

February:

Tuesday 27th - Children return to school

Wednesday 7th: World Book Day

Thursday 13th: Parents Evening

Friday 14th: Parents Evening

Wednesday 20th: Phonics parent workshop

Thursday 28th March – Last day of term

April:

Monday 15th April – Children return to school

May:

Monday 6th May – Spring Bank holiday – school closed

Thursday 23rd May – Last day of term

June:

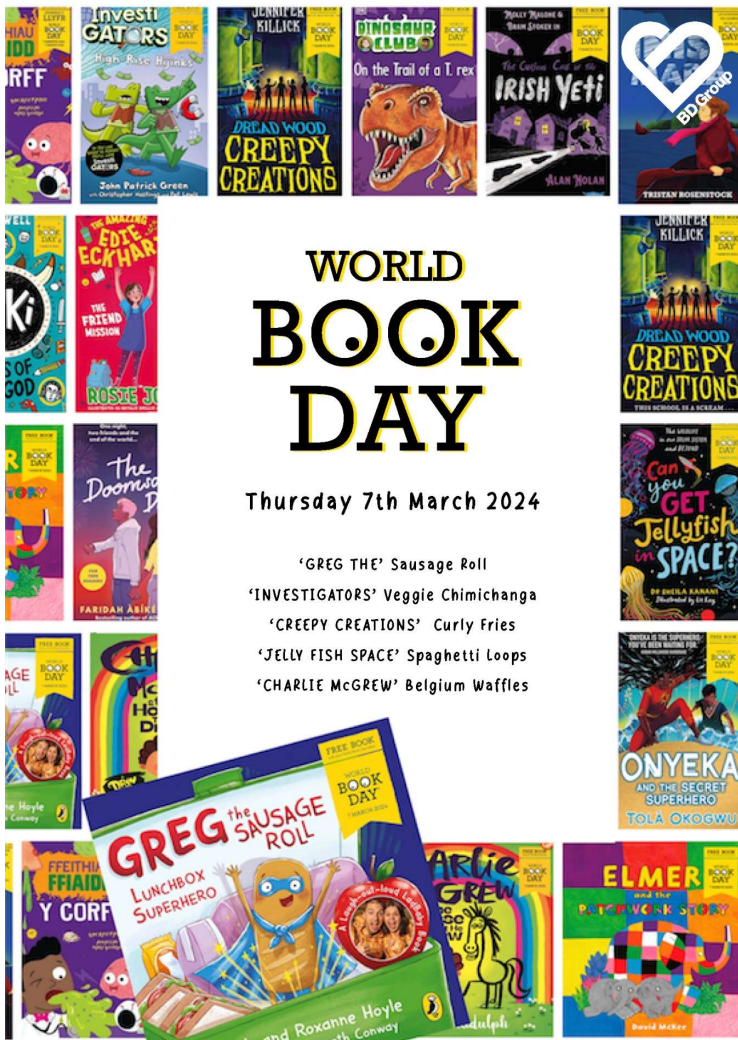
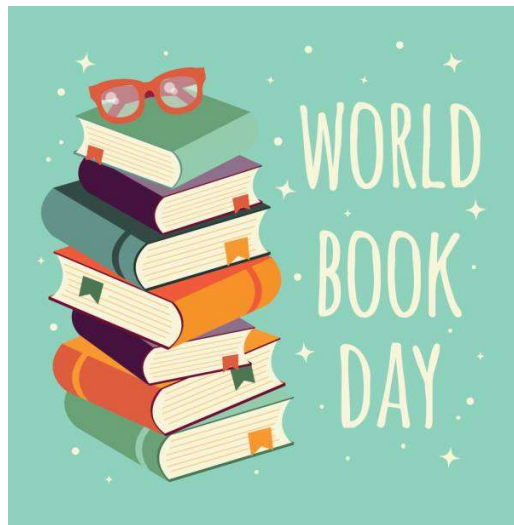
Monday 3rd June – Children return to school

July:

Friday 19th July – Last day of term

Dates for
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diary.....

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March. The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book characters. This is a very special day in the school calendar and is enjoyed by everyone. There will also be a World Book Day menu.



