



# Short Heath Federation Newsletter

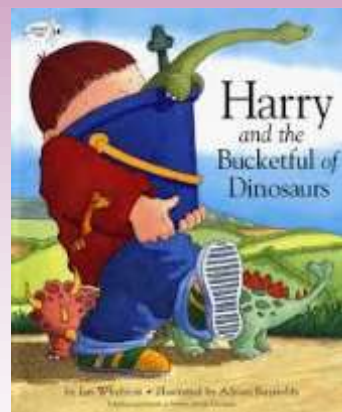


Monday 10th  
June 2019

## Reception News

### Literacy

There have been a huge variety of opportunities for writing over the last few weeks. We have written sentences about the story of 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs, made labels for pictures, written cards and much more! The children are constantly being encouraged to use their phonic skills to write words independently.



After exploring Penguin Day, we made a comparison to the country of Africa by using the story of Handas Surprise. This was a super story and we enjoyed painting, trying fruits and making fruit baskets. We have also explored 'World Environment Day', where we made world pictures, plastic fish and sorted sea animals. We talked about how to look after our seaside Environment too.

### Maths

Reception are certainly showing their teachers that they are getting ready for their transition to Year 1. The number skills they are demonstrating have been super, as they have been able to solve a variety of number problems and their counting in 2's, 5's and 10's is developing really well.

In Small Group time our theme is Summer. Our current activities include making sunset pictures, and packing a suitcase for a Summer holiday. We also explored the painting 'Sunflowers', by Vincent Van Gogh'. Children are being super artists when using pastels to create this picture.





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The children are constantly being encouraged to use their phonic skills to write words independently. The Phonic Fairy visited us to teach us the following new sounds: er, oa, or, air and ur. We tried really hard to read and write words with these sounds in.

### **Coming Up:**

During the next couple of weeks, we will be completing all our tricky sounds, practising our sentence writing, and counting and solving number problems. Our theme will Dinosaurs and we are really looking forward to creating our own Dinosaur Lands.

We will be exploring the story of Handas Surprise, to help us compare the differing climates of Antarctica and Africa.

Please continue to share your child's reading books and practise their words. May we ask that you sign your child's reading record when you have heard them read. We hope you are enjoying 'Bug Club' too.

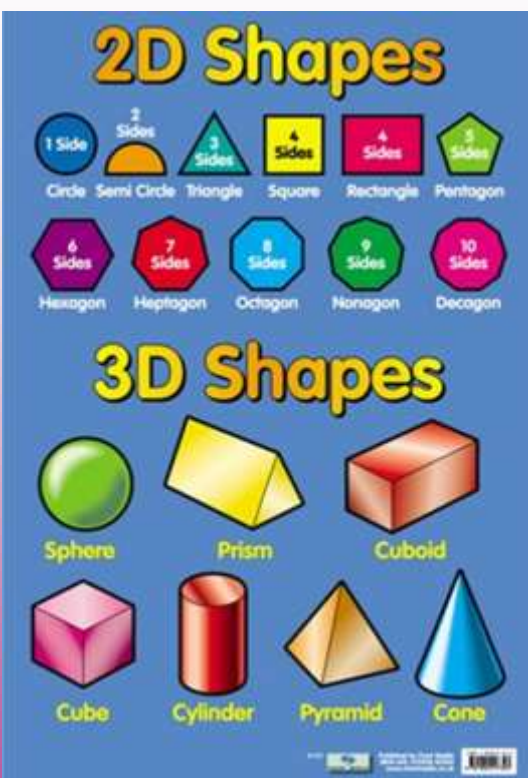
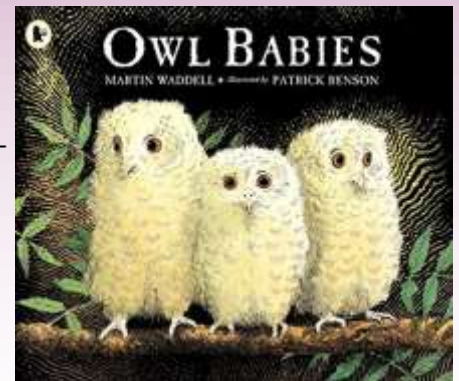


## Year 1 News

Year 1 have had a wonderful start to their final term this week. We can't believe where the time has gone this year, it really has flown by!

In literacy this week the children have been busy collecting facts and writing information texts. We have been learning all about Owls in preparation for our new treasured text 'Owl Babies', which we will be looking at next week. We started our week by organising facts into 3 categories; things that owls 'have', 'can do' and 'are'. After that, we then used their fabulous sentence writing skills to create non-fiction texts. We had;

"Did you know that owls are nocturnal because they sleep in the day and come out at night?" and "Owls have talons so they catch their food." WOW WOW WOW, we were so impressed. We are really looking forward to reading Owl Babies by Martin Waddell next week.



