

Felton C of E Primary School Newsletter

'Loving, Learning, Living as we journey together to enable everyone to flourish'

Friday 4th February 2022

Another week has flown by here at Felton and, as ever, there is so much learning going on! It was great to see the Explorers experiencing the apparatus in the hall for the very first time, and I loved visiting the Adventurers as they investigated the absorbency of different materials this week. The Pioneers are becoming experts in their mini adventure 'Crime through time' (be sure to be nice to them if you don't want to experience an Anglo Saxon punishment!) and the Voyagers continue to explore clues from the past such as paintings and artefacts.

Reading in Key Stage 2 (Years 4 - 6)

Last week we mentioned our new phonics scheme in EYFS and KS1, (if you missed it, check out the information [here](#)) and this week I would like to let you know about how we are organising reading throughout KS2.

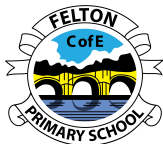
As our children progress through the reading scheme, they have traditionally become 'free readers' after finishing level 17. We have introduced two new sections of books for these readers called Discovery 1 and Discovery 2, which will ensure that children have a good choice of books, whilst ensuring that they are reading a good range of texts. Please see more information at the bottom of [this page](#) if this applies to your child(ren).

Spotlight on ... The Explorers

The Explorers have had a busy week exploring the Chinese Lunar New Year. 2022 is the year of the Tiger which represents courage, bravery and strength. The children have been busy cutting out and assembling their own Chinese dragons using 2D shapes. Dragons are a symbol of good luck, strength and good health. They have also been creating their own 3D lanterns and painted traditional shaped lanterns using the colours red and gold. Red is the colour of luck! They created their own noodles by cutting wool and we enjoyed serving these to our friends in the role play Chinese restaurant. The children used their senses when playing with real noodles in the active world sensory tray and they used some amazing vocabulary to describe how they looked and felt. The children also created their own dragon dance in the hall.

The highlight of the week however was using the large apparatus in the hall for the very first time, the children were amazing, they listened carefully to the instructions and were all really confident to give all the challenges a go and used the apparatus safely!





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For those children who are going to **Robinwood** next week, you should

arrive at school as normal, with your bag packed, on Wednesday. We will attach an individual luggage tag at school before leaving. You should bring a small rucksack to take on the bus with a water bottle. The children will return between 5 and 5.45pm but we will update you with a text when the children are on their way home.



On **Thursday 3rd March** we will be celebrating World Book Day - this is an early warning to think about the book character you would like to dress up as for the day! We are also going to do a virtual Poetry recital; class teachers will be handing out the poems to learn before half term.

Twitter and our School Website

Remember that you can [follow us on Twitter](#) or check the [Curriculum pages](#) of our website to see what's going on in our classrooms. These newsletters are also available each week on the school [homepage](#).

Dates for your Diary

8.2.22: Safer Internet Day
9 - 11.2.22: Robinwood residential trip
18.2.22: Break up for half term
28.2.22: Return to school
3.3.22: [World Book Day](#)
18.3.22: Comic Relief - Non Uniform Day

Student Council

The student council decided this week that they would like to hold



a non-uniform day for **Comic Relief** on Friday 18th March. We will be finding out where our money goes to in Collective Worship in the week leading up to this, and a link to donate will be available nearer the time.

Sport and PE

Explorers (Nursery and Reception)

PE kit and Wellies / outdoor clothes to be left in school or brought daily

Adventurers (Years 1 and 2)

Wednesday: *Adventurers do not need to bring uniform on a Wednesday*

Swimming Kit; arrive in PE kit for the mile if not icy (run within school grounds)

Thursday: PE kit and Trident Soccer after school club

Friday: Arrive ready for Forest Based Learning

Voyagers (Years 3 and 4)

Tuesday: **NO PE KIT NEEDED THIS WEEK**

Wednesday: **arrive ready and packed to go to Robinwood, if you are going**

Thursday: PE Kit as normal if you are not going to Robinwood

Pioneers (Years 5 and 6)

Wednesday: **Y5 - arrive ready and packed to go to Robinwood**

Y6: arrive in PE kit for the mile if not icy (run within school grounds)

Thursday: **Y6 - PE Kit for football this week only**

Friday: Y6 - Arrive ready for Forest Based Learning

Have a wonderful weekend!

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