



Masfield Primary School

Believe – Achieve - Succeed

Newsletter

8th February



Forgiveness Co-operation Equality Honesty Passion Resilience Gratitude Kindness

Message from Mr Done

Another week has flown by and as always the children and staff have been really busy. Here at Masfield, we are passionate about providing an exceptional, innovative education that inspires and empowers our pupils, in every class, every day! We aim to develop confident, resilient, independent lifelong learners and this has been evident in all of the lessons I have visited this week. I am always blown away by the children's articulation about their learning and the pride they have in themselves. As well as delivering excellent lessons, we have had trips, visits and competitions galore over the last two weeks. We have a limited number of spaces in two year groups – if you know anyone who would like to join us, please contact the school office for more information.

Thank you for your ongoing support on our REMARKABLE journey!

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 14th February

Year 4 trip to Bury Synagogue

Thursday 15th February

SEN Coffee Morning 9am
(See attached flyer)

Friday 16th February

RSPCA own clothes day
(50p donation)

School closes for half term

Monday 26th February

Year 5 Computing trip

Wednesday 28th February

Nursery and Year 2
Creepy Crawly Roadshow



KS2 Enrichment @MasfieldCP

There's lots going on in Key Stage 2 Enrichment this half term at Masfield.

Year 3 have been enjoying the outdoors in Forest School and have also been busy planning a fundraising event for the RSPCA. They have organised an own clothes day to raise money for the charity and welcomed Holly from the RSPCA who spoke about the important work that they do.

Year 4 have been creating winter scenes in their Art and Design enrichment. They have used water colours to create wintry backgrounds and are adding to them over the next few sessions.

Year 5 have been sewing in their mindfulness enrichment, and showed great resilience and didn't give up when it became tricky.

Year 6 have been looking at Christianity in their RE enrichment and have created Peace Pledge Doves with their own pledges and promises written on them.

Reception @MasfieldCP

As part of their 'People who help us' topic, Reception had a fantastic visit to The Little Lancashire Village in Darwen on Monday.

They had a lovely time, whilst learning about the different services around us.

Well done Reception!



Year 3 @MasfieldCP

To support their learning in History, on Wednesday 31st January, Year 3 visited Bolton Museum to explore how Bolton changed over the course of the Industrial Revolution. They looked at the different exhibits and then focused on the life of Samuel Crompton who invented the Spinning Mule.

Well done Year 3!



ATTENDANCE

RECEPTION	95.97%
YEAR 1	97.31%
YEAR 2	98.17%
YEAR 3	96.86%
YEAR 4J	96.86%
YEAR 4R	96.94%
YEAR 5	95.92%
YEAR 6K	94.42%
YEAR 6R	99.5%

Attendance Update

Our **96%** target is still achievable this year if we all work together on ensuring children are in school EVERY day and not missing any learning.

Our attendance for the week is

96.51%

Our attendance for the year to date is

94.4%



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Appointments

We ask that medical appointments are made outside of school hours where possible. Where it is not possible to avoid this in school time you must notify the office beforehand.

Taking your child out in school time not only disrupts the class but also impacts their learning and attendance.

If there are concerns regarding the amount of time your child is missing then proof of all future appointments will be requested.



Holidays in Term Time

Holidays must not be taken during term time as this has an extremely detrimental effect on your child's education.

The long-term cost to your child's education of going on holiday in term time, far outweighs the short term gain of the holiday at the time. The £60 fixed penalty notice is the least of the costs; it is the impact on your child's future educational success that presents the greatest cost. Children miss vital learning that cannot be repeated. It is widely acknowledged that mental health and personal well-being flourish when children have good routines and engage with their learning. Holidays in term time are disruptive on both counts. **I urge you to prioritise the long-term benefits of regular school attendance, over the short term impact of a holiday in term time.**