Nursery

This term the Nursery learnt about superheroes and people who help us in the community. They had Superhero mission day and had to complete a range of activities in teams that tested their balancing skills, riding skills and also how well they worked in a team. They also had the opportunity to meet a Police Officer and learnt about how they help in the community. They looked at the different equipment they use and how they use it and even got to sit in a police car.



Reception

This term the reception children were really lucky and had a visit from Mrs Evans, a librarian at Barking library. She taught the children what a library is and how to use a library card. She also showed the children the different books they can find in the library and how they are organised in alphabetical order. All in all it was a fantastic introduction to the wonderful world of books available at the local library. Next term Reception classes will be going to Stepney farm as part of our topic "Farms" to learn about farm animals and how the farm works.



Year 1

Year 1 went on a trip to the Young V&A museum as part of their history topic. They enjoyed looking at the displays of toys and were able to say what they were made from using their scientific knowledge. They also had great fun in the interactive areas. They have also been making puppets in their DT lessons. They had to cut out the felt, choose how to attach the two halves and then decorate it. Next term they will be visiting the Discovery Centre



Year 2

Year 2 visited Barking Library this week. They learnt about the library, took part in a reading session and were able to sit and enjoy a book. The library is free and an excellent place to take your child to develop their love for reading. It will support your children if you read with them for 15 minutes every day. It makes such a big difference. Next half term, look out for information about the reading raffle competition.



Year 3

Year 3 had an amazing time visiting the Barking Ruins. They enjoyed looking at the different buildings around town and could even spot which stone they were made from. Here you can see the children standing on the ruins of Barking Abbey which were built in 666AD!



Year 4

Year 4 have had a very exciting week this week taking part in their Viking Wow Day. They explored what an archaeologist does and how historians use artefacts to learn about different periods in the past. They then created their own replica Viking artefacts to show case in their very own classroom museum!



Year 5

Year 5 visited the National Portrait Gallery exploring a range of paintings showing a range of Tudor kings and queens. They attended a workshop focusing where they had a chance to see the different painting of a range of Tudor monarchs. Children wrote questions they could ask the painter of the portrait and turned into painters themselves by making a self-portrait! They ended their trip by spotting some of the most famous London landmarks by Embankment. What a fantastic day!



Year 6

Year 6 visited the Polka Theatre and went on an amazing journey into the world of "The Snow Queen," where they enjoyed a wonderful performance enhanced by BSL. Witnessing the magic of theatre alongside accessibility features was a truly inclusive experience for all. The children also went on a trip to the British Museum exploration of artifacts from the Shang era. They viewed ancient treasures and gaining valuable insights into past civilizations.



Parents Evening

Parents evening will take place on the 13th and 14th March. Your child's teacher will send you more information after the half term break. There will be food tasting in the dining hall, drop by and check out the latest school menu.

Parent Workshop

Our next parent workshop will focus on supporting your child with phonics. Please come along to the Sports Hall on 20th March 8:45am to find out more.

Recitation Week

Recitation Week will take place week commencing 11th March. This is very popular annual event when your children demonstrate their poetry presentation skills. More information will be sent after half term.

Maths Awards

It is so important for children to know their times tables. To inspire the children we launched the Emerald Club last year with badges for each level of difficulty:

- Ruby
- Sapphire
- Emerald
- Diamond

This has been so popular with the children we have launched a new challenge called the Planet Club which supports their ability to quickly solve mathematical problems. The badges for each level of difficulty are:

- Mars
- Neptune
- Earth
- Jupiter

If the children achieve all the badges above, they will receive a unique badge for Mathematical Excellence.

Reading

Miss Hodges hosts an online Book Club every Wednesday. The children can share their favourite books and are set exciting challenges. Look out for links on class dojo and encourage your children to join.

Spelling Bee

To encourage our year 1 and 2 children to read and practise their spellings we will be launching our new Spelling Bee Club. Please support your children with our newest challenge.



Attendance

It is so important to send your child to school every day. Research has found that the children who have the best attendance achieve the both highest exam results and the highest paid jobs.

Congratulations to our weekly stars who achieved 100% this term

- 1B & 5C



And Congratulations to our half term star who achieved 97.1%

- 5C



Study Bugs

Don't forget to sign up for our on-line absence system which helps you to report your child absence and gives you lots of useful advice.

[Please click here for the link.](#)



Final Message

I wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 27th February.

