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Headteacher's news:

This week has gone by in a flash for me personally and I have been busy mapping out the rest of the academic year with our school improvement priorities. The top priority for all schools is 'catch-up' teaching and learning and in these last two weeks we have been balancing the pastoral elements of our work alongside this. Between now and the Easter holidays, the teachers will be assessing the children and identifying any gaps and lost learning. This will be used to inform subject specific knowledge, skills and understanding that need to be taught and revisited.

Regular reading at home is going to significantly help your child during this period and it is a good time to remind ourselves of the importance of reading. Please continue to support your child at home with daily reading. Talk to your child about what they have read to check that they understand it. Ask them what the words mean and get them to make predictions about what might happen next. The power of reading must not be forgotten and is the key to success across all areas of learning.

READING ADDS UP 20 minutes per day = 3600 minutes per academic year 5 minutes a day = 1,800,000 words 900 minutes per academic year 1 minute a day =90th percentile = 282,000 words = 180 minutes per = 50th percentile academic year = 56.400 words = 10th percentile Research shows that a child who reads every day does better at every stage of their education.

Take care, stay safe and have a good weekend.

Click below to see what has been happening in your child's class this week.

Nursery Reception Y1 Pear Y1/2 Lime Y2 Cherry

Y3 Willow Y3/4 Cedar Y4 Beech

Y5 Oak Y5/6 Ash Y6 Maple

It has been 'School Games' week and our children have enjoyed a variety of activities in their PE lessons! The purpose was to reconnect the children and re-engage them back into PE and physical activity. Each class was given a choice of 5 activities: Ping Pong, Ultimate Frisbee, Street Dance, Skipping for Boxing or Cricket. It was great to see all pupils back in school doing some physical activity with a smile on their face!



3/4 Cedar 'Skipping for Boxing'

PARKING As the school has re-opened to all, the traffic on Rufford Avenue has once again become problematic. Vehicles are parking illegally and dangerously. I have been in touch with West Yorkshire Police and there will be some PCSO presence over the coming weeks. Ultimately, the solution to this problem is through you and the decisions you make when you arrive at school in your vehicle. Have you considered parking further away from school and walking the difference?

Dates for the diary

1 April: School closes for the Easter break (note - this is a Thursday).

19 April: School opens for summer term. **26 April:** Virtual Parents' Evening to take place in this week (exact details to be confirmed).

Monday 28 June: Teacher Training Day. We have now set the final unallocated training day. School will be closed to all children on this date.