Lead Learner of the Week

RECEPTION	Bonnie R & Grace L Oakley L & Cody B
YEAR 1	Ria F & Aoife H Lotus A & Alfie B
YEAR 2	Miller T & Amelia W Rossco S & Amelia W
YEAR 3	Jacob H & Jaxson M Oliver T & Jacob T
YEAR 4J	Gabriella O & Kayden P-B Georgia G & George S
YEAR 4R	Amelia S & Amelia H Annabelle S & Jackson T-B
YEAR 5	Skyler H & Daisy S Jessica B & Isabel A-F
YEAR 6K	Jake N & Lucy J Nevaeh W & Ava F
YEAR 6R	Harry W & Bethany B Marcus M & Imogen L

Readers of the Week

Each week we award children in each class for **REMARKABLE READING**. The following children have won a book to keep **FOREVER!**

Reception: Harriet B
Year 1: Leo D
Year 2: Sammy H
Year 3: Lottie R-G
Year 4: Jake B
Year 5: Jessica B
Year 6: Dylan D

Vision & Value Award

These pupils **always** show off our school vision and values. They have received Hot Chocolate & Treats with Mr Done!

Reception: Roman C & Freya T
Year 1: Albie G & Hollie K-B
Year 2: Jacob B & Caprice S
Year 3: Clara-Rose P-P & Millie D
Year 4J: Evie W & Leo F
Year 4R: Alfie K & Aila C
Year 5: Oscar A & Reuben H
Year 6K: Poppy B & Mia H
Year 6R: Mia S & Grayson M

Celebrating Success

Each week we celebrate success in Good New Assembly. Don't forget to bring in your achievements to share!



Well done to the Year 5 Students who took part in the Glow Dodgeball Competition at Little Lever High School. Miss Rigby was really impressed with their skills in this fantastic event. Well done!



TT Rockstars

Each week 3 children from each class in Year 2 and above receive an award for 'the biggest increase in coins' on TT Rockstars. Knowing your times tables off by heart so important – keep practising at home to win this award and certificate!



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Online Safety Tip

This week's free online safety guide, provided by the [National Online Safety \(NOS\) website](#), focuses on free-to-play multiplayer vehicle football game 'Rocket League'. Despite being rated PEGI 3 (which means that it is considered suitable for children of any ages) due to its online features, appropriateness cannot be guaranteed.

Developed by Psyonix, part of the Epic Games family (which includes Fortnite and Gears of War) Rocket League is a football game where instead of running, the players drive rocket-powered cars. The game can be accessed via Playstation, Xbox, Nintendo Switch, Windows, MacOS and Linux...



Safeguarding Tip

Talking to children about difficult topics
It's important that every child has someone they trust that they can ask for help. There'll be times when children need advice or support. There'll also be times when you need to explain something that might upset them. You might need to start a difficult conversation because you have to break some bad news or ask them about something you're worried about. The NSPCC has lots of good advice for helping you decide how to talk to your child in an age-appropriate and supportive way. But remember that you know your child best, so trust your judgement about what's going to work for them. For more information and support use the link below to view the NSPCC resources.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

Supporting your child

Learning to Read – Our Phonics Scheme

Each week we will share a video to support your understanding of our phonics scheme. Today's video is **'10 things to think about when you read to your child'**
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/NubgXziQ/wmL7N9KW>

Reading at Home

'If you cannot read, you cannot learn. If your child cannot read, their progress in all other subjects will be curtailed. There is no such thing as reading too much!'

Maths

White Rose Maths have FREE downloadable booklets for each year group block. You can download them here:
<https://whiterosemaths.com/parent-resources>

All of our parent workshops are available to watch on the school website

Sustainability Top Tip

Sustainable Food Systems

Support sustainable food systems and learn what foods are sustainable. If giving up meat is a no-go for you, you can still make that steak more sustainable by sourcing it locally from organic, grass-fed farms.





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SEND COFFEE MORNING

THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY
9AM-10AM

If you have a child who currently attends our school with special educational needs and/or disabilities, please come along for an informal catch up with our staff and other parents.

