

FRIDAY BULLETIN

21 October 2021

GROUNDFORCE DAY

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those that turned out last Saturday to help with our Groundforce Day – the sun shone and it was a big success. We managed to get so much done around the school including planting the beds, pruning, building new planters, hedge cutting, painting and so much more. We are so very grateful to those parents that donated bulbs and flowers, to Deeping Tesco for donating bird feeders and seed and giving up their time and also to Jewsons in Stamford for donating wood. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful community.



OPEN DAYS

We are hosting our open days on Monday 1 November and Monday 8 November for those parents with children starting school in September 2022. To book an appointment please contact the school office.

FOODBANK

We managed to collect an amazing **191kg of food** for the Deepings Foodbank! Thank you so much for your generosity, it will be greatly appreciated by those families who are in need.

READING FOR PLEASURE

We are encouraging the children to read for pleasure and enjoyment. Reading for pleasure has many benefits such as an increase in attainment, a wider vocabulary and general knowledge and an enriched imagination. It also helps children learn about other people and develop empathy.

The children will continue to take home levelled reading books but we want them to make choices about what they want to read alongside this. They can do this by choosing books to read and take home from school or by reading books they have at home or from the library. You can still write these down in your child's Home School Record. Reading aloud to your child is also important (even as they get older) as it creates a love of reading and gives them access to texts that they may not be able to read on their own.



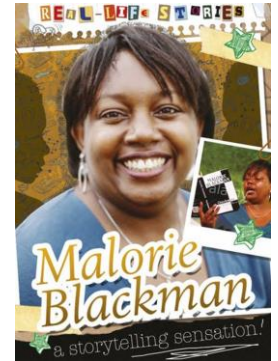
We have created new displays in the library and we need your help with one of them. **We would love you to take a photograph of your child reading their favourite book at home.** This could be in a comfy, cosy place or a more imaginative place. The choice is yours! We will display the children's photographs for the rest of the school to see. It doesn't have to be a book- it could be a comic, magazine, etc. We want to promote a love of reading.

Thank you in advance.

Please send your photos to enquiries@langtoft.lincs.sch.uk and address them to Ms Bytheway.

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

Each month we will be exploring a different author and in assembly this week we have been finding out about Malorie Blackman. She is a famous children's author who has published a wide variety of children's books all featuring black characters, from picture books to those for young adults; she has even written episodes for Dr Who and the series Noughts and Crosses is based on her book. We have a number of her books in school and we are encouraging the children to try reading one of her books, either in school, at home or to borrow one from the library. We would love for children to share with us a book they have read.



HOMEWORK

After half term, homework set for children will be changed to focus on key skills in reading, writing and maths which we have identified all children need to practise. This will be as follows:

READING: Children are expected to read at home daily, with parents listening to their child read at least 3 times a week in Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 and at least once a week in Y5 and Y6. This should be recorded in your child's Home School Record.

SPELLING:

KS1: Spellings are sent weekly on a Friday and tested the following Friday which are linked to the RWInc sounds being learnt in class that week.

KS2: These are based on a two-week pattern handed out on a Monday, a mock test on the Friday then tested the following Friday. These spellings are based on the RWInc Spelling scheme used in school.

MY MATHS / TT ROCKSTARS: This will be set each Friday for Years 2 to 6.

TOPIC: This will be set to complete over the 6-week half term and will be linked to the year group's topic being studied. Teachers will provide a menu of ideas that the children can choose from.

Our school expectation is that every child completes the homework set. Please do not be offended if we contact parents of those children not completing or handing in homework, we only wish to provide support as we feel that practise of these skills is vital to helping children progress in their learning.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again this year we will be supporting Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal, providing gifts to children overseas who would otherwise not get anything. Attached is information detailing suggested gifts to pack in a shoebox – from a cuddly toy and colouring pencils to toiletry items. Shoeboxes can be dropped at the school office until **15 November** where we will then take them to a local collection point.

CLUBS

A ParentMail will be sent on Friday for those children who have been allocated a place on an after school or lunchtime club next term. (those who have not got a place next term will also be told).

Kick Off Soccer is continuing with the current group until Friday 26 November when they finish for the term.

BIKEABILITY

Year 5 Bikeability starts on Monday 1 November. A separate ParentMail will be sent detailing which group your child is in and which days to bring a bike along with a bike checklist.

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

A reminder that Parent/Teacher consultations are still live to book. A Teams link with instructions will be sent 24 hours prior to the meeting.