

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really positive week after the news on Monday that all children are returning to school on Monday 8th March. We have been busily planning to make sure that we are ready to welcome children back.

We hope they are as excited to return as we are to have them back, but we also understand that there may be some nerves or worries, so we are really focused on making it a smooth transition. We will do this by making sure that by the middle of next week, every child has a social story which should help put them at ease and tell them everything they need to know ahead of their return. We will also be providing an assembly for the children to watch before they head in on Monday morning.

We also know that some of the children who have been in school may be anxious about the change and so we plan to ensure that they have the opportunity to reflect on the time they have had in their bubble and to make sure they know what to expect too.

On Monday 8th March, we will be using the morning to resettle the children and to reset our expectations and routines. We feel that it is important to give them the opportunity to reflect on their experiences, to share what they are proud of, to acknowledge all of their hard work and to think together about what we are looking forward to. It will be a really positive opportunity to reform the class bond and begin that process of looking forwards together.

Early next week, I will be able to share all of the plans for reopening with you. These will, in many ways, be very familiar, but we are going to make some tweaks and changes to drop-off and pick-up which we need to share with you. We will then also hold a series of webinars later next week to run through how we are going to support the children to bounce back when they return.

Next week, we are going to be holding our Book Week and there is plenty to take part in over the course of the week. As well as planning in some special reading activities, there are a series of optional Scholastic activities that you can sign up for if you are at home and are interested. These do look as though they will be really inspiring. We are also holding a series of competitions that will run through the week! You can find out more in the poster, which is later in the newsletter.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to the mystery parent/carer that put up the banner on the school fence on Terrace Road to thank all of the school staff. It was a lovely surprise to return to and we were so very touched and grateful.

Have a great weekend.

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**Please do not visit the office unless it is urgent – all enquiries should be made by phone or email.**

## Diary Dates

w/c 1 Mar	World Book Week
8 Mar	Children return to school
31 Mar	Break up for Easter
1 Apr	Inset Day
19 Apr	Children return to school
3 May	Bank holiday
6 May	Inset Day
24-28 May	YR6 Land and Wave Residential
28 May	Break up for half term
9-11 Jun	YR5 Marchants Hill Residential
23-25 Jun	YR4 Marchants Hill Residential
21 July	Break up for Summer

## Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child who attends the school, it is important you inform a DSL staff member immediately. Please contact us at: [dsl@grovelands.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@grovelands.surrey.sch.uk).

Alternatively, you can pass any concerns to Children's Services directly on: 0300 470 9100.



This week's safety tip is all about what to do if your child has come to you for help and support and where you can report any online concerns or risks.

[Child Net Need Help](#)

Please let us know if you require any specific online safety help or advice.

Thank you.

# In class this week...

## NURSERY

This week in nursery our learning has been based on the story 'Handa's Surprise'. We have shared the story and re told it using props. We have started to think about changing features of the story, including the ending. We have also looked at a globe to see where Africa is and have talked about the different animals that live there. Outside we have been building obstacle courses to help us with our balancing skills.

## RECEPTION

What a great start back after the half term break. It has been lovely to see your photos and to continue to see you all on Google Meets. This week in reception we have been looking at the story 'Barry the Fish with Fish Fingers'. We have loved seeing your drawings of Barry and your new friends for him. In maths we have been learning to double amounts and numbers using cubes and mirrors. We also discussed sharing different amounts. We also discussed the value of friendship and what makes a good friend. Keep up the hard work reception!

## YEAR 1

Welcome back!!!!

We have been busy in year 1 this week and have been working on using speech marks. We have been working hard to identify the spoken words and place the speech marks correctly. Some of us have even been using different words for said!! We have also been writing baby speech bubbles and looking at photos which has been lovely.

In maths we have focussed on counting in 2's and 5's. We have looked for patterns in numbers and have used pictorial representations to help us count in groups. Lots of us still need to practise and Scratch Garden on the internet has great counting in 2;s and 5's songs to help.

We have also been looking at parts of animals in science and had fun labelling them

## YEAR 2

Year 2 has got off to a flying start this half-term! In English we've been looking at the book 'Cinderboy' - we compared Cinderboy and Cinderella and then we rewrote the story for our Superwrite. We loved the part where the sofa turns into a limo! We started shape in maths, looking at lots of different 2D and 3D shapes and thinking about their properties. In science, we started a new topic all about habitats. We learnt the acronym MRS GREN and how to use it to identify whether something is living or not. We now know that chairs are non-living things because they don't use the toilet (or excrete their waste in any other way!) and they can't move by themselves

## YEAR 3

We began our exciting new topic of 'Tremors' this week with a virtual workshop from the Geobus which gave us lots of information and activities about the earth, its layers and the hazards this can cause. This linked to our reading activities which studied the enthralling prologue to the book by Jim Eldridge 'Survivor: Escape From Pompeii'. We can't wait to read more when we get back to school! It also helped with our writing where we have composed shape poems about volcanoes, making sure we choose our language carefully for effect.

## YEAR 4

This week in year 4 we have started our new topic - 'Road Trip USA'! We have begun by researching famous Native Americans and writing about them focusing on using the past tense and relative clauses accurately. In maths, we have continued working on fractions and equivalents. In geography, we have learnt where America is, how many states there are and learnt what the stars and stripes mean on the American Flag! In PE, we had fun learning how to send and receive balls and finding different ways to stretch our skills.

## YEAR 5

This week in year 5 we have been researching for our non chronological report about Egypt. In maths we are adding and subtracting different types of fractions. In PSHE we have thought about what a healthy lifestyle is. In French, we are learning about places in a town. In geography we have traced the route of the river Nile. and looked at where Egypt is on a world map.

