



## Newsletter 23.02.2024



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It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week, I hope you all had a fantastic half term. I cannot believe that we are now half way through the school year, but I know the children are going to enjoy lots of the things we have planned in this half term. The end of last half term saw us celebrate Pancake Pandemonium in school and it was the perfect opportunity to see the children laughing and enjoying this end of term fun. As I served pancakes in the hall, it struck me how gorgeous the manners of our children are, with so many pleases and thank yous! I feel this should be highlighted and celebrated!

This week has been busy! With sporting events and lots of clubs up and running! I am sure you will hear lots of exciting tales of what the children have achieved when they come home. Please read Mrs Phelps' update in the newsletter for more information about World Book Day.

Have a wonderful weekend

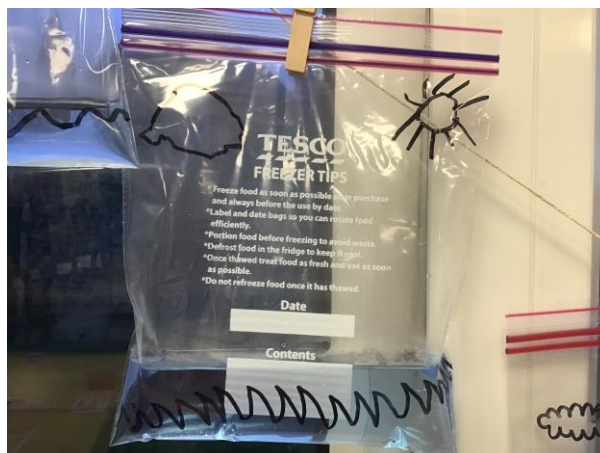
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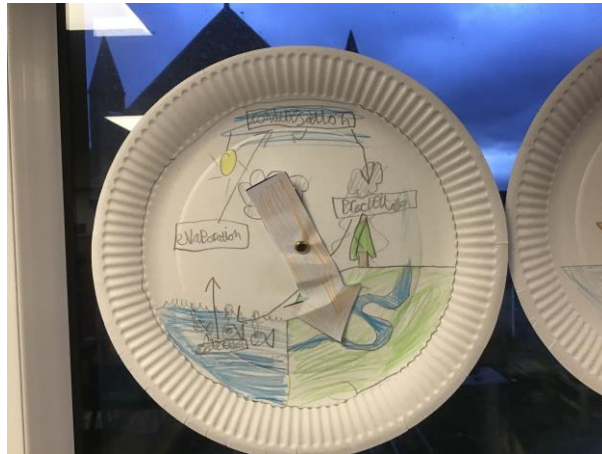
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## Year 3 Geography Topic of 'Rivers'

Year 3 have started their new geography topic of 'Rivers' by looking at the water cycle. They have carried out an investigation showing the different stages of the water cycle and created a model of it on a paper plate. What a great display of their hard work!





## Recycle to Read Batteries Collection



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our school is recycling batteries to protect the planet (and for a chance to win book vouchers for the school).

We need your help - plus your child could win some fantastic eco-inspired prizes too!

How can you help?

1. Hunt out used batteries at home. We are collecting AA, AAA, C, D, 9V and button batteries.
2. Tape over the contacts of lithium (Li) and button batteries (see below).
3. Put them in a tied plastic bag (preferably reused)
4. Take them to the school's collection point.
5. Enter the prize draw at [jointhepod.org/win](https://jointhepod.org/win)<sup>4</sup>

Safety first:

Not only is storing and recycling batteries safely great for the environment, it can also help reduce risks associated with batteries:

- Batteries can cause serious injury or death if swallowed, please keep batteries out of reach of small children and pets.
- Lithium and button batteries need to be taped so their contacts don't touch, as they could short circuit if they do.

Use sticky tape over the contacts (top and bottom of batteries). Button batteries can be placed in a line between two sections of sticky tape. Lithium batteries can look like any battery, but they will have lithium (Li) written on them.

To find out more, head to: [jointhepod.org/batteries](https://jointhepod.org/batteries)<sup>5</sup>

Many thanks for your support and happy battery hunting!

## Communication



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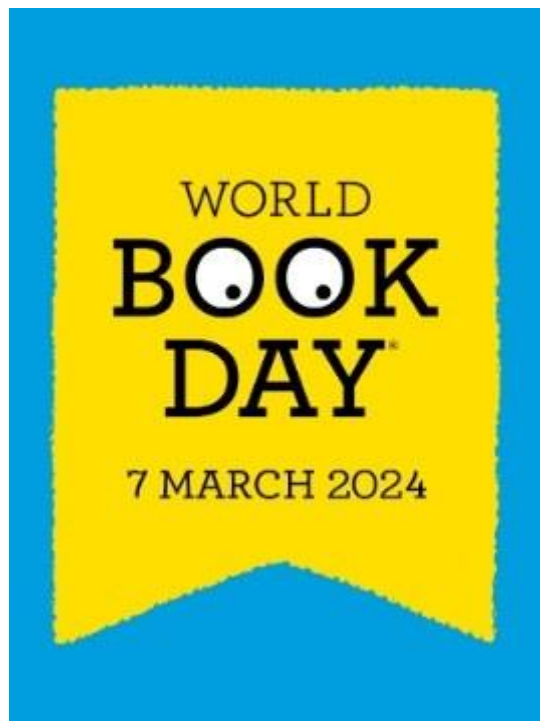
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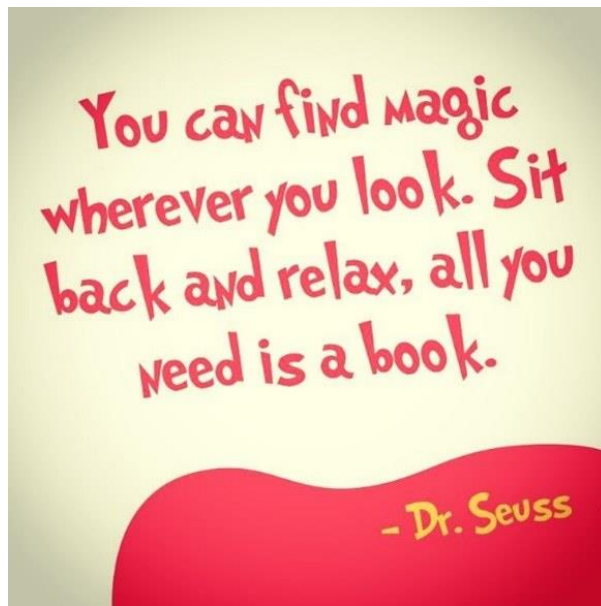