In maths this week we have been building on our knowledge of 2d and 3d shapes. We have taken part on a number of activities to help us to identify shapes by sight. We created our own shapes using mini match sticks and blue-tac and this was harder than we thought! We now know some special tricks to help us remember our 2d shapes! I wonder if your child can remember anything about shapes? Can they remember the special tricks?

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## Year 1 News

In science this week we have been thinking some more about the different animal groups. We know that there are five main groups; mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. We have also started to think about nocturnal animals and we are currently busy investigating the question; are all nocturnal animals from the mammal group? We haven't got the answer yet, but talk to your child and find out what they think. We will share our findings with you in the next newsletter.





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## Year 2 News



### English/Learning Journey

The children have enjoyed learning about wolves this week and have written an acrostic poem. Next week the children will be using the facts that they've researched and learnt to write their very own non-chronological report about these majestic animals. They have also innovated the story of 'The Wolf's Story' by writing their own version. We enjoyed changing the main character and children tried hard to include all the features we've learnt this year: exclamation sentences, questions, expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and so on...

The children have learnt about Doctor Joseph Tonks and the important work that he did for the people of Willenhall. Did you know the memorial clock in Market Place, Willenhall is dedicated #to his memory? Ask your children to tell you why he was known as 'The poor mans doctor'.



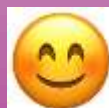
### Maths

We've been consolidating skills we learnt at the beginning of the year and WOW...we can see the progress you've made! We've been making amounts of money using different combinations of coins and consolidating our number bonds to 20 and recalling the associated addition and subtraction facts for each!

In PE the children LOVED playing an attacking/defending game called Dodgeball. They started to develop some team tactics and had lots of fun!



What a busy week we've had!





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## Lane Head

### What's happening?

The final summer term is here and there is so much to remember! Here is a summary of what's happening when, over the next few weeks...

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – RECEPTION PARENT information evening for children going to Rosedale in September- 6.00-7.30

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – DINOSAUR LIVE at The Grand Theatre (tickets already given out)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June – RUBY KIT Meetings

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – DIAMOND KIT Meetings

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – RAINBOW KIT Meetings

THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> June – EMERALD KIT Meetings

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – MOONSTONE KIT Meetings

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July – SAPPHIRE KIT Meetings

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – ROSEDALE RECEPTION TEACHERS COMING TO NURSERY TO SEE CHILDREN

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Show 10.30 and 2.00

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Golden Group of the Year TREAT DAY (in Nursery)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – ICE CREAM AND CINEMA DAY

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Leaver's assembly – 10.30 and 2.00

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – WOW TREAT DAY – Entertainer in school

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – PARTY DAY in Nursery

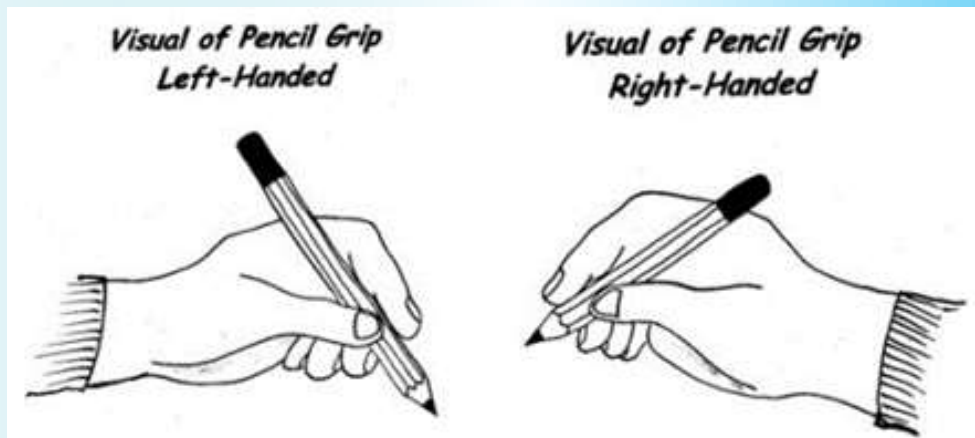


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## Lone Head News

### Let's get Squiggling!

Your children have been learning how to hold their pencils and pens more comfortably. Why not try this at home



### Attendance



The best attending groups so far have been Diamond group and Rainbow afternoon group! Well done





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### Curriculum Corner



Your children are learning to be Engineers through our STEM projects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) this week. They have been exploring how to create structures using very different building materials, such as



lolly pop sticks, cups and cardboard. Your children will be able to evaluate their work and try out new ways to make their structures sound!

