



Belton Update

26th February 2021

It is official, school is back open for all on the 8th March! We are so excited to see you all back in school, where you all belong! We are all busy planning for your return to make it as seamless as possible. You have all done such a wonderful job at remote learning, you should be really proud!

Whilst we are looking forward to the reopening, we must also be mindful that whilst nationally the picture is improving, more locally this is less evident, with North West Leicestershire and Charnwood not following the trend as much as we would like. Therefore, it is clear we do need to follow the guidance to the letter and keep up all of the systems we have in place to ensure we are all as safe as possible. These have been set out in a separate letter detailing what school will look like for the children - it is very similar to how it was before Christmas.



This year, to ensure that all children at home or at school can all join in with World Book Day celebrations, we will be participating in 'The Masked Reader' challenge.

Masked Reader

Make sure you visit the Whole School Google Classroom **EVERYDAY** to watch the two 'Masked Readers' of the day. There will be a guess sheet for you to fill in over the week.

Thursday 4th March – World Book Day

Today we will all make our own masks! Your class teacher will tell you more about this during Thursday morning's live lesson. Please send a photo of you in your mask to your class teacher by the end of the day so the teachers can collate all the photos to make a class guess sheet. You can also wear your mask to your live lessons on this day.

Friday 5th March

Please wear your masks to our whole school assembly at 10am! Today is also 'The Big Reveal!' Make sure you log in to the **last live session of the day (individual classrooms)** to find out who is behind the mask!

Take it Off! Take it Off! Take it Off!

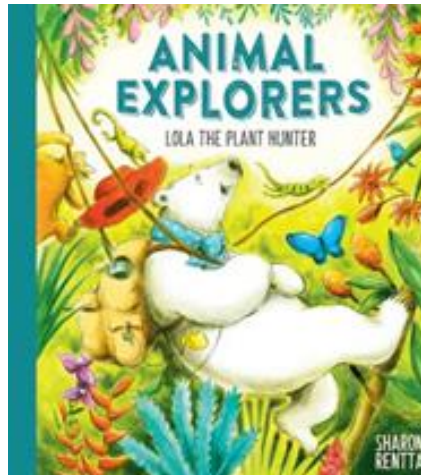
For Book Week the Tigers are going to become real life authors and illustrators and make their own book based on Julia Donaldson 'What the Ladybird Heard'. They will be writing sentences about each farmyard animal and then illustrating their own work after being inspired by two draw along workshops we will be attending.



The Owls have a fun few days planned for World Book Week

On Thursday 4th March we will be joining Nicola Slater, the illustrator of *The Leaf Thief*, who will teach us how to draw the squirrel from the story.

On Friday 5th March, to compliment this term's topic Art and Nature, we will be joining Sharon Rentta, author and illustrator of *Animal Explorers - Lola the Plant Hunter*, for a lesson in nature drawing.



In book week Lions are doing DT Day on Thursday where we will finish off our masks and learn about the design process. Then on Friday we will be doing a book day where we will be authors, illustrators and editors.

Next week the Sea Otters will be experimenting with writing in different styles: comedy, spooky stories, riddles and mysteries, fantasy and historical fiction.

We will also be learning how to illustrate historical texts and meeting an author who has created a new work about science and magic called *The Nightsilver Promise*. It will be an exciting week for everyone!

School dinners are Week One for Week beginning 1st March

SANTA RUN IF YOU HAVE ANY MORE MONEY TO BRING IN PLEASE COULD WE HAVE IT BEFORE THE EASTER HOLIDAYS



Thank you for the entries we will be sending them off today or early next week! Fingers crossed!



Remote learning feedback

Thank you for all those who completed the survey. I have looked at the results and really pleased that nearly 90% of those who answered felt that the school set enough work. The few that didn't were completely split between thinking there was too much and too little.

Everyone has found the live lessons useful, which was my aim when changing to google classroom. They also found there was a good variety in the curriculum and the vast majority are pleased with the feedback given.

There were no real themes emerging when asked how we can improve the provision but we have taken the individual comments on board and whilst we hope we won't have to return to home learning, if we do we will see if we can work on those areas if possible.

Parents Evenings

On reflection, with the children all returning on the 8th March, I have changed the dates for Parents evenings. They will take place week beginning 12th April and if necessary week beginning 19th April. They will be by telephone, with an option for a video call if you prefer. Details will be sent nearer to the time.

Certificates this week

Tigers

Stars of the week

Isla for an amazing attitude and love of reading

Grace for her hard work on the farmyard fact files

Owls

75 house points Rosie





Mindset Champion - Toby for great imagination in his story writing
Star of the week - Caitlin for hard work particularly in handwriting lessons
Sam - Handwriting at home
Maths - Freya

Mathletics Bronze – Finley, Pandora, Freya, Lacey, Lyle, Sam, Caitlin, Toby

Mathletics Silver – Harry

Bug Clubber - Otis

Lions

Bug Clubber - Anaya

Handwriting - Michael
Learning Powers - Gabe - for his excellent scratch presentation on the Ukraine.
Maths - Hayden for excellent fractions work
Star of the week - Ivy for her continuous excellent effort in home learning.

Mathletics-
Silver - Ivy and Thomas

Readiwriter -
Silver - Jenny, Michael
Bronze - Olivia, Ivy, Jenny, James, Gabe, Jessica, Michael, Anaya, Daisy, Cole, Thomas, Ava.

TTRS - Headliner - Michael

Sea Otters

Star of the week - Cara – for always 'going the extra mile,' in all that she does, especially when thinking of others.

Mindset Champion - Lydia - she breaks her problems down and solves them one step at a time.

Handwriting - Sally

Mathematician - Charlie R - for amazing work in algebra.

Mathletics - None

Readiwriter - Charlie R

Times Table Rockstar - None

Bug Clubber - Harriet

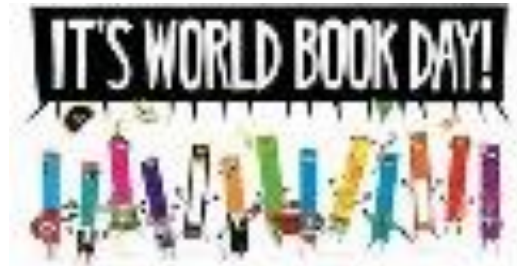
Book Mark Challenge winners – Oscar and Caitlin. I hope you enjoy your new books!



Dates for your diary

Book Week - 1st -5th March

World Book Day –
Thursday 4th March



8th March - all children back to school

Parents evenings week beginning 12th April (2 weeks)

Friday 19th March - Comic Relief