No booking required -just turn up





Character Curriculum

Our character curriculum is at the core of what is important to us and we aim to provide a wide range of learning opportunities and experiences. It is our desire that children and their families value their learning and seize all and any opportunity wholeheartedly, therefore we aim to ensure the offer to learn is strong in every classroom.

We aim to develop our pupils' characters through the growth of relationships that define us as human. Through our curriculum, we develop a set of competencies (behaviours) which enable each and every one of our pupils to lead a remarkable life.

All children have received paper copies of the character curriculum at the start of term. You can also find copies of all year groups on the school website.

Receive the Lead Learner award	Achieve Star of the Day
Receive the Kindness Lanyard and pass it on	Go for a walk around the local area
Correctly write the numerals 1-50	Visit Bolton Museum
Take part in a dress up day	Attend the gymnastics club
Receive the 'Reader of the Week' award	Represent Masefield outside of school in an event
Visit a church	Give a high-five to a friend when they have achieved something in school
Visit Brookholme Nature Reserve	Lead an assembly with my class
Take part in a Rock Kids event	Take part in a musical performance
Mix colours to create my own painting	Share my learning with a parent
Attend the whole school trip	I know my number bonds to 10



Help make my bed	Play a board game
Get myself ready for school	Travel on a train / bus / tram
Help to hang out the washing	Plant seeds / bulbs
Visit a library	Play in the snow
Pair up my socks	Collect for a charity
Make a daisy chain	Complete a jigsaw puzzle
Correctly say the days of the week	Tidy my room
Build a den	Hoover a room
Make a sandwich	Bake a cake
Climb a tree	Jump in a puddle

Share your experiences on Facebook or Twitter! @masefieldcp #MaseCharacter

Challenge: What have you achieved from your year group character curriculum this week?

Remember to tick if off and share in on Facebook or twitter (tag us in!)

More information:

Each year, you will be issued with a 'Believe – Achieve – Succeed' character curriculum passport. Experiences are planned into the school curriculum as well as home learning. The experiences involve problem solving, research and most importantly life skills, which are all fundamental for pupil wellbeing.

Children are equipped with the skills and character to lead a Successful Life! Children will be encouraged to self-assess their competencies and their progress on this will be recorded in their passports. Academic achievement will increase as children will be more able to overcome difficulties and will value their education; behaviour will improve as children are more able to self-regulate and work with others and attendance will improve as families see the increased value of a healthy lifestyle and the importance of education.



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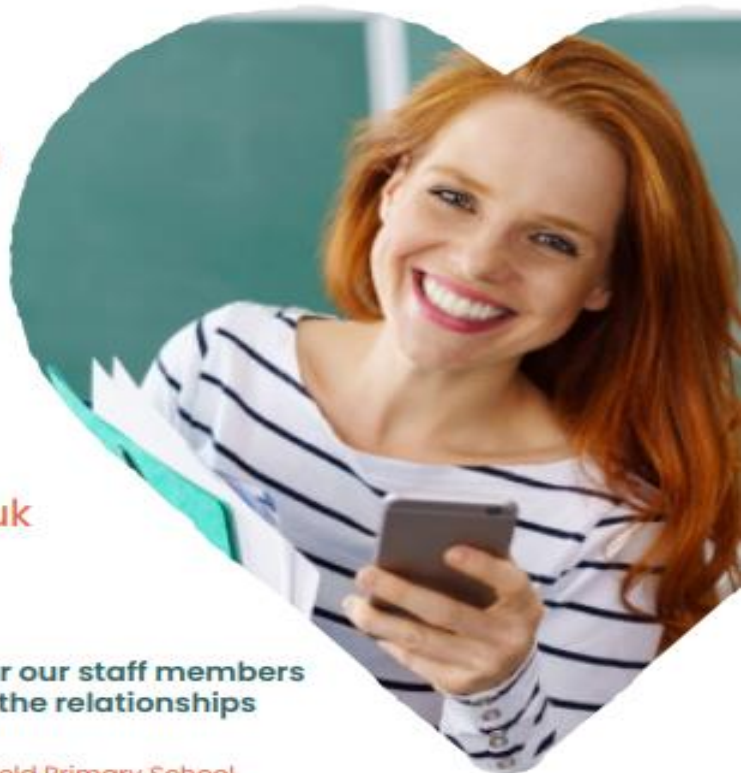
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Do you want to thank a staff member at Masefield Primary School?