Over this half term we will be posting lots of updates and photographs on our social media Platforms. Stay up to date with the day to day adventures at Manston St James along with celebrating our children's achievements #teammsj

## World Book Day





Firstly, thank you to everyone who participated in our 'Get caught Reading ' competition. It was amazing to see all of the spaces you found to read in! There is still time to enter this weekend and please send your photos to the school email address. We have loved sharing the photographs!

Next week the children will be sent home with their paper plates to enter our second competition 'Rate my Plate'. The children need to decorate their plate with images of their favourite book. Winners will be chosen so get your thinking caps on for what you will create.

We have lots of plans for not only world book day but the whole week! This will include :

- The children to come to school on **Thursday 7th March dressed as their favourite character** .
- Each year group will be set challenges on world book day and we hope you watch on social media for what they produce!
- We have some guest readers popping into school to share some stories with our children.
- Bed time stories will be posted by staff in the school and trust each night which we hope the children will enjoy!
- Along with all the other competitions for children, we will be posting on for fun on social media. Get your thinking caps on as you try to decide who the Masked reader could be!

Thank you all for the support

Mrs Phelps

## School Lunch - Parent Open Afternoon

**On Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February** - parents are invited to meet with CaterLink, our school meal provider. You'll be able to sample some of their dishes, and provide your feedback on the school meal provision.



## Manston St James PTFA

### RAINBOW RAFFLE

Next term we will be holding our 'RAINBOW RAFFLE'.

Pupils are invited to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 1st March in exchange for a donation for our raffle.

Each year group has been assigned a colour, so if possible, please donate something in the colour that your child's year group is representing, donation ideas include - sweets, chocolates, drinks, candles, bath bombs, anything at all that you can think of.

We will be using the donations to create hampers, and will be selling raffle tickets for these on the run up to Easter.



Manston St James PTFA

# Rainbow Raffle

Non-uniform Day  
Friday 1st March

Please bring a donation so we can make some amazing 'rainbow' hampers to raffle. Donations can be absolutely anything!  
e.g sweets, drinks, candles, toiletries, crisps...

Please bring donations in your year group colour

Reception  
Year 1  
Year 2  
Year 3 & 4  
Year 5  
Year 6



## PTFA FACEBOOK GROUP

If you haven't yet become a member of our Facebook group, please feel free to join using the link below in order to keep up to date with any news and information regarding our events.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/199267443474410/>



## We are a 'Nut Free' School

We currently have staff and pupils who have allergies, which require an epi-pen for treatment. People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life threatening allergic reaction. **So please can we ask that you have no nut products in lunch boxes or sent into the school as treats. This includes 'Nutella' and other unbranded chocolate spreads which usually include nuts or nut derivatives.**

### What Products are NOT Allowed ?

• Peanut butter sandwiches	• Cakes that contain nuts	• Some Asian food, including satay	• Any item where nuts / peanuts are listed in the ingredients
• Chocolate spreads	• Biscuits / cookies that contain nuts	• Peanut butter cakes	
• Cereal bars	• Cornflake granola bars	• Sausages that contain nuts	

### What Products ARE allowed in school ?

✓ All other non-nut based snacks and food stuff.

## Dates for your Diary

February

- 26th - 3:30pm Y3 Residential Parents meeting
- 27th - 2:00pm Reception and KS1 (Y1 & Y2) School Lunch - Parents Open Afternoon
- 29th - 2:00pm KS2(Y3,Y4,Y5 &Y6) School Lunch - Parents Open Afternoon

### **March**

- 1st March Non Uniform day (Rainbow Raffle)
- 5th - 9.00am till 10.00am SEND Coffee Morning
- 6th – 9.00am Y2 Learning Festival
- 7th - World book day
- 11th - 3.00pm Y1 Cake Sale
- 19th and 20th Parents Evenings
- **28th March school Closes for Easter & reopen Monday 15th April**

## **Safeguarding**

**We take Safety very seriously in our school.**

If you have any concerns or observations regarding **Health and Safety** please contact: **Mrs Boothroyd or Mrs Crabtree.**

If you have any concerns or questions regarding **Child Protection** issues please contact: **Mrs Crabtree or Mrs Spofforth.**

If you need further support regarding Mental Health, Domestic Violence or support accessing a Foodbank please see links on our Safeguarding page on our website.

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**Thank you for reading our Newsletter**

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