Through the week, they will be transforming into Architects and creating blue prints of their work, for their friends to build from. Why not try this at home with recycling and bring them in for us to see!

Throughout the week, your children will be applying their phonic skills to play games like bingo, Kym's game and matching pairs. Please ask your child's group leader for tips to practise these skills at home!

### Next week WOW

We will be welcoming a Builder into school! He will be helping us to make cement and interlock our bricks so our structures stand the test of time! Watch this space for fantastic results!



### Dinosaur Show

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, families who have purchased tickets will be going to Wolverhampton Grand theatre to see the Dinosaur LIVE show. You will be able to collect your tickets from school before Friday and meet us there at the theatre for 10am or 1pm (dependent on the

time you have chosen).





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*"Books train your imagination to think big." - Taylor Swift*



## Curriculum Corner



We look forward to new learning in this second half of the summer term:

Y3 – Will be exploring the layers of the rainforest.

Y4 – Will be broadcasting about the moon landings from 1969!

Y5 – Will be writing character descriptions from Harry Potter.

Y6 – Will be using their business skills to generate as much money as

they can for their 'Business Enterprise Week' - please support them to raise funds for their Prom.

**Well done** – Consistent hard work has continued here at Short Heath during the short four-week half term. Within the last month, Year 6 children have sat their SATs tests. Also, across the school written assessments have been carried out in key curriculum areas. All pupils have put in 100% and should be proud of their resilience and ready to learn attitude during this time.

ECO – Our very active ECO Club not only collect an ever growing amount of rubbish from Pennine Way every week (most from near where the ice cream man parks) but in July they will be contributing a piece of art work which has been created using waste materials, in particular waste plastic, at Walsall College for WASUP – follow this link to find out more information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIJzFY7E1bY>



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### WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Please send in all your CLEAN and empty plastic bottles (from today until 25<sup>th</sup> June) so that we can begin creating our sculpture. Thank you in advance.

**PE** – Pupils are required to wear the school PE kit during PE lessons - this is a compulsory National Curriculum subject. PE kits should remain in school for the half term in a named bag; they will be sent home at half term to be washed. Kits can be stored in cloakrooms and children are encouraged to take increasing responsibility for it. Please make sure your



son/daughter is able to remove their own earrings as we are not allowed to remove them for them. No jewellery is permitted to be worn in PE.

If, for any reason, a child cannot take part in any sports lessons, a written note or telephone call from a parent/carer is required. Please also indicate if your child is able to go outside at playtime and lunchtime too, as this is when children are also engaged in games and activities that are not as structured or as planned for as PE lessons are.

**Lost Property** - We have a large amount of unnamed, unclaimed lost property in school. If your child is missing any items, please call in to disabled toilet and check if anything belongs to you. We cannot take responsibility for items that are lost, missing, broken or stolen.



**Sharing Assembly** –Our first Sharing Assembly took place with BEECH CLASS on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Next will be the turn of SYCAMORE on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June followed by SILVER BIRCH on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June and HORSE CHESTNUT on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June with ASH on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July and finally OAK on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.



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**Lunches** - Could we kindly ask that all meals that are ordered by children are paid for using Squid, before the meal is ordered? Also, if your child orders a meal and is then taken out of school for an appointment and does not return for lunch then you will still be charged for the meal ordered. For children who bring sandwiches in from home - please remind your child to bring home their lunchbox, especially in this warm weather.

**SUMMER WEATHER** - As the weather starts to improve it seems timely to remind parents about our policy regarding hydration and sunscreen:

- Drinking Water - Children are welcome to bring in a clearly named drinking bottle to have available in their classroom so that they can access a drink of water during lessons. Children can then re-fill their bottles as necessary from the drinking water taps available. Fruit juice and squash type drinks are not suitable to drink in lessons but can be brought into drink at play time and with packed lunches.
- Sunscreen - We would advise parents to apply a thorough application of high factor sunscreen, or sun block, before pupils come to school, and to provide a suitable sun hat, sunglasses, etc. (all named please), for children to wear when they go outside. If you wish your child to apply further sunscreen during the day then please ensure that you show your child how to do this as school staff are unable to apply sunscreen to pupils. It is important that pupils understand that they should not share sunscreen with other children. Please label sunscreen clearly with your child's name.
- We kindly ask, in the interest of safety, that children do NOT come to school in strappy, open toe sandals. Although they look lovely, chair legs on toes cause pain!

**Attendance** - Last term our school attendance 95.2%. Willow Class is the Attendance Champion for the last half term with a fabulous 98.2% attendance!

Oak	91.3%
Ash	94.4%
Silver Birch	95.1%
Horse chestnut	95.2%
Sycamore	96.3%
Beech	95.5%
Willow	98.2%
Maple	96.1%

