



February Half Term Reading Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy Spring 1 half term we have had! Although we have been so busy these past few weeks, and Christmas feels like a distant memory, this half term has flown by and I cannot believe we are heading into the Spring 2 term after the half term break.

This term has consisted of LOTS of fabulous writing across school including being tricky word detectives in Reception, writing shape poems about Castles in Year 1, producing letters to Warburton's in Year 2, being news reporters in Year 3, researching and writing biographies in Year 4, inviting guests to King Hrothgar's party in Year 5 and being creative with flashback narratives in Year 6! WOW! I hope you will get to see this amazing work during your parent conference meetings on Thursday.

Your children are working so hard and we are really proud of them.

As well as being the best Beaumont writers, our children are working hard, daily, on their reading skills. As you know, we love our Beaumont Reading Dogs and they have helped us so much with our prediction, retrieval, summarising, sequencing, vocabulary and inference skills, alongside several others too! Bug Club, home school reading books and Reading Plus are fabulous resources and crucial in helping your child progress – encouragement from home, together with consistent encouragement from school, will ensure your child's progress moves in the right direction. I cannot wait to look at the whole school data just before Easter, to see the huge success stories across school! 😊

World Book Day 2022 – Thursday 3rd March

One of my favourite school events of the year! This year, the theme is 'you are a reader!' – which as you know, is something we already say to everyone at Beaumont. This year, we really want to focus on **vocabulary** to help our children develop and grow their vocabulary banks. With this in mind, on World Book Day this year, children (and staff!) can dress up as a WORD. Please take a look at some examples! I just know how creative our children are going to get and I cannot wait to see the fabulous outfits! Reggie the Beaumont Reading Dog will be on the lookout all day and will be choosing one winner per class! These winners will receive a prize and will be announced during our whole school assembly that day, where the children will take part in a vocabulary parade around the hall! Ruby, the REAL LIFE Reading Dog, will also be visiting school this day.



A book is a gift you can open again and again.





Sponsored Spellathon!



Due to the HUGE success of our sponsored Readathon last year, we just knew we had to do something this year in order to have lots of fun whilst raising money for our new whole school library. As our World Book Day theme is centered on words, words and more words, we quickly came to the conclusion that a Spellathon was the perfect way to raise some money and create some healthy competition across school. Class teachers will be sending out a list of spellings for their children to learn – keep a look out on Class Dojo please.

We will be giving the children lots of opportunities to practice in school by using word searches, drawing tasks, unscramble activities and much more! On Friday 4th March your child will be tested on the words they have been challenged to learn, and they will come home that day with their score, ready to collect their sponsorship money from the people who pledged to sponsor them.

We are however, asking for your help too! Can you encourage your child to practice their spellings at home? Can you test them? Can you play games to help your child remember their spellings? Can you and your family and friends sponsor your child?

Prizes will go to the class who raise the most money as a collective group, and individual prizes will also be up for grabs for the children who have made the most effort in learning their spellings for their Spellathon. Your child will come home with a sponsorship form this week. Please keep this safe and begin to help your child collect their sponsors. The form has more information, with key dates which you will need to know. Let the preparation for the spelling competition begin!

Have a wonderful half term holiday and I look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 21st February.

Stay safe & keep reading! 😊

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