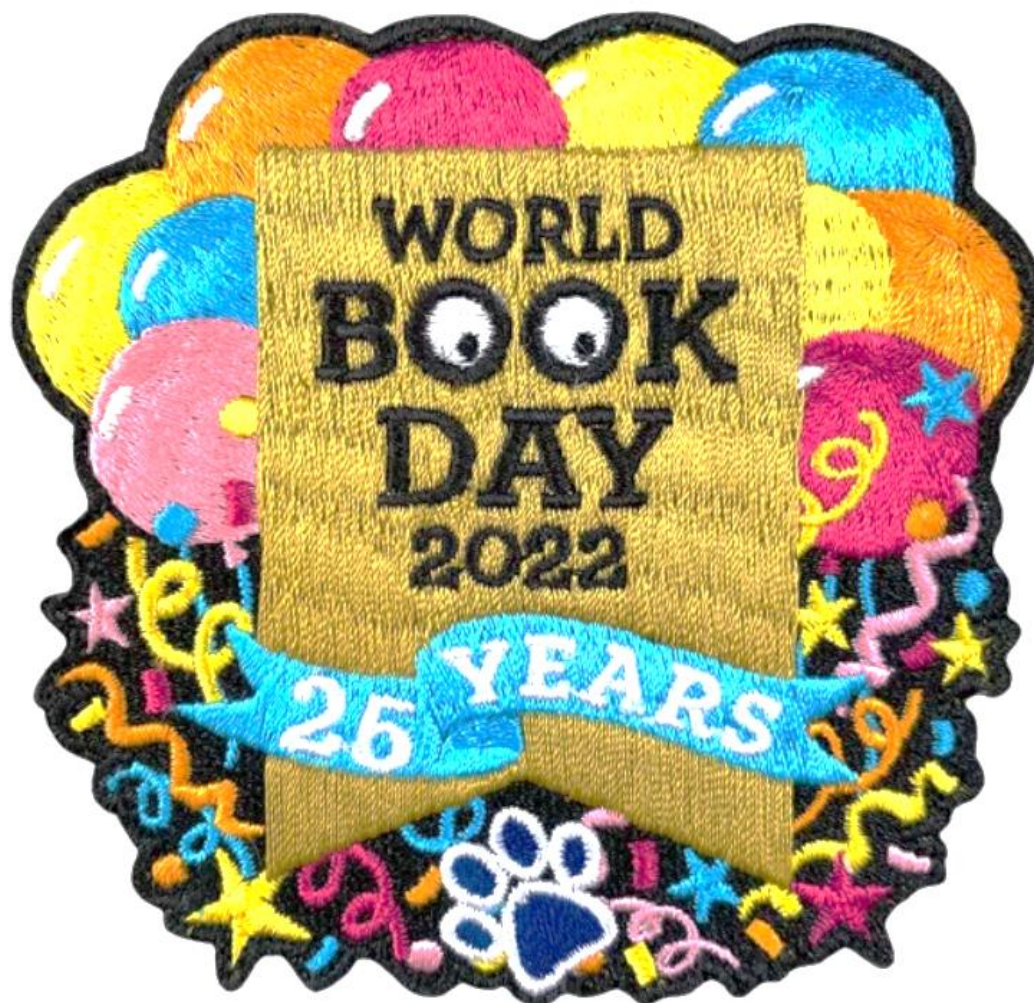


TWERTON INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY

Sunday 27th February 2022

We will be celebrating...



... on Friday 4th March

Excel at Twerton *the School that cares*

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Dear Parents and Carers

World Book Day – Friday 4th March

Children are invited to come to school, on Friday, dressed up as a character from a favourite book.

We will be taking lots of opportunities to enjoy books throughout the day – even more so than usual.

Please keep supporting your child at home by reading to them and listening to them read each day, if possible.

Covid-19 Update

Public Health Guidance has been updated during the half-term holiday. Whilst the legal requirement to self-isolate has been lifted, we do have to remain vigilant and try to prevent spreading the virus.

If your child has one of the three main symptoms (new continuous cough, change or no smell/taste, or high temp) they are still required to isolate, take a PCR test and use LFD testing to return after two consecutive negative tests from Day 5 onwards, once they are well.

