



The Hayfield Herald

Reading for Pleasure



We are proud to be a reading school and even prouder of all our children who love to read throughout the whole school. Reading is the most important thing everyone will learn in their life as it not only opens up education but the whole world. Some children learn quickly and some children find it more difficult but that's OK. What's most important is that they all read every single day, it doesn't matter what they read but they must read! In school we have reading books but also value our time in the Hub and children being able to choose books not on the reading scheme that interest them. It has been lovely recently as all the classes have started Hubtime every week and last week Reception started theirs too. Please make time at home to read with your children and as they get older (and maybe don't want to read to you anymore) show them you are interested in their books and what they are reading. These are special moments that sadly don't last forever but will really impact on their love of reading.

There has been some more amazing history learning going on with the children diving into the past. In Year 6 they are studying the Egyptians and have had a great time finding out about them. They have been creating their own cartoon images on the Egyptian Gods and this week have been designing and making their own cartouches.

In Year 4 they have been learning about Boudicca and have been writing speeches to her troops ready to face the Roman army. The children then delivered their speeches to their classmates outside on the MUGA steps. They were certainly inspiring – and loud!

Year 1 have had some lovely show and tell sessions for their topic of People Who Help Us. We have had some lovely artefacts and pictures shared about family members present and passed who have helped others including a Firefighter and a great-grandfather who served in the RAF.

Last week we had a visit from our new attendance officer from the Local Authority. You may be aware that the government have set out new expectations for attendance and punctuality and we are updating our policies in line with this which we will share in due course. They also recommended we share some statistics with you to emphasise the importance of attendance and being on time every day. Please support us and your children with this so we can all make a difference. Did you know that being 10 minutes late everyday will equate to a day lost every half term (so over a week across the year)? And, children who have good attendance (over 96%) through their school career statistically achieve higher grades at SATs and GCSE! The picture below is a helpful guide.



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Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid. The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go³ (Joshua 1:9)

Joy - Integrity - Fellowship