult time. However, we know the children like to dress up for this special event and so we are saying it is optional. If they would like to dress up, then they can do so as a character from our theme: Poetry – music to our ears. This could be any character from a children's poetry book. Children are free to do this at home and if they are attending school. If they are attending school and do not wish to dress-up then normal school uniform should be worn.

As always, we appreciate your ongoing support and co-operation with your children's learning.

Year 3

In year 3, we have used our Guided Reading text, This Morning I Met a Whale as a prompt in our writing. We have created formal letters from the point of view of Michael, a character from the book.



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Wednesday 10th February

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing this letter to you as a matter of great importance and urgency. We as humans are damaging the planet by littering around the country, hurting vulnerable animals and they are dying. It is your responsibility as Prime Minister to act quickly and make changes to our current living environment.

Firstly, we as humans need to protect our environment and littering is causing wonderful reefs to die, so you need to make sure that recycling bins are used much more. In addition, for animals to live on our planet they deserve to be treated kindly. Although millions of people do not realise, innocent sea creatures are getting caught in fishing nets and cannot escape to safety. Shockingly, there are thoughtless people who are hurting vulnerable animals and killing the rainforests by burning them without thinking of the damage they are creating. This needs to stop! Furthermore, all this is leading to climate change which is destroying the habitats of defenceless animals. Polar bears are already hungry and thin from us not caring about the planet. I hope that this letter makes you think very carefully about the issues we have in the world. I expect you to realise the importance that huge changes need to be made rapidly to help everyone in the world. It is vital for you to take action now. I look forward to hearing your response.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael

Pupils Give Birds Special 'Tweetment' For National Nestbox Week

As part of National Nestbox Week (14th to 21st February), David Wilson Homes teamed up with Hook Junior School to provide its pupils with a special bird-themed activity.

The national campaign encouraged UK residents to help create more homes for native birds and the leading developer sent a number of activity booklets for the pupils to match different species of birds to a variety of habitats.

Created by David Wilson Homes, the work booklets feature swifts, starlings, blue tits, robins, house martins, house sparrows and tawny owls; all of which match a distinctive nestbox to encourage pupils to think about how different species require particular homes.

Hook Junior School also received a donation of two nestboxes from David Wilson Homes for the pupils to welcome birds to their shared environment and to learn more about their feathered friends.

Mr Hall, year 5 teacher, said: "The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the different birds and their unique habitats.

"Sincere thanks to David Wilson Homes for providing the nestboxes which will hopefully attract more birds to our school grounds."



DAVID WILSON HOMES
WHERE QUALITY LIVES

The activity for National Nestbox Week is part of the homebuilder's efforts to create homes for wildlife as well as people, strengthened by its ongoing partnership with the RSPB.


A special quiz has also been designed by the leading developer, which has encouraged people of all ages to test their knowledge on native birds following National Nestbox Week. This is available at: <https://birdhousequiz.co.uk/>.

Find out more...

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Key Dates

22 Feb 2021 – 1 Mar 2021	Learning Consultations
1 Mar 2021	Learning Consultations
2 Apr 2021	Easter Holiday
31 May 2021	Summer Half Term
26 Jul 2021	Summer Holiday



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DONATE A BOOK FOR WORLD BOOK DAY 2021

770,000 school children in the UK do not own a book.
Fancy changing that?
Join Tesco Chineham supported by Hook Facebook Group
"In My Cupboard In Hook" and let's do it.

Donate NEW or NEARLY NEW books for 5-16yr olds in
store at TESCO CHINEHAM or THE RAVEN HOTEL,
HOOK (the reception lobby between the 2 sets of
doors).

They will be distributed by 3 local charities

- Homestart www.home-start.org.uk
- Inspero www.inspero.org.uk
- Spotlight www.sportlightuk.org

Campaign ends on World Book Day 4th March 2021
Thank you for your support.