

'Be awesome! Be a book nut!' Dr. Seuss

February 2021

### Learning This Half Term

Sadly because of lockdown<sup>3</sup>, many children have been learning from home this half term. We know that this hasn't been easy and we want to thank all our families for their perseverance and hard work at keeping the learning going and the staff for supporting remote learning via Class Dojo. We are also grateful to Lotus, BT and Vodafone for supplying devices and internet access to families, in need at this time.

Nursery has continued to remain open during this current lockdown. 'Three Little Pigs' has been one of the focus stories and children have also been taking part in the recent RSPB Garden Bird Watch. Children in reception have been learning about people who help us and keeping healthy. The story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' has enabled Year 1 children to learn more about bears and other animal groups and create their own story maps. Mulberry class have learnt about animal habitats with a minibeast hunt and in Year 2, children have worked really hard with their phonics and reading and have enjoyed den building indoors and outside. We have also loved seeing your photos of children playing out in the snow and taking part in the challenges set by their teachers, this week.

After half term, look out for our **theme weeks**, around **WATER** and **LOVE of READING**.



### Half Term (Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February)

Next week is half term. Children who are currently learning in school, will return on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** (unless they are attending on set days as key workers) Nursery will also reopen on this day and remote learning via Class Dojo will resume.

### World Book Day

World Book Day is on **4<sup>th</sup> March** this year and staff are planning a week of book related activities for children to join in with, whether they are at home or at school. More information to follow.

## Key Stage 1 Parents' Evening

Because of the disruption to schooling this half term, we have decided to **move Parents' evening** for children in Year 1 and 2, including Mulberry class, to May. However, in the meantime, if you do have any queries about your child's learning, please contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo, or the school office. Nursery & Reception families are offered a meeting throughout the year, the week their child is a 'focus child'.



## Talking to a Child Worried About Coronavirus (COVID-19)

If your child is **anxious or worried** about coronavirus (COVID-19), there are things you as a parent, can do to help. There's a lot of uncertainty in the world at the moment and there won't always be answers to the questions your children are asking, but this very helpful link <https://blackpoolbetterstart.org.uk/covid19-update/> shares 8 top tips to support young children at this time.

It is everyone's responsibility to safeguard children. If you see or hear anything that worries you about the safety of a child, you can call 0344 800 8020

## Response to Parental Survey on Remote Learning

Thank you to everyone who completed the short survey on remote learning. We will be sharing families' views as soon as we have processed the information

## Nursery Places

We still have **several places available** in our nursery for **funded 2s and 3 year olds**. If you know of anyone who would be interested in a place **after Easter** or even in **September**, please can you contact the school office 01603 451299, or email Rebecca Sheriffs [rsheriffs@weins.co.uk](mailto:rsheriffs@weins.co.uk)

## The Full Reopening of School

As we write, we **do not have** any more information to share with you, about when **all children** will return to school. However, we know that this is likely to be from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. We will update you after half term with arrangements and details.

**STAY HOME**

**PROTECT THE NHS**

**SAVE LIVES**