



# Robert Ferguson Primary School

## World Book Day

World Book Day is Thursday 5th March. Once again we will be inviting children to dress up as one of their favourite characters from a book. In addition, we are organising a number of activities and events as part of a Festival of Books Week to begin on 2nd March. Among other things, each class will be studying a chosen author.



## Research Project

Our research project with University of Cumbria goes up a gear after half-term, with a particular focus on how we

develop independent learning skills. We will write with further details about this after the half-term break.

## New Resources

We have been updating our teaching resource for maths this term. Also, we have some new tablet computers which will be in use after half term. For those of you who have such devices at home, I particularly recommend the "Squeebles". These are great activities for practising times tables and spellings among other things. My 10 year old daughter has been road-testing the apps for me and has been particularly delighted with her 100% scores in recent spelling tests!



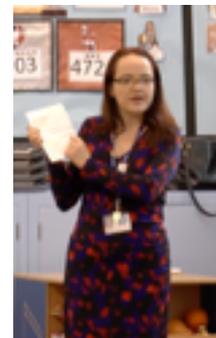
## Garden Design Project

School council have been working with a landscape architect and consulting with pupils throughout school to design a complete re-landscaping of our school garden. Ideas include a pergola, seating, planting, vegetable growing and lots more.



## Children's University

It's not too late for your child to get involved with the Children's University. See the separate letter for more information. It's a fantastic scheme to give children credit for all the learning and activities they do outside of school. You can collect a form from the school office, or call in for a chat with Mrs Cannon, our Children's University coordinator, or catch a word with Emma Elwick, one of our school governors who promotes Children's University across the county as part of her work.



## Cross Country Running



Congratulations to our super runners who were very successful in the inter-school cross country running competition on Wednesday 11th February. Each race had over 100 runners. Cole Marsland came 4th in his race and Molly Rodda came 11th in hers. The boys team came 4th out of all the schools. "As impressive as the running was, the sportsmanship and attitude to participation were second to none," said Mr Pearson who has been training the children this term.

## Health Issues

Children can be particularly susceptible to catching threadworm, particularly if they regularly come into contact with cats or dogs. We talk to the children frequently about good hand hygiene. Please reinforce this message at home by encouraging your children to wash their hands whenever appropriate, especially before eating, and to brush under their finger nails, too.

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