## YEAR 6

The week, year 6 have been researching and writing reports on rollercoasters. We are continuing to learn about ancient Maya culture (food this week!), and in science, we are shifting from Darwin to Linnaeus and grouping living things by their features. In maths, we are revising metric measures, and learning about imperial measurements.

# CERTIFICATES



## Achievements

## Writers of the Week

### Reception

Alys  
Leonardo  
Elena  
Skyla-Hope  
Tommy  
Layla

### Year 1

Vihaan  
Raymond  
Jacob  
Alex  
Amelia  
Adam  
George  
Ollie  
Imogen P  
Flynn  
Hollie  
Louisa

### Year 2

Jessica  
Jasmine  
Leon  
Kate  
Abigail  
Musa

### Year 3

Sami / Violet  
Eva / Zoe  
Isla H / Rayen  
Tyler / Zach  
Thomas S / Olivia S  
Isla R / Thomas D  
Olivia I / Victoria L-R  
Evie B

### Year 4

Freddie  
Chloe  
Lily  
Louis  
Ella  
Lowri  
Levi  
Sophie

### Year 5

Lucy  
Sam  
Scarlett-Rose  
Hanaan  
Jayden

### Year 6

Amber  
Aidan  
Miles

Please see the achievement assemblies in Google Classroom or Tapestry for Reception.

### Reception

Tommy K  
Lily  
Bodhi

### Year 1

Raymond  
Hollie  
Adam

### Year 2

Rhys

### Year 3

Riley  
Sami

### Year 4

Sienna  
Levi

### Year 5

Oliver P  
Laila

### Year 6

Grace B  
Thomas C

# WELL DONE EVERYONE

Thank you to our mystery banner person!! Such a wonderful and thoughtful surprise which made us all smile! We're still wondering who it could be.....



The Year 6 children who are attending school created this fantastic poster thanking the NHS for the incredible work they have done and will continue to do throughout this pandemic.

We are delighted to let you know that the poster will be on display in the vaccination centre in Walton at the Heart

Well done Year 6—we are very proud of you!



## Young Carers

As a school, we know that children who are considered Young Carers can be more vulnerable and we want to ensure that we are doing everything we can to support these children and families.

Young Carers are children who are under the age of 18 and provide practical or emotional care for a member of the family who may suffer from a long-term illness, have a physical or learning difficulty, mental ill health or substance or alcohol dependency.

If you believe that you're child may be considered a Young Carer, please contact us at: [dsl@grovelands.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@grovelands.surrey.sch.uk). Alternatively, you can just give us a call and we'll let you know how we might be able to help. It is really important that we have an up to date register of all of the Young Carers in our school.

You can find out more information about Action For Carers and the support available in Surrey here: <https://www.actionforcarers.org.uk/who-we-help/young-carers-under-18/>. Surrey Young Carers provide support for children in Year 1 upwards.



WORLD BOOK DAY  
4 MARCH 2021

## £1 Book Token

Primary Schools and Nurseries/Pre-Schools (UK)

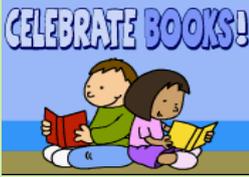
For World Book Day 2021, we have registered for the £1 digital book tokens.

**The World Book Day £1 books are a gift from booksellers**, who fully fund the cost of the £1 book token redemptions. Check with your local supermarket to see what plans they have in place.

World Book Day is an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the joy of reading. Visit their website at [worldbookday.com](http://worldbookday.com) for brilliant ideas and resources you could use and for tips on reading together at home.

To download your £1 book token, which is valid from 18th February to 28th March 2021, and for further details please use the following link.

[World Book Day Token](#)



# Grovelands Book Week



**1st March —5th March**

**Grovelands will be celebrating as usual, despite lockdown! Children will be participating in activities at school and at home, which include the following:**

## Scholastic Live Workshops

Scholastic are running a fantastic range of live workshops all week where the children can enjoy an array of wonderful authors and illustrators hosting 30-minute events, including draw-a-longs, writing workshops and a 4pm Book Club as an after school treat! Please use the link below to register your child to select some of the workshops on offer.

### Live Workshops

If your child is attending school they will be viewing these during the week with their teacher. For those home learning we recommend you book in advance of the day.

## Ready, Steady, Read!

Children are invited to take part in a sponsored read (Years 2-6) or a sponsored listen (Nursery-Year 1) throughout Book Week to raise money to spend on some lovely Usborne books for our school. See the letter and sponsor forms for further information.



## Mystery Readers

There will be a slides presentation this year of our 'Mystery Readers'. Just for fun—can you work out who they are?



## Book Week Competitions

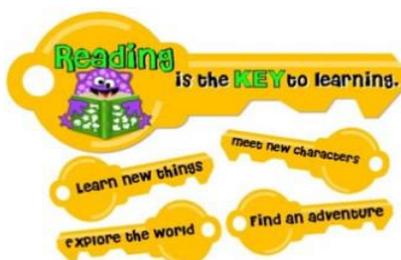
Turn a potato into your favourite book character. Potatoes come in all shapes and sizes as do book characters! Can you dress or decorate your potato to look like you favourite character?



**OR**

## and so much more..

Look out for the daily events and reading activities to enjoy on the Daily Task Sheet.



Decorate a door or window in your house as your favourite book cover. It doesn't have to be big, you could chose a small cupboard door.

For those at home please photograph your entry and send it to your year group teacher account by Thursday 4th March. If you are attending school please bring it in to show your teacher. We will be holding a special Achievement Assembly on Friday to celebrate our entries. We can't wait to see your creations!