



# Hackwood News

## 17th February 2022



Dear parents and carers,

Today we have shared and celebrated our learning over the half term. Year 4 were able to show the whole school their Roman army parade using the 'turtle' defence formation! What teamwork! Hedgehogs sang a song linked to their 'What is beyond England?' topic and showcased their African scarves. And Year 5 shared their planet writing following a fabulous trip to the National Space Centre!

During our school assembly, the Year 4s who helped interview the new Principal, Mr Miah, were able to give a big thumbs up. More information about Mr Miah's start date will be sent out next half term. Miss Morley, as Deputy Principal and Mrs Beeston, an experienced Trust senior leader, will continue to lead Hackwood as I support with the transition to a full time Principal at Hackwood.

Please take note of the dates and events planned in the coming months. More exciting learning to come!

Best wishes for a lovely half term break,

Mrs Rolfs

Executive Principal



Using Sumdog for 30 minutes a week almost doubled children's fluency progress



## Sumdog

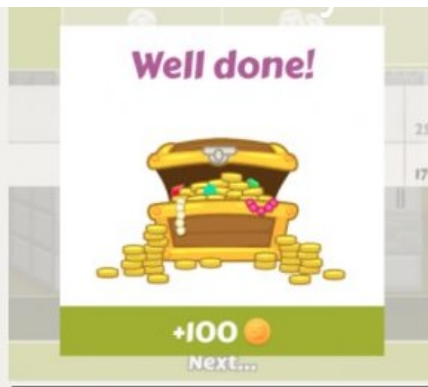
This is the latest platform Hackwood children now have access too. All Ks1 and Ks2 will have their own log ins.

Our KS2 children have been busy all week competing on SUMDOG in our first contest with over 80 classes across the Harmony Trust! They have thoroughly enjoyed this and over the week have had lots and lots of success! WELL DONE KS2!



### Makes learning fun!

Sumdog helps children to practise regularly. Combining fun games and achievements with curriculum-aligned questions, they won't even realise they're learning!



### Rewards effort

For every correct answer, children are rewarded with coins to spend on their avatar or Sumdog house. And every time a child masters a new skill, their pet learns a new trick.



### Adapts to your child

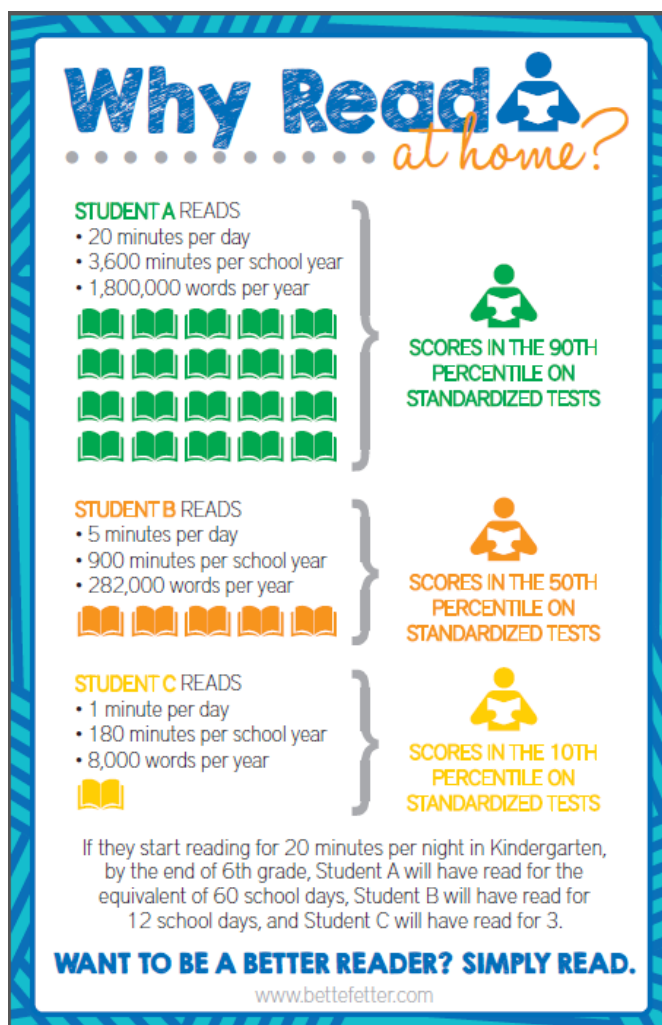
Sumdog gets to know your child's ability with an initial diagnostic and takes them through the curriculum one skill at a time. You don't need to set their level or adjust any settings - we've got it all covered.

## Reading Rewards

This half term we have had a big push on reading at home 4 times a week or more. Lots of children have really embraced this challenge. Today we had a reading reward, to celebrate the children's hard work in reading 24 times or more home!

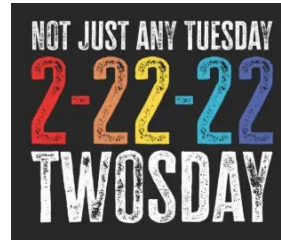
Please continue to read over the holidays—this can be in any format, from a story book, non fiction text, magazine or road signs!

Keep reading!



## Parent Consultations

A message was sent out today on Spider to book parents consultations on Wednesday 9th March and Thursday 10th March. This is a chance to hear about the progress your child is making, their next steps and an opportunity to ask any questions.



## Twosday!

Are you prepared for an opportunity that'll only appear once in a lifetime? Ready or not, it's coming your way on **February 22, 2022** – a date that's written as 22/2/22. And it's a Tuesday. That's just too good of a pun to pass up! Written as 22.02.2022, is also a palindrome - a number that is read the same forwards and backwards! To celebrate Twosday we are going to have a number challenge over half term!

**EYFS** — White Rose 1 minute maths. Play on this for 1 minute a day (Monday to Friday) and record in your child's reading diary. Anyone who completes this challenge will get a certificate!

**Key Stage 1** - Sumdog- Play on Sumdog for 10 minutes a day (Monday to Friday) (It is automatically recorded on our system, so you do not need to write in their reading diaries!) Anyone who completes this challenge will get a certificate!

**Key Stage 2** - TTRS or Sumdog - Play on Times Tables Rock Stars AND/OR Sumdog for 10 minutes a day (Monday to Friday) (It is automatically recorded on our system, so you do not need to write in their reading diaries!) Anyone who completes this challenge will also get a certificate!

Good luck!



## Mobile Phones

Communication and language is really important to us. So for this reason we are asking parents to refrain from using mobile phones on site. We will be putting posters up around school as a reminder.

## Wheels in school

It is fantastic to see so many of you coming to school on bikes, scooter and trikes. We have really noticed how much progress children are making and how their confidence has grown. Just a reminder to push bikes and scooters out of the school gate to ensure everyone's safety





**Great news...The UK's best family magazine is now free to all parents & guardians- Enjoy!**



Family First - Winter 2021/22 by Seven Star Media - Issue

**Stay safe,  
The Family First Team**

## **Diary Dates:**

3<sup>rd</sup> March- World Book Day (Nursery- 2<sup>nd</sup> March as well)

8th March—Year 1 Farm Trip

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultations

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March- Red Nose Day

11th April—22nd April Easter Holidays

## **INSET Day:**

**Friday 18th February 2022 (TOMORROW!)**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022





# PROUD learners at Hackwood!

