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"Live, Love and Learn Together"

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Dear Parents

Upcoming English Events

I am delighted to tell you all about the exciting English events happening imminently...

Performance Poetry Competition

Due to the success of last year's poetry competition, we have decided to make this an annual event. This year's theme will be: Relationships. Georgina Coombs, one of our talented governors and drama teacher extraordinaire, will be visiting each class next week, teaching them a selection of age-appropriate poems and giving them an excellent lesson on poetry performance skills. Your child will then be asked to choose one of the poems to learn as part of their English homework. They will then be ready for a performance to their class, and, if chosen, to the whole school, during the first week back after half term. The winner of each Key Stage will receive a plate/trophy and a certificate and all finalists will receive 10 merits. Your child should be ready to perform their poem to their class on Monday 30th October.

Usborne 'Ready, Steady, Read' and Book Fair

Last year, we had an extremely positive Usborne 'Ready, Steady, Read' event and Book Fair. We were able to foster a love of reading and provide every class with excellent new books. We are hoping to repeat this success this year!

On Tuesday 17th October, your child will bring home a Ready, Steady, Read sponsorship form for them to complete over the next 2 weeks. They are encouraged to read as much as possible over that time (including half term) and record the time spent. More details will be given in the letter.

Book Week

This year, Book Week will be held on 30th October to the 3rd November. This will serve as an introduction to the 13th annual BridLit Festival running from 5th November which has many exciting local events planned, including an event by children's author: Chris Riddell.

On Monday 30th October, we would like your child to dress up to mark the start of Book Week (first day back after half term). This year, each class has chosen a theme for their costumes which will be linked to the books they will be reading and working with in class that week.

Themes:

Reception/Year 1 – Animals

Year 2 – Pets

Year 3 – Stories from other Cultures

Year 4 – Viking gods and Creatures from Norse Myths

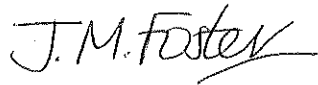
Year 5 – Space

Year 6 – World War 2

During the week, your child will also have the opportunity to read to a child from another class. Please could they bring in a book they enjoy reading to share.

WOW! What a lot of exciting English events coming up! Thank you for all the support you give your child at home to foster a love of reading. We are looking forward to furthering their learning and enjoyment of books in, what should be, a different and enjoyable week.

Yours gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. M. Foster". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Mrs J Foster
English Coordinator