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# English Newsletter—Spring Term 2018



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Welcome to 2018 at Featherstone Primary School. We have a very busy term ahead with lots of exciting events. Please try to join us for our Reading parent workshops, these events aim to help you to understand the year group expectations for your children and how you can help them further at home.

## Dates for your diary

Writing  
We are focusing on learning and using new vocabulary in our reading and writing lessons. Our aim is to encourage our children to be curious about language and words so that they can apply this knowledge to their own work. It would be fantastic if you could support this at home. You could play word games or explore the meaning of new words that you find in books or even those you hear on the television.

Year 5 Reading Workshop	Tuesday 23rd January 2018 9am
Reception (RR) Phonics and Early Writing Workshop	Tuesday 23rd January 2018 9am
Year 4 Reading workshop	Wednesday 24th January 2018 9am
Reception (RG) Phonics and Early Writing Workshop	Thursday 25th January 2018 9am
Year 1 Reading Workshop	Tuesday 30th January 2018
Year 3 Reading Workshop	Wednesday 31st January 2018
Year 2 Reading Workshop	Thursday 1st February 2018
Year 2 SATS Meeting (Parents only please)	Thursday 8th February 2018
Book Fair in School. Help us raise funds for school whilst buying some brilliant new books for home!	Monday 26th Feb — Thursday 2nd March 2018
Author Visit – Dan Smith Key Stage 2 assembly	Wednesday 28th February 2018
World Book Day! Come to school dressed as your favourite book character.	Thursday 1st March 2018

**Bug Club** 

Last half term, we launched our new online reading platform 'Bug Club'. Each child has their own individual log on that enables them to access online reading material linked to their current reading level. A big thank you to all those families who have been using Bug Club to enhance their children's reading library. I will be sending around an online survey about reading and would love to get your feedback in regards to Bug Club.

If you experience any problems with the system or lose your child's log in details please feel free to see me or your child's class teacher who will be able to help.

**Confused which book to buy for your child. Here are two helpful websites to help you pick a book.**

[www.booktrust.org.uk/books/100-best-books/](http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/100-best-books/)

[schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-6-pupils-ks2-age-10-11/](http://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-6-pupils-ks2-age-10-11/)

**ICE COOL**

Each week, I am so impressed to see the amount of children moving up the Ice Cool Spelling ladder. Our children can see their progress and they are always so proud of themselves when they move up a level.

Many thanks for your continued support.

If you have any questions related to reading, writing, spelling or grammar please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher or come and see me personally.

Miss Lacey  
English Leader

