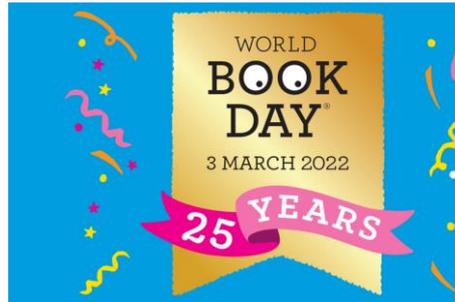




**PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022**



**Reading Ambassadors**

Our reading ambassadors play an important role in our school promoting a love of reading and have had a very busy term! They have enjoyed brilliant afternoons on Fridays setting up and welcoming KS1 parents into classrooms to enjoy the Reading Cafe. The ambassadors have spent time sharing their love of reading with the KS1 classes and listened to some beautiful reading - a pleasure to see! The ambassadors have also enjoyed taking their own assemblies - especially launching World Book Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> March with our visiting poet, Paul Lycett! It is brilliant to see the ambassadors have such a presence across the school, and watch this space for further projects on promoting a love for reading!

**Book Swap**

Thank you very much for sending in so many wonderful books in on World Book Day for our Book Swap! Each class was able to visit the book swap and enjoy picking from hundreds upon hundreds of books! We would like to especially thank Northampton School for Girls who kindly donated us hundreds of brilliant books that we've been able to share with the children. It's brilliant to see such a love of reading down the road from us!

**Our Reading Telephone Box**

Has your child visited the reading telephone box this term to choose a book to enjoy and keep at home - for free?! We welcome the children to pop along to the telephone box (outside the library) and to select something that takes their fancy which they'll enjoy reading!

**World Book Day**

Wow! We loved seeing the children dressed as their favourite book characters on World Book Day! Thank you very much for supporting such an exciting day for reading and we really hope you enjoyed seeing what they got up to on Twitter as it's awash with exciting reading activities - not forgetting our brilliant workshops by poet, Paul Lycett!

## Reception - The Greatest Show



Now showing! This term in EYFS we will be going to circus. We will be looking at everything to do about circus from where it originated it from and how it became into a circus. We will be looking at different circus acts and what they do and what skills are required. The EYFS team will create their own circus performance by practicing some amazing skills from some professional. It's all go go in EYFS this term.

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Year 1 -



**Konnichiwa Japan!**

This half term we are going to be developing on our geography skills, with a particular focus on Japan. We will investigate our local area including learning about human and physical geographical features. Then we will apply those skills to investigate the wonderful country of Japan. Finally we will compare where we live to Japan, using all of the skills and key vocabulary we have learnt. We will also be honing our artistic skills within this topic and can't wait to share our creations with you! Our topic will end with an experience day, including tai-chi and Japanese food tasting.

In science our topic is plants, which we already have excellent knowledge of due to our Forest School visits each week. We will learn how plants grow, the different parts of a plant, different types of trees and take part in an exciting experiment growing our own beans!



**Year 2 - Explorers of the World**



This term, year 2 are carrying on with our history skills and will learning all about key explorers in the world. We are looking at space, ice, water and land explorers and what their impact was on the world today. We will also be looking at what it takes to become an explorer and the skills required. We will get the chance to become explorers ourselves by going on an exciting expedition rock climbing and we will finish the topic with an explorer celebration day where we will venture outside on a mini expedition in the school grounds.



### Year 3 - The Conquerors



Year 3 will be continuing our exciting journey through history by visiting the Conquerors. We will be beginning the term by focusing on the Romans. We will be learning about how the Roman Empire invaded Britain. Diving into the key battles and resistance during the Roman rule as well as how people life during Roman Britain including houses, food, culture, language and religion. Following on from Romans we will be learning about the key figures and invasion of the Vikings. We will continue by investigating Viking longboats and Viking life. We will be finishing our term by presenting a Year 3 assembly to parents.

### Year 4 - Spring Watch LIVE!

This term, Year 4 will be looking at their new topic 'Spring Watch LIVE'. The children's learning will focus on Living things and their habitats as part of our science and will be supported by Art and Music. Year 4 children will be learning about a variety of different animals both from across the world. They will discover how to classify and how to observe them in their natural habitats, concluding observation of our very own Parklands badgers! In art, the will be learning about printing and patterns. They will study artwork of famous printing artists and then create their prints, them over the weeks, to use for their own pieces of art. In Year 4 will be looking at patterns and representations in pieces of music. They will experiment with structure, drones which will then be used for their own compositions at the end of the term.



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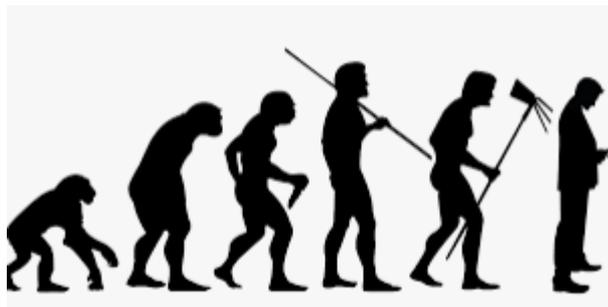
### Year 5 - Mission to Mars

This term, Year 5 will be carrying on with the exciting topic Mission to Mars! They have already become experts exploring our fascinating universe, and in the next couple of weeks, they will be exploring the future of space



travel and tourism. Using a combination of technology, drama and art, they will be creating their own space tourism company by explaining why one day we may have to move to the Red Planet. In order to do this, they will be creating and developing their own advertisement campaign, which includes adverts, posters and a presentation that they will pitch to the rest of the class. This is a fantastic opportunity to show off their amazing space knowledge that they have developed over the last couple of weeks and to develop their technology skills. This means year 5 will become experts on future space travel to Mars that could even rival SpaceX!

### |Year 6 - Survival of the Fittest



This half term Year 6 are the Fittest topic! They will be finding out about evolution and inheritance - looking at how animals and plants have adapted to survive, exploring fossils and what these tell us about evolution as well as researching important scientists such as Charles Darwin and Mary Anning. As well as some fantastic science investigations, Year 6 will be finding out about how we can keep ourselves fit and healthy by understanding the principles of a healthy and varied diet. Year 6 will then have the opportunity to apply this knowledge to cook a healthy meal to enjoy!

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### Key dates

- 11<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Archery
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – Red nose day
- 30<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 class assembly
- 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 parents evening
- 1<sup>st</sup> April – KS 2 parents welcome to parent readers
- 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April – parents evening for EYFS – Year 5

**Have a wonderful weekend!**



A few Highlights from the last 2 weeks!



Children enjoyed their poetry workshops with our poet this week!



A really successful book swap!  
Hopefully all the children were excited to bring home books to keep!