Please read this letter that was sent to all parents and staff, if you haven't already: <https://bit.ly/3BWpl5v>

Volunteers Wanted to Support Reading

We are now very keen to recruit a number of parent volunteers to support children with reading in the afternoons across the school. This is something that has not happened over the last 2 years and we have really missed it. If you can spare an hour or two, once a week, please do let us know. Either tell your child's teacher, Mr Samios or Mrs Langan. **Please help if you can.**

Lost Property

We have a quite a few items of clothing hanging on racks in the hall. We are unable to reunite these items with their rightful owner, as they are not labelled. **Please do put your child's name in their clothing.**



Parent Power and Key Milestones

The biggest factor in determining children's future achievements and success is **consistent ongoing parental support**. Schools are vital, but parental input is even more critical.

We have come up with 10 Key Milestones that will help children to be successful and to thrive throughout their school career.



Key Milestones in Learning and Development

To be achieved with **active support of parents and family** by end of year (if not otherwise stated)



	Robins	Owls	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
1	Wash hands independently	To use the toilet and wash their hands with increasing independence	To be fully independent using the toilet and washing hands	Zip up coats independently and do the buttons on their clothes.	Know how to tie shoelaces.
2	Be toilet trained	To start dressing independently	To get changed (for PE) independently.	Get changed for PE in less than 5 minutes	Know full name and date of birth
3	Share when playing	Take turns with others	Seek help from adult when there is a difficulty	Ask for help appropriately	Talk with peers to resolve conflicts
4	Sit with others at circle time and join in with short stories and rhymes.	Sit and listen with good focus for short periods.	Listen without interrupting others.	Listen actively and respond appropriately to others.	Take part constructively in group discussions.
5	Have awareness of number names	To recognise numbers to 5 and count up to 5 objects	Count from 0 up to 10 and back down to 0.	Read and recognise numbers to 100	To be able to quickly say ten more or ten less than any 2-digit number.
6	Hold a pen or pencil using tripod grip	To hold a pencil with good control and start forming letters from their name.	Use correct pencil grip and write their name.	Form all lowercase and capital letters correctly.	Form all lowercase and capital letters correctly with correct orientation.
7	Know a range of everyday words	To have an increasing vocabulary and to enjoy learning the meaning of new words.	To talk in complete sentences and be able to answer simple questions.	Know and quickly recall Number Bonds to 10.	Know 5 and 10 times tables by heart.
8	Follow simple instructions	Sit and eat at the table, using a cup to drink from with good control	Use knife and fork when eating.	Know and quickly recall 2 times table	Write complete sentences with capital letters and full stops.
9	Turn pages carefully in books	Listen and join in with nursery rhymes and repetitive stories	Read CVC words	Name all basic 2D shapes circle, triangle, square, rectangle	Read books with fluency and expression.
10	Be steady on feet and play on age appropriate equipment.	Talk about experiences from home life	Say the alphabet in the correct order	Know the date and month of their birthday.	Run or jog continuously for 5 minutes without stopping.

<https://twertoninfant.files.wordpress.com/2022/01/key-milestones-nursery-and-school-2022.pdf>

Please do read the 10 Milestones and support your child to achieve them before the end of July 2022.

If you are not sure how you can help, please ask your child's teacher.

Buckets and Spades

If you have any spare buckets and spades for the children to use in the sandpit they would be most welcome.



Help with Reading

Please watch this short video so you are clear on the sounds children should be making when using "Fred Talk" to help read words.



Parent video: How to say the sounds

N.B. This is **Fred**, he is a frog. He cannot say words, he can only speak in sounds:



Video: How to say the sounds:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

Key Dates

Monday 28 th February	– Start of Term 4
Friday 4 th March	– World Book Day
Friday 8 th April	– End of Term 4
Monday 25 th April	– Start of Term 5
Thursday 28 th April	– Parents Evening #1
Tuesday 3 rd May	– Parents Evening #2
Friday 27 th May	– End of Term 5

You can see the dates for the full academic year on the school website: <https://twertoninfant.school/dates/>

The dates for the next academic year, 2022-23, have been agreed by Governors. <https://twertoninfant.files.wordpress.com/2022/02/2022-23-term-dates.pdf>

Please contact the school if your child is unwell and cannot attend school.

You can send us an SMS message to: **07786 201170**

School telephone numbers: **(01225) 423526 & 314745**