

8th March 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the conclusion of week 3 of the Spring 2 half-term, and arguably the best day of the academic year – **World Book Dress-Up Day!** Thank you to all of our families who supported their child(ren) with their **World Book Day** costumes, the school has been a kaleidoscope of colour and book characters today 😊.

This week, in addition to informing you of our geography and science topics, I have included what books that each year group are reading as their whole class reader. As always, we strongly encourage you to have **home learning discussions** using the information below to prompt your child(ren) should they say, 'I don't know.' 😊

<p>Year 1</p> 	<p>Geography – All around the world. How can I find where I am in the world?</p> <p>Science – Physics – Everyday materials. Can all materials keep you dry?</p> <p>Reading – <i>Hansel and Gretel</i> by Bethan Woolvin</p>
<p>Year 2</p> 	<p>Geography – Australia. Why should we visit Australia?</p> <p>Science – Biology – Plants. How do you keep a plant alive?</p> <p>Reading – <i>Where the River meets the Sea</i> – by Jeannie Baker</p>
<p>Year 3</p> 	<p>Geography – Volcanoes. Are volcanoes dangerous?</p> <p>Science – Physics - Light. Does everything create a shadow?</p> <p>Reading – <i>The Firework-Maker's Daughter</i> by Phillip Pullman</p>
<p>Year 4</p> 	<p>Geography – Rivers. Why are rivers important?</p> <p>Science – Physics – Sound. If you couldn't hear, how would you know there was a sound?</p> <p>Reading – <i>Peter Pan</i> by J.M Barrie</p>
<p>Year 5</p> 	<p>Geography – Europe (Turkey). What would a holiday in Turkey be like?</p> <p>Science – Physics – Earth & Space. What would happen if the earth didn't rotate?</p> <p>Reading – <i>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone</i> – by J.K Rowling</p>
<p>Year 6</p> 	<p>Geography – The Globe – mapping the earth. How is the north different to the south?</p> <p>Science – Physics – Electricity. How can you make a light bulb brighter?</p> <p>Reading – <i>Journey to the River Sea</i> by Eva Ibbotson</p>

This week our word, expectation and breathing technique of the week are:

Expectation of the Week – **Always be in control of your own behaviour**

Word of the Week – **Mindfulness**

Breathing technique of the Week – **Hand Breath**

I'd like to say **thank you** and well done **to everyone who attended our parent consultations** this week. And, an even bigger thank you to those who completed our feedback questionnaire. We will review your comments to see how we can improve our parent consultations even more. The comments, at a cursory glance, have been overwhelmingly positive – thank you.

On Monday we were visited by a **delegation from Canada** who were here to see our diverse and inclusive curriculum. Needless to say, the visit was a success and the delegation left with a raft of ideas that they could try to incorporate into their curriculum to ensure that their community of students feel included and that they 'belong'. This visit exemplifies the high quality of education we provide for our children, so much so that experienced practitioners have travelled thousands of miles to observe our 'world class' provision here at Daubeney.

The delegation were also very impressed with our **Y3 Mystery Reader**. We had to inform them that **Katie Quine** is not one of our teachers (well done Katie 😊)! If you'd like to surprise your Y3 child and earn some extra brownie points with them please speak to the Y3 team. For more info about this initiative please access the link below <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/836#sitelive-viewer/>

With the limited space remaining I want to mention a few things briefly, **Mobile phones** – our policy states that pupils are not allowed to bring phones to school and no 'smart' watches either.

As part of the **Family Hub** development, happening at what is currently our Children's Centre, our Nursery will be welcoming **2 year olds** when we return after Easter.

With the Daubeney Village ethos in mind, for those who are considering a venue for their **child's birthday party** you may want to consider hiring the school hall, Hop Garden etc. Please have a look at our **lettings policy** <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/policies/lettings> If this something that appeals to you please email admin@daubeney.hackney.sch.uk and let us see if we can accommodate your request.

And for those adults who need to have some fun for themselves, have you signed up to our **Daubeney Village Quiz Night**? If no, please see poster below. If you're a parent here at Daubeney you need to attend at least one quiz night to tick it off your bucket list! 😊

Finally, do enjoy a great weekend and do spoil those mothers on **Mothering Sunday**.

Yours sincerely,



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DAUBENEY VILLAGE (PCTA) PRESENTS

Quiz Night



Do you love Quiz Nights? If so...
Then, gather your teams (max 6 per team) and join us for our
annual Daubeney Quiz Night! Join us for a fun & relaxed night
with our very own Quiz Master, Mr Swarbrick!

FRIDAY, 15TH MARCH 2024

STARTS AT 19.30 PM | FOOD & DRINK AVAILABLE

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