

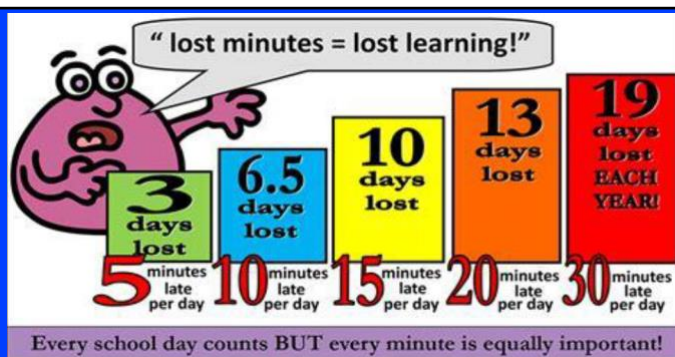


Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



Being on time for school is really important!



Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have all had a good week.

I would like to welcome Miss Cross to Colmers Farm Primary School. Miss Cross is a very experienced SENCO and she will be taking on Mrs Evans role. If you would like to meet her, she will be on the junior playground most mornings. Alternatively, you may contact Miss Cross via senco@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org. I am sure that you will all make her feel welcome at our school.



Keep the topic homework coming into school. Below are some more wonderful pieces of work which have been produced. Thank you to Demi-Lee (4J), Zakariya (3T) and Kaiden (3H) for their efforts in creating these great examples.



Antarctica diorama
(Extreme Earth)



A Nile Crocodile (Ancient Egypt Topic)



A mummy and their sarcophagus (Ancient Egypt topic)

On Tuesday I was informed of a 'near miss' in the Morrisons' Car Park, where a young child was nearly hit by a car reversing. Please keep your children close by when you enter or leave school via this entrance and please be mindful of the potential dangers there.

DIARY DATES

08/02/22
Safer Internet Day

14/02/22
Big Arts Week

18/02/22
Final Day before half term

28/02/21
Staff Training Day

01/03/22
Children return to school

Do you have a safeguarding concern about a child?

Contact:
safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

Alternatively contact
Birmingham City Council
Children's Trust on 0121 303 1888

Emergency out-of-hours
number: 0121 675 4806

What's new on our website this week?



Year group newsletters (our learning/Year x)
Updated school dinner menu (school meals)

www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

The first week of our trial of letting children come into school in their PE kits on their PE days has gone well. Please can I remind you though, that

- only red t-shirts and polo shirts should be worn (as per the school's uniform policy);
- School jumpers/cardigans should be worn over the top during colder months, such as now.

Whole school attendance since returning this term has been very low- 87.8%, well below our 96% target. 83 children have also arrived late to school at least once. Please ensure your child/ren is in school, on time, whenever they can be.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.
Mr Williams Headteacher

**Please follow us
on Twitter!**

Our Twitter feed is where
we celebrate the
wonderful learning we see
from our pupils everyday!

@Colmers_FarmPS



Happy Birthday Messages

For next week, we would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Shajeena S 5T Age 10

Tyler M 5T Age 10

Hao Lin C 4J Age 9

Iyanna M 4G Age 9

Louise W 4G Age 9

Hayden B 1W Age 6

Rio W-L 3H Age 8

Owen D 1W Age 6

Aisha A 1K Age 6

Josh D 1K Age 6

Ryan R RF Age 5

Valentina K 2B Age 7

Chris C 2B Age 7



e-safety – Keeping your children safe online.

Does your child know these rules?

S

**Stay
Safe**

Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.



M

**Don't
Meet Up**

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.



A

**Accepting
Files**

Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.



R

Reliable?

Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?



T

**Tell
Someone**

Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.



Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

Pupil e-safety challenge



You receive an email telling you that you have won a brand-new iPhone 13 Pro! You are really excited, but you do not remember entering a competition. What should you do?

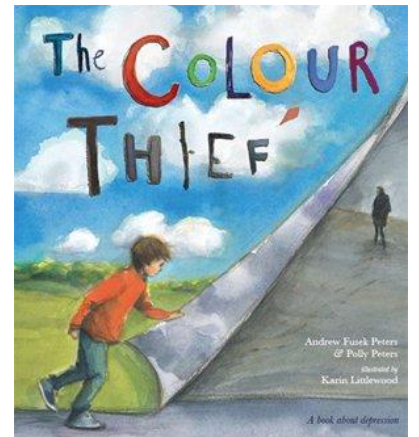
- Click the link. I have won and I want my new iPhone.
- Delete the email.

