

**INSET DAYS REMAINING: 15/04/23 and 24/06/24**

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to see so many of you on the playground over the past few weeks and to welcome pupils back to school for Term 3.

Teachers and teaching assistants spent time together on Tuesday 2nd January for our INSET day. We developed three step routines for being ready to learn, ensuring that there is clarity and consistency in our instructions when asking pupils to listen, talk or engage in practice. We also spent time looking at pedagogy around retrieval, ensuring that there are regular opportunities to pause and remember knowledge that has come before, so that we don't forget.

When we are **Ready to Listen**, we are:

Safe: in our own space, with our hands to ourself

Respectful: with our voices off

Ready: with magnet eyes (focused on the speaker)



Ask your child about these routines—we've been practicing in assembly and in class.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs Engley, Miss Harris and Team Bowsland

12th January 2024



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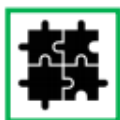
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## Important Messages

Reception Sept 2024	School Lunches	Cold Weather
<p><b>Do you know anyone due to start school in September 2024?</b></p> <p>Remember the final date for applications is <u>Monday 15th January</u>. We have lots of interest, so if you've a sibling wanting to start with us, make sure you've registered!</p>	<p>Please remember <b>school lunches should be booked online before 8.30am</b>. Lunches booked in school, will be either a jacket potato or a baguette as cooking starts before this time.</p>	<p>There is a current cold weather warning in the local area. <b>All pupils must wear a coat at playtime or lunchtime</b>. Please ensure every child brings a coat to school. Hats/gloves and scarfs recommended!</p>
Rags2Riches	Class Assemblies	
<p>Funding raising event collecting old clothes and fabric</p> <p><b>Collection: Friday 26th Jan</b> Use bag sent home this week</p>	<p>Join your child and their class in sharing their learning:</p> <p><b>ELM Class Assembly</b> <b>2.30pm Thursday 25th January</b> <b>WILLOW Class Assembly</b> <b>2.30pm Thursday 1st February</b></p>	

# CURRICULUM AND LEARNING INFORMATION



COHERANCE



CRITICAL THINKING  
With COMPASSION



CREATIVITY



COMMUNICATION



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Update from Alice Tomlinson and Freddy Clemo, Key Stage Leaders

The lower school have had a great start to 2024 with all the children coming back safe, respectful and ready to learn! Since the start of the term each class has been busy searching for different things to support with their learning. Oak class have been busy looking for an evil pea who has escaped from the kitchen. Year 1 have been hunting around the school for different 3D shapes. Year 2 have been on a dragon egg hunt to find their new text for the term 'George the Dragon'. Watch this space for more updates on our learning fun!



The Upper school have also been hard at work. Lower Key Stage Two have been exploring the UK and developing their knowledge of it's regions, counties and cities. Year 5 are delving further into the past, exploring the influence that the Anglo Saxons have had on our nation and Year 6 are looking at World War 2 at an international level, building on their knowledge from LKS2 – How did the war start and how did the UK become involved?



Update from Mrs Colman,  
Mrs J Burden and Mrs Dickson,  
Reading and Writing Leaders

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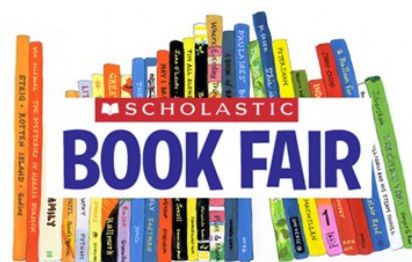
## Leaf Literature Festival

We are excited to announce the first ever Leaf Literature Festival, which will be taking place between **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. This will be an opportunity for schools across the trust to come together to celebrate their love of reading. Further information has been sent home already regarding a bookmark competition for all children to take part in.

More information about more events coming soon!

## Date for your diary – Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to Bowsland Green during the Leaf Literature Festival, in the week beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Start saving your pennies now!

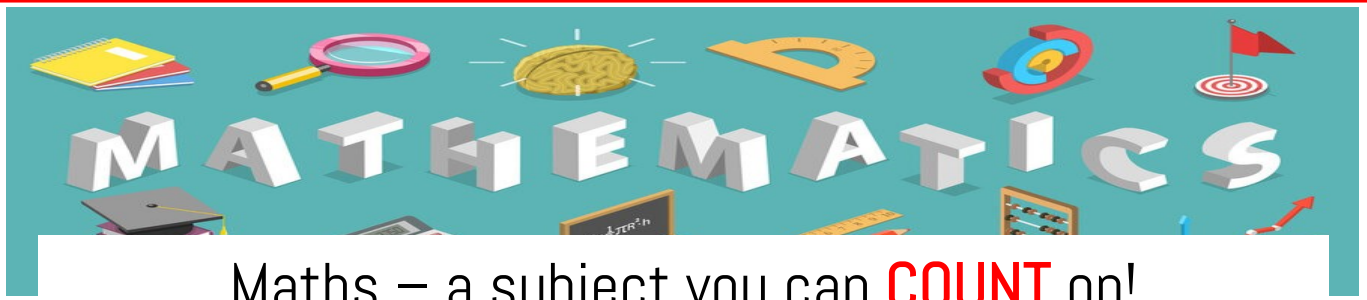


## Struggling to find books you love?

We know that when you find a series or author you love, it can be hard to break away and try something new. At Bowsland, we really want to encourage children to read widely and try out new authors because there are so many amazing stories out there to enjoy. If this sounds like your child, why not try looking at this website, which gives fantastic suggestions of books for children who are stuck on one

author: <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/bookmatch>





Maths – a subject you can **COUNT** on!

Update from Mrs Nunn , Maths Leader and Alice Tomlinson, Lower School Maths Lead

Fluency and number sense underpin everything we do as mathematicians.

## Is your child accessing TTRS or Numbots?

### Year 1 – Numbots

NumBots is an online maths learning platform that helps children learn how to add and subtract, improving their fluency and recall in basic mental maths, and equipping them with maths confidence. There are two different modes, story mode and challenge mode. Children need to complete story mode to unlock different challenge levels. Each child in Year 1 had a login to access the program. If your child cannot find their login please contact Miss Tomlinson.



### Year 2 – Year 6 – Times Table Rockstars

Within Times Tables Rockstars there are a number of different modes to support your child's learning. The level can be set to support your child's level of learning.

**Jamming Mode:** On 'Jamming Mode', this allows your child to play without a timer. They can choose the times table they would like to focus on and whether there are both multiplication and division facts. They can answer 10, 20 or 30 questions in this mode.



**Gig Mode:** Gig games can be completed once a month. This game will last 5 minutes and contain up to 100 questions. This mode starts with the 10 times table and will move through the times tables.

**Garage Mode:** When playing on Garage Mode, your child will be given a set of questions with the corresponding division facts. The questions in this mode are adjusted to suit the current level of your child. This game will be the most effective in improving instant recall.

**Studio Mode:** In this mode, your child will be able to earn their Rock Status based on their studio speed. The faster they are at recalling the times table facts, the better their status. The studio speed is calculated using the speed from the 10 most recent studio games.

