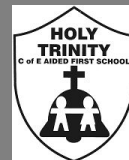


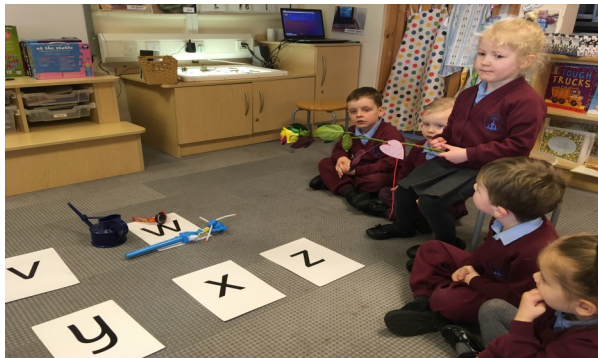
HTFS NEWS



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The Importance of Vocabulary



This week we have had staff training on the importance of vocabulary that we would like to share with you. Research has shown that the number of words known at 5 years old is a strong predictor of qualifications when children leave school and that those children with higher knowledge are also more likely to learn more words more easily. Lower vocabulary levels can even be linked to low attendance, low self-esteem, and difficulties making friends. At school vocabulary is obviously key to us and it is important that it develops through all of our year groups with children's knowledge progressing as they age. Part of the training was to encourage parents to help as much as they can at home and below are some of the strategies suggested -

- Enjoy words and have fun.
- It is as much about talking as it is about reading and writing.
- When talking about words use comments more than questions. Discuss what you can see and model language to describe things rather than ask what they are.
- Try to use everyday practical routines to introduce new words (e.g. "Let's gather the washing" rather than "let's get the washing").
- Play lots of games to encourage talking and vocabulary, it can be as simple as eye spy!

Cross Country

For all runners! Keep up the practice over half-term the competition is on the first week back.



This week's award winners:

Reception

Malachi for making super progress in his reading.

Year 1

Luis for being so enthusiastic about Maths.

Year 2

Joey for great use of punctuation in her story writing.

Year 3

Sadie for super work with money, giving change.

Year 4

Warren for trying his best in all subjects this week.

Headteacher's Award

David for being a consistently hardworking boy.

Diary Dates

Fri 15th Feb

School closes for the half term holidays

School reopens on Monday 25th February

Thur 28th Feb

Cross Country Competition at Longridge from 1pm

Year 4 Ford Residential Parent Information Meeting

Wed 27th Feb 3.20pm or Thur 28th Feb 2.30pm

Fri 1st March

Year 3/4 Gymnastics Competition

Mon 4—Fri 8th March

STEM Week

Fri 8th March

Year 4 Sports Multi-Skills Festival

Mon 11th March

Holy Trinity celebrates World Book Day - each class will have their own arrangements

Fri 15th March

Red Nose Day—wear a touch of red (no dyed hair please) and bring in your best joke to share

Wed 20th—Fri 22nd March

Year 4 Residential to Ford Castle

Fri 29th March

PTA Bingo Night at Berwick Rugby Club 6pm

February Half-term Workshop at Berwick Library

Berwick Library are asking parents to come along to celebrate tales from author Julia Donaldson with a make and take workshop. Inspired by The Paper Dolls, artist Linn O'Carroll will be on hand to help you express your creative talents. Suitable for children aged 5+ years and those who care for them. Monday 18th Feb 10.30-12.00. Tickets cost £1.



Red Nose Day

After half term we will be selling red noses in school, the cost this year is £1.25. They will be available before and after school, or from the school office. First come, first served!

