

Kingsholm C of E Primary School  
**Weekly News**

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Our School values are Respect, Honesty & Love

This term we are focusing on Responsibility

**WORLD BOOK DAY**

We are having a whole school focus on **Roald Dahl** for the first two weeks of term. Every class will be studying a Roald Dahl story and lots will be happening around school linked to the author.

On **Thursday 2nd March**, World Book Day, the children will be asked to come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character, prizes will be given out for the best costumes.

On **Friday 3rd March** we will have a Reading Open Morning, where all parents/carers are invited into their child's class room to stay and share a book with them between 9.00am - 9.30am.

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We are all excited about World Book Day next Thursday and look forward to seeing the children dressed up as their favourite Roald Dahl character.

Please remember we do not encourage the children to dress up as witches or wizards for celebration days such as these.

**Reception Classes:**

**News:** Can now be found on the Kingsholm Primary School Facebook page.

**Year 1:**

**Remember:** Please can you return your child's PE kit as soon as possible.

Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day where the whole school will be dressing up as their favourite Roald Dahl character!

**News:** Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term.

In English this week we have been given another mission by the Giant! He delivered a letter asking us to create an invention for cleaning windows that doesn't use ladders! It was a little tricky, but we did it and then we created fantastic posters explaining why people should buy our new products. We then had another delivery from the Giant with a book inside, 'The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me' by Roald Dahl. We ended the week reading the book and talking about the poems for each character. We created rhyming strings and even had a go at writing our own rhyme about the robber!

In Mathematics we have revisited counting in 2's, 5's and 10's in preparation for introducing multiplication to the children.

In theme we have been talking about the different food groups in Design and Technology and in Science we have been learning about deciduous and evergreen plants and trees.

**Year 2:**

**Remember:** Please come and join your child in class on Friday morning to share a book.

**News:** Year 2 have had an exciting start to our week looking at our new novel 'James and the Giant Peach.' The children have created beautiful drawings of a peach, made peach crumble and predicted what might happen in the story.

In Numeracy we have been looking at how to represent data.

**2A - Parent Consultations.**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Please come and sign up with Miss Arnold

### Year 3:

**Remember:** We would like to remind you that it is World Book Day next Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

We would like to notify you that on World Book Day, Year 3 will be taking part in a local walk to Waterstones bookshop in town to take part in some lovely activities.

We would also like to remind you to hand in permission slips for the Cathedral Choir on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March as soon as possible if you would like your child to take part in this fantastic event.

**News:** In English we have kicked off our 'Dahlicious' fortnight by beginning to read 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. On Monday we were very surprised when we found lots of Wonka sweets all over our classrooms and we even found golden tickets in our drawers! After all of this excitement, we decided we wanted to invent our own Wonka chocolates. We spent time being very creative with our designing and then we spent the rest of the week writing our recipes in lots of detail. Mr Wonka is looking forward to reading them!

In Mathematics we have continued with our 'Time' unit. We have been practising telling the time on an analogue clock using the key words: o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to. We then moved on to telling the time by counting in five minute intervals. Our confidence is really starting to grow so test us as much as you can at home!

In our theme learning we have spent time designing and making boxes for our Wonka chocolates. We chose a net, practised a design and then made a final version on card. Our teachers have been very impressed with our creativity this week.

A super first week back Year 3. We hope you are ready for another 'Dahlicious' week next week!

### Year 4:

**News:** In Mathematics we have started to look at decimals. We have begun by converting from fractions to decimals relating it back to my previous topic. The children have grasped this very well as they have a strong foundation from the previous fraction work.

In English our wonderful Roald Dahl week began with us creating 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. The children thoroughly enjoyed using all the disgusting, interesting and adventurous items that make the medicine. We have gone on to create our own recipes for our own medicines and will be trying to be as creative as Roald Dahl himself.

Following our Muslim visitor before half term we have welcomed a Jewish visitor to school this week who has outlined the key beliefs of their religion. This has allowed us to compare Judaism with Christianity and also Islam with the children creating both PowerPoint presentation and fact file booklets.

### Year 5:

**Remember:** Please ensure that PE kit is back in school as soon as possible and if your child is outside that they also have appropriate footwear (trainers rather than daps) and a warm top.

**News:** This week in theme learning the children have been learning about the phases of the Moon and why it appears to change shape. We have learnt lots of new vocabulary such as gibbous, crescent and Earthlight, as well as all sorts of mind-boggling facts. We have also continued our study of Van Gogh's art, creating versions of 'Starry Night' and starting to look at Gloucestershire landscapes in preparation for the art exhibition in the spring.

In English we have been getting in to the spirit of the school's Roald Dahl fortnight. We starting with a revolting lesson to introduce our book 'Revolting Rhymes' and the children have been practising performing the very funny poems.

After a whole term of fractions we have now started looking at decimals and the children have been outstanding! Children of all abilities have been picking up the key ideas in no time at all and getting right through to the Solve It activities. A really amazing start to the term - Well done!

### Year 6:

**Remember:** Please remember to complete the London/Camping letter that we sent out this week. We would like to secure tickets and a coach as soon as possible.

**News:** This week in Year 6 we have been reading 'Esio Trot' as part of our Dahlicious reading celebration; to kick things off we have each made a clay tortoise, weighed and measured it and even given it a name (written backwards of course - that's tortoise speak!). We are now starting to plan a diary entry from the point of view of one of the two characters in the book, Mr Hoppy or Mrs Silver. Please take the time during the weekend to talk about how the diaries may be written.

In Mathematics we continue to challenge ourselves arithmetically and are exploring measure and shapes. As SATs week continues to draw near (w/c 8th May), please ensure that your children are completing their Mathematics home-learning and revise anything they are unsure of.

Elsewhere Year 6 have been studying Judaism, specifically the festival of Purim - when Esther saved her cousin Mordechai and the Jews of Persia from being killed by the King's Chief Minister, Haman. This has allowed us to look around our community and the wider world and explore different communities that have been persecuted because they are different to others. We are proud of our differences and of the varied community we encounter at Kingsholm. The children have had very mature, detailed and enlightening discussions.

