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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back from the half term holidays!

WORLD BOOK DAY - 7th MARCH

World Book Week is next week, with a national celebration in nearly all schools on Thursday 7th March. **We would like to encourage you all to come into nursery school during the week** (from Monday 4th until Friday 8th March) **and read with small groups of children.** We will arrange as many story-telling slots as we can. If you are working, we will be happy to arrange a time just before pick-up time, or during tea-time or crèche. We want the children to hear as many different stories as possible so if you have a favourite story from recent times or from your childhood, in English or in your home language, please bring it with you. We would like grandparents, older siblings, aunties, uncles and friends to be part of our **BIG READ WEEK**- so please invite them along! We have lots of stories here so please do not hesitate to ask!

Please speak to your keyworker who will find a convenient slot on our Reader Rota- Thank you!

We will also have a **dress-up day** on **Thursday 7th March** to maximise our reading adventure!

Reading is BRILLIANT!

- Reading improves concentration.
- Reading teaches children about the world around them.
- Reading improves vocabulary and language skills.
- Reading develops a child's imagination.
- Reading helps children to develop empathy.
- Reading is a fun!

We are very lucky to have been chosen to benefit from the charity **Pets as Therapy**. Luna is a gorgeous little dog who will be visiting us on Friday mornings. There is a wealth of evidence which shows that children who are helped to feel relaxed through the company of safe and well-trained animals, develop their communication, social and literacy skills at an increased rate. Luna is really well-behaved, she loves a little brush or stroke and she is masses of fun too!

The children will take turns over the weeks ahead to meet her and find out more about her with her owner, Andy.

If your child has a medical allergy to dogs, please notify Perina or Jan.

**With very best wishes
Perina and the Thomas Coram Team**

Term and Holiday Dates

Spring term 2019 Monday 7 January to Friday 5 April 2019

Easter holiday: Monday 8 April to Tuesday 23 April 2019 (closed for term-time only children)

Centre closed for all families Monday 15th April- Tuesday 23rd April 2019.

Summer term 2019 Wednesday 24 April to Tuesday 23 July 2019

INSET (school closed) - Tuesday 23rd April

We are open on Wednesday 24th April 2019.

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May 2019 (school closed)

Half-term holiday: Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019 (including Spring Bank Holiday, 27 May)

INSET (school closed)-Monday 3rd June

Public Holidays, Spring and Summer 2019 (school closed)

Good Friday - Friday 19 April

Easter Monday - Monday 22 April

May Day - Monday 6 May

Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 27 May

August Bank Holiday - Monday 26 August