



Ark Blacklands Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Habits of Success—Determination

“We will not give up, even when things are tough.”

This week, we have seen some wonderful demonstrations of determination in the classroom. For example, Year 1 children have shown real determination in their writing. They have been publishing their own books, writing in the style of Michael Rosen but instead of hunting bears, Year 1 have been 'Going on a dinosaur hunt!'. Mrs Rankin was thrilled to be able to read some of the finished stories. Well done year 1.

Things that make me proud...

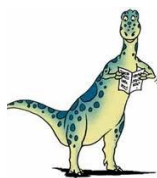


Seeing the Year 5 children helping Year 2 children in their maths!

Year 1 Trip—Paradise Park

Please remember that the Year 1 classes are visiting Paradise Park on **Tuesday 21st February**, which is the first day back after half term.

Children will need to wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch (unless ordered from the kitchen). Thank you



Early Years

It was wonderful to see so many parents visiting the EYFS classes this week to see all the fantastic Space work the children have done. The children were very proud to show and talk about their creations with their parents. What a lovely way to end the term!



Spot the Banner Competition

Well done to those children who successfully spied and photographed a bus carrying the ARK Blacklands banner. A special mention goes to Edward Butler-Dawson in Year 1 for being the very first pupil to send in his picture.

Winners:

Year 1: Thomas Boreham, Florence Tewkesbury; Year 2: Grace Boreham; Year 3: Grace Tewkesbury; Year 5: Rosetto Janko.



Practical Maths for Parents

We are offering a free 6-week course to parents who would like to learn how to better support their child with their maths homework. This course will also develop your own personal maths skills for practical tasks such as shopping, cooking, DIY etc. The course will run every Tuesday at 9am to 11am from Tuesday 21st February to Tuesday 28th March. Enrolment forms are available at the office or call Debbie Bolton for more information.

$$5 \times 3 = 15$$
$$10 - 1 = 9$$
$$3 - 2 = 5 - 4$$



WORLD BOOK DAY Friday 3rd March

In celebration of this year's World Book Day, we are inviting the children to come to school dressed as a character from a children's book in return for a £1.00 donation. Money raised will go towards buying a set of prize winning books for each class, which we hope will engage and inspire your children to read.



Not sure what to wear?

There are plenty of websites to help with costume ideas. One very helpful website with lots of inexpensive and quick-to-make costumes is the following:

<http://www.bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up/>