This week's answer = B. The competition is unfortunately not real. If you click the link, they will usually ask you for a small postage payment using a credit card. Once they have your parent's credit card details, they will steal your parent's money.

READ, READ, READ!

Reading is a key skill which is so important to any child's development at any age. Please try to listen to your child read at least once a day (for 10-15 mins ideally). It's also great for children to listen to you reading aloud as well.

As you know, our children in Years 1-6 have access to thousands of books online via myON. If you need help accessing this, please contact your child's class teacher

**Accelerated Reader****Champions League Table**

	Class Name	Number of words read this week	Movement from last week
1 st	4J	191446	↑
2 nd	6D	173256	↔
3 rd	5T	128106	↑
4 th	5A	48016	↑
5 th	4G	46928	↔
6 th	6B	46876	↓
7 th	3T	25853	↑
8 th	3H	8369	↓

**Well Done 6D**

64% of the class completed an Accelerated Reader test over the holidays. This was the highest percentage in our school.

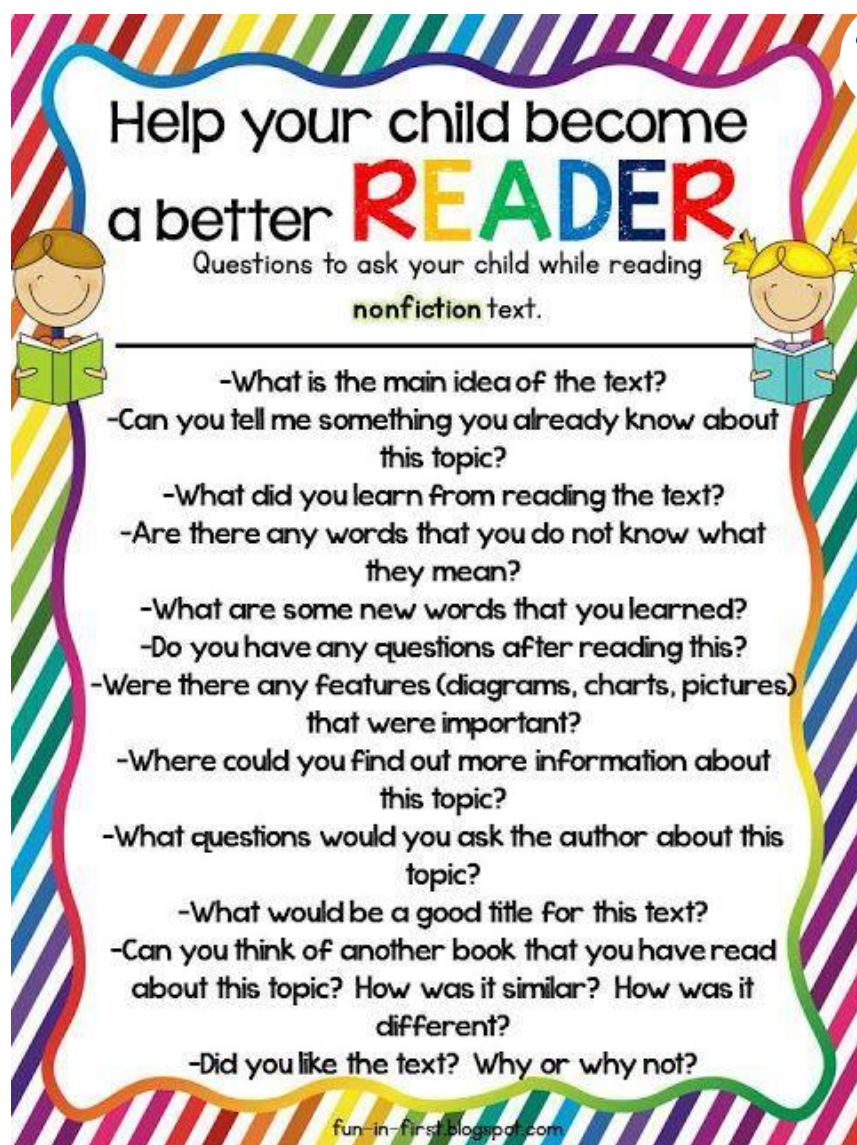
Well done to 4J!

