



# Nevill Road Junior School

## Parent Newsletter 8 - Spring Term 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Key Priorities

Last term, our key priority was to review how we teach reading and introduced the reciprocal reading approach across school. This way of learning allows the children to be much more involved in their lessons through taking on specific roles to help them learn reading skills. If you were unable to attend the reading workshops that took place last term, please see the **Parent Reading workshop PowerPoint** in the **English and Languages** section of the school website for more information. Every three weeks, staff assess children's levels to make sure that they are reading the correct colour band books as well as working on specific targets to enable children to improve their reading skills.



The 100 Books to Read Challenge is working well to encourage children to read a wide range of books for pleasure. Please ensure that you listen to your children read at home and sign their reading diaries, which will be checked every Friday by a member of staff. We have already seen the impact that this is having upon children's reading fluency and outcomes in assessments.

### Writing at Nevill Road Juniors

This term, we are particularly focusing on children's presentation in books and consistent use of correct spellings, punctuation and grammar. We are also encouraging children to edit, improve and redraft their writing to help them to produce quality pieces.

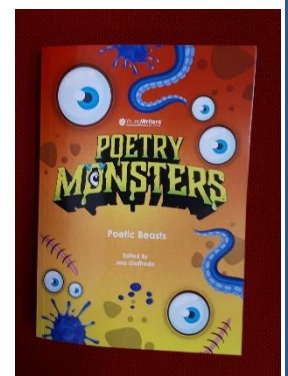
### Priority 2 – To improve the quality of education for all children in writing through

- Using 'Books for Hooks' to make links with reading and quality texts that expose children to challenging vocabulary.
- Developing DEAL strategies across the school to immerse and engage children in their writing.
- To ensure that Year Group 'Bear Necessities' are picked up and addressed by staff and children with a focus on SPAG and presentation.
- Implementing the new SPAG framework across school.
- To develop the use of editing and improving to show progress in writing.
- Quality first teaching that meets the needs of all children.

Several of our children across the Junior School have recently become published authors as part of the Young Writers project. If you would like to read their poems, a copy of 'Poetry Monsters' can be found in the school library.

### Keeping children safe

Last week we introduced the children to the lockdown procedure as a way of keeping the children safe should an intruder or a stray dog enter the building. The children asked excellent questions and understood that it is highly unlikely that this drill would ever take place but felt confident that they would know what to do if needed.



## The Curriculum at Nevill Road Juniors



Our Y5/6 football team just missed out in making it to the finals of the National League Trust. They played really well as a team and showed excellent conduct towards the other players at all times. Our basketball team have also made it to the finals of their tournament. Last week over thirty children took part in the

gymnastics competition gaining third place in the Year 3 and 4 event. Our sports ambassadors Mary and Lola helped to warm up the gymnasts with fitness activity at the beginning of the day. A huge well done to all of the children who have taken part in these events. I think I had better start ordering another trophy case!



We have some very exciting news at Nevill Road Juniors, as this week our first band rehearsals took place led by Mrs Powell from the Stockport Music Service. The visit from Bramhall High's band at Christmas inspired us to set up our own, and we hope to perform with them in the future. The number of children who now learn instruments across the school has grown hugely during the past two years, with a wide range of instruments on offer. If you would like your child to take up an instrument, please contact the school office.



Year 6 are currently enquiring about 'What impact did wars have on Britain?' 6C produced an excellent assembly last week, which took us back to what life would have been like during World War 1. 5HD shared the learning that has taken place in their class based upon the book 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo. The children have produced some beautiful but rather scary writing, as a result.



Thank you for your continuing support - please keep checking the school website for information and follow us on twitter @NRJuniors.

Kind regards

Mrs Cliff and the Nevill Road Junior Team

## Diary Dates - Spring Term 1 2020

Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

- 4S class assembly 9.15am
- PTA coffee morning and non-uniform day.

### **FEBRUARY**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Year 4 SEND support meetings

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

- Year 3 SEND support meetings

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

- SEND parent forum - entitlement framework

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

- Year 6 SEND support meetings
- Year 6 Parent's evening 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

- Year 5 SEND support meetings
- Year 6 Parent's evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

- Last day of term

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

- INSET

**\*\*\*Please note school starts again on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February\*\*\***

Together **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore