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Classics Week: Monday 19th-Friday 23rd June

Dear Parent/Carer,

Next week our school will be hosting 'Classics Week'. During this week the whole school will be exploring classic literature through art, dance, drama, history and music. On Friday 23rd June, children and staff are invited to come to school dressed up as a character or in the relevant period costume from the classic book which they have been reading with their class. Finally teachers will be submitting the most outstanding works to go on display in our Classics Week Exhibition. Parents/carers, children and governors are invited to view the exhibition which will be held on Friday 30th June.

Each year group has been given a classic book to explore:

Nursery & Reception-Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter

Year 1- Jemima Puddle Duck by Beatrix Potter

Year 2- Alice's Adventures In Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

Year 3- Through the Looking-Glass by Lewis Carroll

Year 4- Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift

Year 5- Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens

Year 6- Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

Come to school dressed to the theme of the classical book that your class have been reading!

Friday 23rd June

Classics Week Exhibition:

Parents/carers and governors are invited to celebrate our creativity.

Friday 30th June in Conference Centre 3.30pm-4.30pm

Why are we having a Classics Week?

- To expose children to rich vocabulary outside the use of everyday language.
- To acquire a deeper understanding of historical context by learning about the period from which each classic novel originates.
- To provide access to a range of classical literature in order to equip the children with the wealth of knowledge, confidence and sense of heritage to eventually compete for places in top universities.

We look forward to this very exciting week of classic reading supported by art, dance music, and drama. Please support your child by asking them questions about their participation each day, please encourage them to dress up on Friday 23rdJune and we look forward to sharing the children's hard work in our gallery later on this month.

Thank you

Rachel Bates
Whole School Leader for English