TAP (Thank And Praise) is a social thanking platform for you to show your appreciation to the unsung heroes working at our organisation.

- Simply TAP to THANK at
● www.thankandpraise.co.uk
or via the TAP App



"Using the TAP App is another way for our staff members to feel appreciated and strengthens the relationships between parents/carers and staff"

– Vicky Evans-Jones, Office Manager, Masefield Primary School

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Chatty Words

Chatty Learning provides services and tools to help get children talking, reading and learning.

Chatty Toolbox software includes Chatty Nouns and Chatty Verbs which make the perfect early intervention tool to close the vocabulary gap for children who are struggling. This is also a perfect companion to Phonics as it targets comprehension and word understanding.

The toolbox provides a parent account for you to use at home with your child – the log in details are below.

Username: parent@masefield.co.uk

Password: masefield1

**Please follow the help guides on
the next two pages to access these
new resources**



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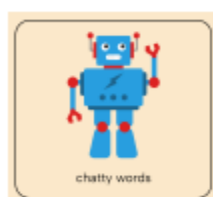
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Parent Portal

Chatty Nouns – The first 180 nouns



chatty words



Teach

- Select Chatty Words
- Select Teach



Early Words 1



Early Words 2



Early Words 1 is the first 90 nouns and Early Words 2 covers the same categories with more challenging words.

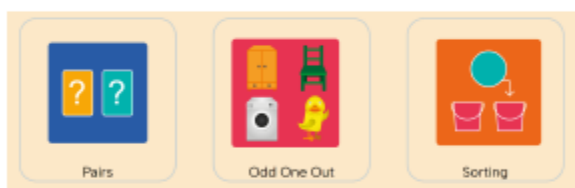
- Select Early Words 1 or Early Words 2
- Select a category to work on from the 9 displayed



The main teaching page gives you all your 'teaching' tools.

- First select Word Cards and use the spinner tool to talk about each of the nouns.

Modelling is key here - give your child as much information as possible until they develop the confidence to contribute.

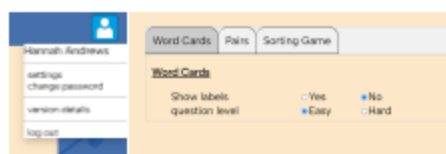


Games will help your child to remember the words that they have learned.

- Choose from the games at the bottom of the teaching page.



In **Word Map**, you can see all the words in that category and level. If there is one in particular that your child is struggling with, fill in all the information with your child and print the screen so you can look at it regularly together - or put it on the fridge!



When you click the person icon you can access **settings** so that you can change the level of challenge for the Word Cards and games. You can also select to see the labels for the words.

Enjoy using Chatty Nouns!



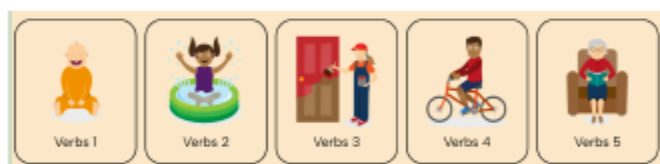
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Chatty Verbs - The first 50 Verbs



- Select Chatty Verbs
- Select Teach



The verbs are organised in 5 groups. There are 10 words in each group.

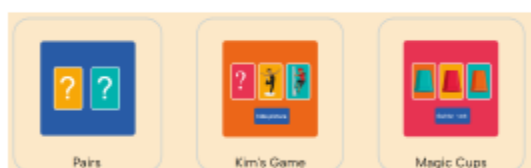
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