Our school record holders are

Daniel G (4J) – 106821 words in one week (03/01/22)

6B – 977007 words in one week (01/10/21)



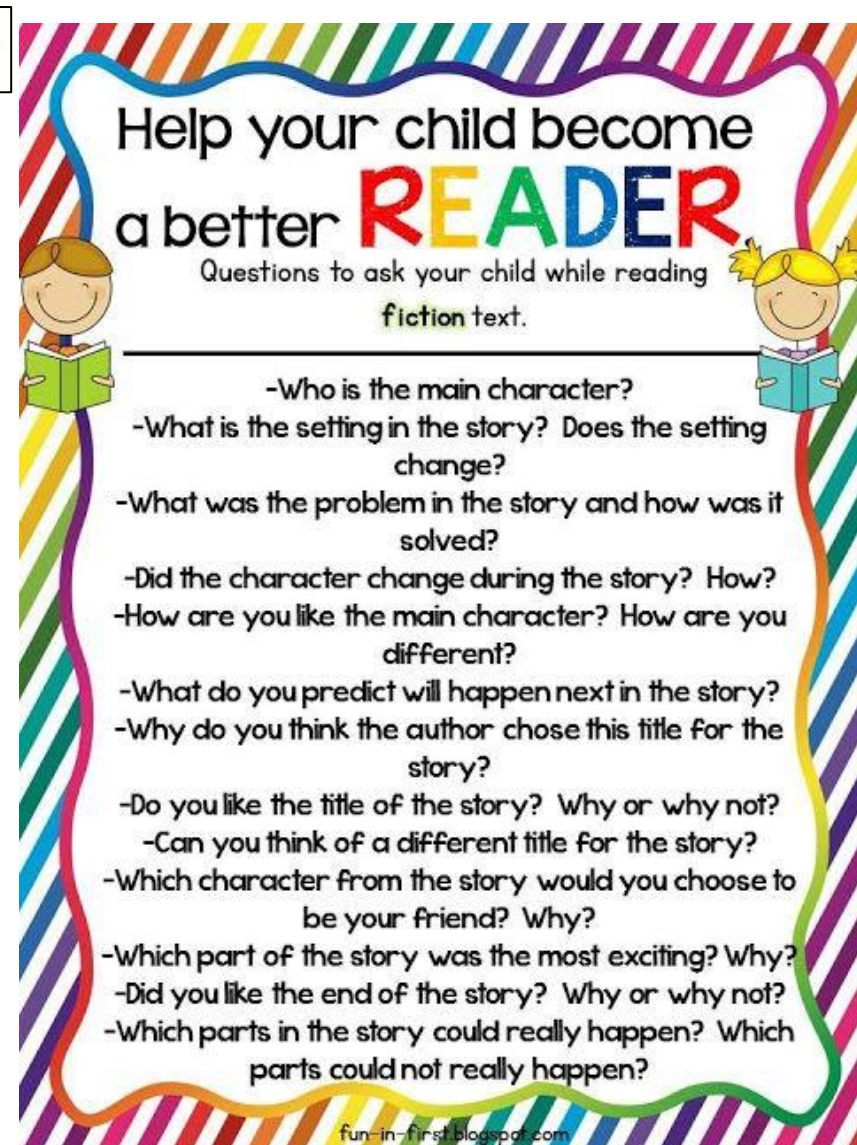


Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading nonfiction text.

- What is the main idea of the text?
- Can you tell me something you already know about this topic?
- What did you learn from reading the text?
- Are there any words that you do not know what they mean?
- What are some new words that you learned?
- Do you have any questions after reading this?
- Were there any features (diagrams, charts, pictures) that were important?
- Where could you find out more information about this topic?
- What questions would you ask the author about this topic?
- What would be a good title for this text?
- Can you think of another book that you have read about this topic? How was it similar? How was it different?
- Did you like the text? Why or why not?

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Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading fiction text.

- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in the story?
- Why do you think the author chose this title for the story?
- Do you like the title of the story? Why or why not?
- Can you think of a different title for the story?
- Which character from the story would you choose to be your friend? Why?
- Which part of the story was the most exciting? Why?
- Did you like the end of the story? Why or why not?
- Which parts in the story could really happen? Which parts could not really happen?

