



## Teaching and Learning

### WORLD BOOK DAY

Happy World Book Day from all the team at Fountains!



The ability to read is vital. It paves the way to success in school, which can build self-confidence and motivate your child to set high expectations for life. Learning to read does not happen all at once. It involves a series of stages that lead, over time, to independent reading and to fluency.

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. When you help your child learn to read, you are opening the door to a world of books and learning. Reading aloud to children is the best way to get them interested in reading. Before long they will grow to love stories and books. Eventually they will want to read on their own. Then they will have a whole world of information and knowledge at their fingertips! Reading can be a family activity.

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Spending time with word games, stories, and books will help your child to:

- gather information and learn about the world
- learn how stories and books work – that they have beginnings, endings, characters, and themes
- build a rich vocabulary by reading and talking about new words
- learn how to listen and how to think
- learn the sounds of language and language patterns
- fall in love with books

**A very special thank you to everyone for your amazing effort with costumes for World Book Day.**

**I am sure you will agree, the children looked great! These were the lucky winners who all received a £5 book voucher for the Little Ripon Book shop.**



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## Class 2

Class 2 are building an igloo!

In class 2, we are going to be finding out about a contrasting locality. Mrs Matthews is going to be telling us all about the village in Canada where she used to live and how it is different to where we live.

We are enjoying building an igloo for our role play area to help us find out more about life in a cold climate zone. Please keep sending in your empty milk bottles to help our igloo grow even bigger!



## Forest School

This week with Storm Freya forecast, we used our knot tying and lashing skills to make kites which we then flew. The children were given a selection of resources and tools and had to decide which materials to use and how to join their materials together. We finished our session by toasting marshmallows on the campfire to make smores.

It was rather chilly this week so please ensure the children have warm layers of clothing, hard, gloves, waterproofs and wellies each week.



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## Communication

Following the feedback from the Parent Forum and Survey, I am very excited to inform you that Fountains C of E Primary School will be getting a brand new website which will offer a number of interactive services which will address all the issues you raised. I am currently working with the designer of the website so will keep you informed of the developments until we are in a position to go live.

## Parents Forum

As part of our work on developing a new vision for the school, the staff have been looking at learning behaviours. As a result of this work we have decided to review our behaviour policy so that it rewards positive learning behaviours.

The school already embraces 'growth mindset'.

### **What is mindset?**

A mental attitude that determines how you will interpret and respond to situations.

### **THE BRAIN IS MALLEABLE**

The brain is like a muscle that gets stronger and works better the more it is exercised.

Too often students believe the brain is static, leading them to think talent and giftedness are permanent, unchanging personal attributes that automatically bring later success.

Every time you work hard, stretch yourself and learn something new your brain forms new connections and over time you actually become smarter.

Our aim is to develop a culture where we give our children feedback on the different ways they learn and recognize the effort and processes which enable progress and success. It is important that our children are able to **believe** in themselves and the possibilities available to them, to **learn** by embracing challenge, questioning the world around them, reflecting and not being afraid to take risks.

We would welcome your views and feedback on our new proposal so I would like to invite you to another parent forum on **Wednesday 20th March at 3:30pm.**

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## Community



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Friday the 15th March we want you to get involved in our fundraising for Red Nose Day. We are asking for a £1 donation for you to come in your favourite red clothes rather than your school uniform. If you don't own anything red you can come in non-uniform.

During the morning we are going to do lots of fun things. We are going to do Biscuit decorating, Red Nose Bowling and lots of other Red Nose activities. Red Noses will still be available to purchase throughout the day at £1.25 each.

We hope you enjoy the games and that we can help people in need.

Every £3 we raise could pay for crayons, pencils, paint and paper for children living in a Serbian refugee camp and £10 could cover the cost of 10 hot meals for a homeless person in the UK.

Yours sincerely,

The School Council