

What a fantastic term we are having! This term is a time for external visits to provide children with a wealth of new experiences. In Foundation 2, we had an absolutely amazing visit to Sundown Adventureland in Retford. The children were enchanted by the variety of attractions and interactive experiences. From the enchanted fairy tale woodland to the exhilarating rides, they were brimming with excitement, and it truly sparked their imagination. Not only did they have a delightful time, but they also learned about teamwork and sharing as they navigated the park together. Their laughter resonated throughout the day, making the experience all the more special.



On Wednesday this week, Year 1 set off for a thrilling day at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. What a great day it turned out to be! The children were treated to a close-up view of fascinating animals and had the opportunity to engage in discussions about different species. From the magnificent polar bears to the cheeky meerkats, the day enriched their understanding of wildlife and ecosystems, supporting their knowledge in science splendidly. The interactive sessions, where they learned about animal habitats and diets, were particularly engaging and offered them a deeper appreciation of the natural world around them.



On both visits, the children made us incredibly proud with their enthusiasm and curiosity. They greeted each new experience with wide-eyed wonder, asking thoughtful questions and participating actively. It's moments like these that reinforce the joy of learning outside the classroom! Our Year 2 have their residential to Gulliver's Valley coming up very soon, they are very excited, and we are also planning an experience for our nursery children too - watch this space!



As we approach the end of this half term, we would like to take a moment to share some important insights regarding your child's reading journey. We believe that the partnership between home and school is vital in fostering a love for reading, and we need your help to support this development!

Supporting Your Child with Reading

This academic year we have noticed a decline in children reading at home. While we provide thorough teaching of reading at school through daily phonics, shared reading as well as small group teaching 3 times per week you can significantly enhance your child's reading experience by continuing this practice at home. Your involvement can make a huge difference in building their confidence and fluency.

Reading Practice Book

In your child's reading practice book, you will find a text that has been carefully matched to their current reading level. If you notice that your child is breezing through it with ease, please don't fret! It's essential for them to develop fluency and confidence, which comes from reading material that feels comfortable.

When you sit down together to read, please take a moment to listen attentively. Offer plenty of praise; celebrate every small success - these moments of encouragement are incredibly valuable! Should they encounter a difficult word, you can help by reading it aloud to them. After they finish reading, have a chat about the story. What was their favourite part? Did they learn something new? The key is "little and often"; aim for at least four reading sessions per week. Don't forget to jot down your observations in your child's reading diary so we can also praise the children's efforts. Research consistently shows that children who read regularly have improved academic outcomes and develop a lifelong love for books!

Sharing Book from our Library

To encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it's equally important for them to learn to read for pleasure. That's where the sharing book comes in! This is a book that your child has selected for you to enjoy together.

When you're reading this book, remember that it's perfectly fine for you to read it to or with them. Discuss the illustrations, laugh at the funny moments, and immerse yourselves in the storyline. Engaging in discussions about what might happen next or even using different voices for characters can make reading an enjoyable adventure. If it's a non-fiction book, explore the facts together! The most crucial aspect of these sharing sessions is that you both have fun while reading!

Additional Resources

As part of our reading programme, we are proud to use the Little Wandle Phonics approach. We encourage you to explore their website, where you will find vital information regarding the phonics we teach in school. They also provide helpful resources on how to support reading at home and highlight the significance of nursery rhymes in the early years. You can visit their site at [Little Wandle Letters and Sounds](#).

We truly appreciate your support in your child's reading journey. Please remember, your involvement at home, plays a pivotal role in nurturing their love for reading.

Have a wonderful half term, thank you as always for your continued support- our first day back is
Monday 2nd June.

Diary dates

- Half term - Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025
- W/C 9th June 2025 - **Year 1 Phonics Screening**
- Thursday 12th June 2025 - **Year 2 Residential to Gulliver's Valley**
- Saturday 14th June 2025 - **Stay and Play 1pm -3pm.**
- Wednesday 18th June 2025- **KS1 Sports day 9.30am**
- Thursday 19th June 2025 - School photographer in - Class photographs
- Wednesday 25th June 2025 - **F1/F2 Sports day 10.00am / 2.00pm**
- Monday, 30th June 2025 - **Parents informed child's class teacher for next year**
- Wednesday 2nd July 2025 - **Moving up Morning**
- Friday 4th July 2025- **INSET DAY**
- Friday 11th July 2025 -**Reports to parents**
- Thursday 24th July 2025 - **Year 2 Leavers assembly 2.00pm**
- Friday 25th July 2025- **Last day of term- END OF ACADEMIC YEAR**

AUTUMN TERM -please see next page for an overview of school holidays as well as the INSET days for the next academic year.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Wednesday 3rd September - First day of term for children moving into KS1 2025

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 -F2 -First day back for new school starters who have NOT attended Phoenix Nursery.

Thursday 4th September 2025 -Children who attended our Nursery will start in F2.

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that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
Learn,
the MORE places you'll go.



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School Holidays
 Public Holidays
 Administration Day

Autumn Term

1 September - 17 October 7 weeks
3 November - 19 December 7 weeks

Spring Term

5 January - 13 February 6 weeks
23 February - 27 March 5 weeks

Summer Term

13 April - 22 May 5 weeks 4 days
1 June - 27 July 8 weeks 1 day

School closed for INSET
Tuesday 2nd September
Monday 3rd November
Friday 3rd July
Monday 27th July