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Questions to ask your child when reading to them

Mathletics

To improve children's fluency with their maths skills, every child from Year 2 to Year 6 has a personalised internet account to 'Mathletics'.

Children are set weekly homework by their teacher on Mathletics. After completing homework, children are able access a wealth of other fun, engaging activities including 'Live Mathletics' where they can compete with other children from around the world.

To access Mathletics, visit the useful links section at the top of the Colmers Farm Website.

If your child has lost their username or password, please speak to your child's class teacher. They will be happy to help.

Using this program regularly will really help to develop your child's confidence and skills within maths.

Well Done to our top three Mathletes last week:

1st Kamran F. (6D) 3590 points

2nd Ryan G. (4G) 2000 points

3rd Hao Xuan C. (6B) 1800 points

	Class Name	Number of points last week
1 st	6B	7760
2 nd	3T	6920
3 rd	4G	6830
4 th	6D	4140
5 th	4J	4120
6 th	2H	4080
7 th	2B	1410
8 th	3H	1320
9 th	5A	1100
10 th	5T	800

Our school record holders

Ryan G. (4G) 10110 points in one week (05/12/21)

Class 6B – 32310 points in one week (14/11/21)

ATTENDANCE



RC



4G

This week's best attendance prize winners! Well done!

Colmers Farm League Table to date.
How is your class doing?

Pos	Class	Games played	Points
1	2B	13	34
2	1K	13	30
3	3T	13	27
4	6B	13	24
=	4G	13	24
6	3H	13	23
7	4J	13	21
=	1W	13	21
9	1F	13	20
10	RF	13	18
=	2H	13	18
12	RC	13	16
13	6D	13	13
14	5A	13	12
15	5T	13	6

This week's winners:

5T	vs	2B
RC	vs	4J
3T	vs	3H
1W	vs	2H
RF	vs	5A
1K	vs	4G
1F	vs	6B
6D	AUTOMATIC 3 POINTS	

8 families (totalling 13 children) have had their SARM letters this week. This is the first step in the legal process school must follow when children's attendance is too low. Children need to be at school, on time, everyday.

Spelling Shed



**Well done to our top
3 Spellers this week:**

1st Harvey G. (6B)

47,973,988

2nd Lucy W. (6B)

40,647,890

3rd Ryan G. (4G)

35,369,592

	Class name	Score
1st	6B	219,524,934
2nd	6D	45,711,384
3rd	4G	38,322,500
4th	3T	16,660,542
5th	4J	3,376,110
6th	3H	2,666,802
7th	2H	1,258,476
8th	5T	1,135,000
9th	1K	291,048
10th	1F	130,666
11th	2B	101,476
12th	1W	92,576
13th	5A	0

Spelling Shed

To improve children's work within their reading and writing, every child from Year 1 to Year 6 has a personalised internet account to 'Spelling Shed'. This is free to access online.

Children are set weekly homework by their teacher on Spelling Shed. After completing homework, children are able access a wealth of other fun, engaging activities including 'Challenges' where they can compete with other children in the school.

To access Spelling Shed, visit the useful links section at the top of the Colmers Farm Website. If your child has lost their username or password, please speak to your child's class teacher. They will be happy to help.

Using this program regularly will really help to develop your child's confidence and skills within reading and writing.

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

Congratulations to all of our hot chocolate winners this week. They are:

Richard (RF)
Manisha (2B)
Millie (3H)
Ruwan (4G)
Omari (5A)
Loren (6B)



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Sophia L (RC)
Richard R (RF)
Hayden B (1W)
Mason C (1K)
Kayden M (1F)

Cairo-Benjamin B (2H)
Noah P (2B)
Michael W (3T)
Izzy W (3H)
Lola S (4G)

Omnya I (4J)
Chad F (5A)
Poppie O (5T)
Kane C (6B)
Kaid R (6D)



You have all demonstrated the key quality of reilience this week.

This week's house point results

595

Farah

618

Thompson

628



Daley

557

Ennis-Hill

School Uniform

At Colmers Farm Primary School, we place a high priority on all of our children wearing the correct school uniform. Please note that our children are not allowed to wear trainers in school, unless this is short term with prior agreement.

For details on our school uniform requirements, please see the uniform section on our school website.

Thank you for your support with this.

