



Woodlands Newsletter

February/ March 2024



Welcome back to the new term. We hope all our Woodland's families had a great half term break. We have a short but busy term ahead of us.



The curriculum theme this term is Superheroes. The children will be finding out about different Superheroes and what makes a superhero. This could be their own Superhero (e.g. a parent), fictional Superheroes or real-life Superheroes. Please look out for the theme overview which will be emailed to you later this week. The Superheroes theme also links into our World Book Day and Neurodiversity Celebration Week which will take place this term.

Outcome trackers

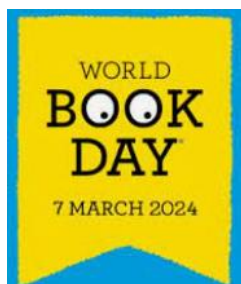
Your child's teacher has created a sent home the latest outcome tracker. This highlights the areas on their EHCP which will be focussed on in the coming weeks. As this term is a short term, more targets have been set and the outcome tracker will continue for the term after the Easter break.

Snack and Life Skills Money

We continue to ask for a donation towards the cost of snack, life skills lessons and out and about activities. This can be paid termly - £5 for this term, weekly (£1) or as a one-off payment of £18 for the remainder of the year. The money is spent on providing daily snacks and cooking ingredients as well as funding some of our out and about activities including visits to cafes and charity shops.



World Book Day



This takes place on Thursday 7th March. The children may dress up on this day as a superhero (it could be a fictional superhero or a real-life superhero). There is no expectation to create elaborate costumes or buy costumes. If you do not wish for your child to dress as a superhero they may wear their own clothes for the day.



18th – 24th March

This term we will be celebrating our amazing children through taking part in the national Neurodiversity Celebration Week. This will involve PSHE lessons,

assemblies, and activities for the whole school. On Wednesday 20th March, Kayley Battison will be in Woodlands to meet with parents over a coffee and cake to discuss neurodiversity within her family and day to day life. We will also be welcoming Mark Atkinson, a former Woodlands pupil, who will be talking to some of our older children about his experiences in school, home, and the workplace.

On Friday 22nd March we will celebrate the end of the week by having a dress up day. We would like all children to dress as something of importance to them.

One film clip we will be referring to throughout the week is the Pixar Film 'Float'. Here is the link to the clip if you would like to watch it with your child at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y7RBc63owY0>

For more information on the week please take a look at the website

<https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/>

Dates for this term



Monday 26 th February	Staff training day
Tuesday 27 th February	Start of term 4
Monday 4 th March	Fundraising group meeting – 2pm – All welcome
Tuesday 5 th March	Parent's coffee morning 8.50am
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 20 th March	Neurodiversity Celebration Week parent session / drop in with Kayley Battison. 2pm.
Friday 22 nd March	Neurodiversity Celebration Week dress up day.
Wednesday 27 th March	Woodlands Easter Event 2.15pm
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term
Monday 15 th April	Start of term 5

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