



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 2nd March 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ لَّهُ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِنْ عِلْمِهِ إِلَّا بِمَا شَاءَ وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَلَا يَئُودُهُ حِفْظُهُمَا وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿٢٥٥﴾

It is book week this week and the children have been thinking about poetry. The verse above is the 'Throne Verse' from the Quran and this beautiful text reminds us how powerfully words can inspire, guide and teach us, and, for those of faith, how words can bring us closer to God.

Tomorrow is when we celebrate World Book Day. The children will be treated to the annual 'Teachers' Play' and we look forward to seeing all of their weird and wonderful costumes! It is wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate books and reading and I am sure that your children will come home inspired. Do look at the school website for further ideas for good books to share with your children. We base much of our curriculum around quality texts and these are also listed on the website.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR 3RD—10TH MARCH

* 7—10TH MARCH: ASSESSMENT WEEK *

Friday 3rd March **World Book Day.** Children can come into school dressed as a book character or author.

Tuesday 7th March **Cross Country event**, year 5 and 6, by invitation. Hoebridge School, 17:00—18:00

Friday 10th March **Pine class assembly.** Assemblies start at 8:55am prompt. Please note that hot drinks cannot be brought into the school. Photography is not permitted during the assembly.

Please book any lunches required for the week commencing 13th March by Sunday 5th March.

Please note lunches **MUST** be booked 8 days in advance. After this a packed lunch should be provided by parents.



TEN PIECES
GET CREATIVE WITH CLASSICAL MUSIC

Florence Price
(1887—1953)

This month, we are learning about American composer, **Florence Price**, whose music is inspired by combined classical music with the sound of spirituals and West African rhythms. In 1933, she became the first black female composer to have her work performed by a major orchestra.

This month we are listening to Florence Price's Symphony No. 1 in E minor, 3rd movement, which takes inspiration from the body percussion of the Juba Dance.

To find out more, or to listen the piece, click [here](#).

"Poetry and beauty are always making peace. When you read something beautiful you find coexistence; it breaks walls down."

—Mahmoud Darwish



Swimming lessons

As part of our enhanced curriculum, each class has a term of swimming lessons. During that term, they have a weekly lesson with a teacher from Julie's swim school.

The children are split into groups by ability, allowing each group to focus on increasing their confidence in water, learning to or improving their swimming skills as appropriate. They are taught front crawl, breast-stroke or backstroke on a rotational basis, along with floating, push and glides. Each lesson ends with a couple of minutes free play.

Towards the end of the term, children will have one week where the children are taught about how to be safe in and around water.

The last lesson is usually a quick re-assessment followed by a game of water polo and other fun games. This is always a highlight for the children.

We would like to thank our swim teacher for her dedication to helping our children with this important life skill.

"The world is full of poetry. The air is living with its spirit; and the waves dance to the music of its melodies, and sparkle in its brightness."

—James Gates Percival

"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax all you need is a book!"
— Dr. Seuss

"There are many little ways to enlarge your world. Love of books is the best of all."
— Jacqueline Kennedy

THURSDAY 2ND MARCH *Twelve 15*

READING DAY!

FACTS

There are over 100 countries celebrating World Book Day.

It is a celebration of authors, illustrators and the importance of reading.

On World book day, children in the U.K. dress up as a character from a book of their choice at school.

J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter is the biggest-selling book series of all time.

WORDSEARCH

Can you find the 6 words in the grid?

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W	O	R	D	S	T	A	H	T	E	F
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R	E	A	D	I	N	G	P	H	C	O
O	B	D	S	N	F	H	M	L	F	B

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you find the 5 differences between the images below?