Help with School Uniform

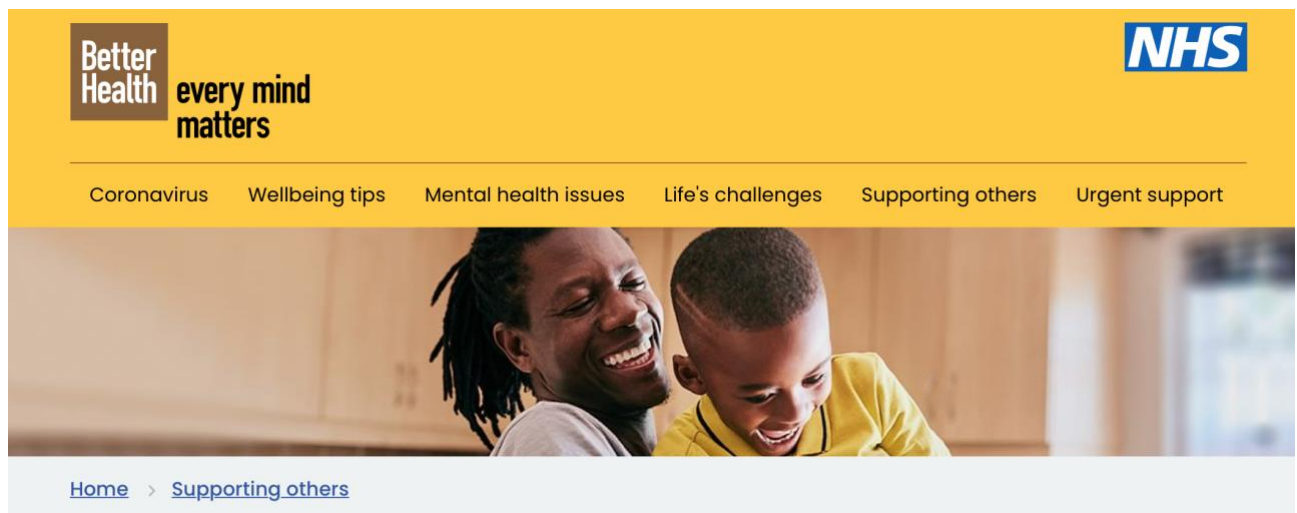


Rubery Community Swop Shop is a fabulous organisation which helps families by providing pre-loved school uniform, PE kit and footwear to them FOR FREE. Please visit www.ruberyswopshop.co.uk or ruberyswopshop@outlook.com for more information.

Pupil Mental Health and Well-Being Tips

We all know that children's mental health is really important. Please visit this NHS website (by clicking the link below) for some great tips and advice about how you can support your children with this.

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>



Looking after a child or young person's mental health

There are times when we all feel the strain. As parents and carers, there are ways we can support children and young people to give them the best chance to stay mentally healthy.



What should I do if I have any concerns about my child's mental health?

Please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of our school's pastoral team (Miss Kelly, Mrs Talyor, Miss Evans or Miss Storer)



Out of School Club Provision

for children from Rubery Nursery
School and Colmers Primary School*

*up to the age of 8 years old



Rubery
nursery school



Breakfast Club is open from **7.30am - 9.am**
and After School **3.00pm - 5.30pm**

Our Out of School Club offers children from 2 – 8 years old a safe and friendly environment with qualified and experienced members from our staff team. Children can choose from a range of activities relevant to their age and ability.

We offer snack to the children during the session. They can choose between cereal or toast for breakfast if they arrive before 8.30am and will receive a biscuit and a drink before 4.15pm. A light tea is offered for children staying after 4.15pm. For more information, please request a prospectus or phone us on the number below.

For more information and prices please contact our Reception on
0121 464 2158 or visit us at:

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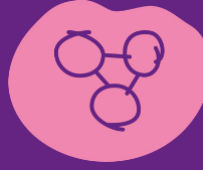
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& Disabilities



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Housing



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Health



Mental
Health



Play



Birmingham Children's Partnership



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EarlyHelpEdgbaston@gatewayfs.org
0121 456 7821

Erdington

ErdingtonFamilies@compass-support.org.uk
0121 748 8199

Hall Green

Hallgreen.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk
07570 953519 (9:30am to 4:30pm)

Hodge Hill

EarlyHelp-Hodgehill@family-action.org.uk
07976 199894

Ladywood

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07764 977636

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