

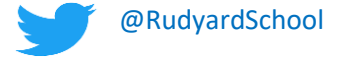


# Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

*"Where learning is an adventure!"*

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## Headteacher Reports...

It has been a busy and fun week's learning across the school: many adults have been learning too!

Yesterday, we welcomed over 50 teachers from 15 different schools to RKPS to receive training in the Power of Reading approach, for which we are proudly an Associate School. We have a well-embedded culture of reading in our school which has been created through teaching children to love books as soon they enter our Nursery combined with high quality teaching. We are always delighted to share our techniques with other schools to benefit all our city's children.

On Monday, Mrs Brewer's new after school choir club enjoyed their first rehearsal for the Brighton Schools' Carol Concert. It felt strange (but wonderful!) hearing Christmas carols in September: such is life in a primary school!

Our free clubs offer is ever growing and Monday saw the start of Mrs Newbold's free Scrapbook Art Club: the children produced some lovely artwork. Our most over subscribed after school free club continues to be Miss Kirby and Mr Stanley's legendary Lego club with the children's imaginations creating fantastical structures of all shapes and sizes!

We are passionate about providing our children with as many free enrichment opportunities as possible. Next week, Year 6 will be starting their work with professional Chef John McManus for the first session of their food topic. This will culminate in a trip to Plumpton Farm where they will be sourcing their own vegetables with which to prepare a delicious meal.

Speaking of delicious food, this coming Monday our friends from our local churches will be leading a Harvest Assembly. We will be using this special time of year to collect food items for the Woodingdean Food Hub who provide such a brilliant service to the whole community. Thank you in advance for sending your child into school on Monday with a food item which can make its way to the Food Hub to be enjoyed by others.

Have a wonderful, sunny weekend

*Euan Hanington*

Euan Hanington  
Headteacher



Ms Smith and Hugo  
reading stories to  
Reception





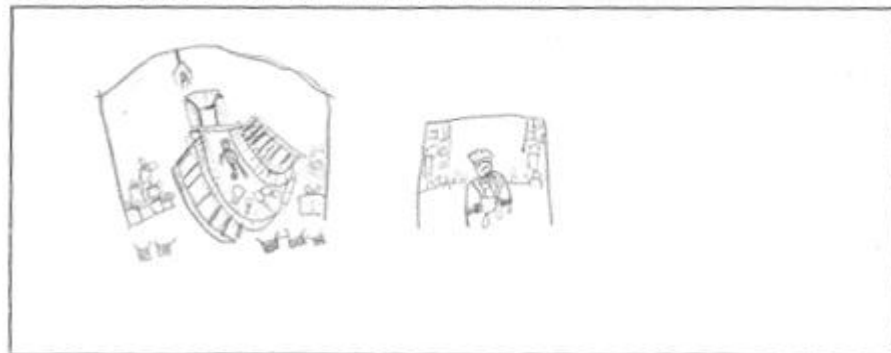
This week in Year 4, we have been learning about the naming ceremonies of Sikh children called the 'Naam Karan'. Relatives and friends gather for this special occasion. During the ceremony, the reader of the Guru Granth Sahib opens the holy book at a random page and reads the hymn on that page. The first letter of the first word of the hymn will be the first letter of the child's name. All Sikh names can be used for boys or girls. If the baby is a boy, the word 'Singh' (which means lion) will be added after the first name. If the baby is a girl, the word 'Kaur' (which means princess). Dempsey worked hard to complete the missing words and draw some beautiful pictures to show what happened at the ceremony.

### Naam Karan - The Sikh Naming Ceremony

Sikh babies are not given a name until they have a special ceremony called Naam Karan. When the mother and baby are able to travel they go to the gurdwara with their friends and family. The baby is placed in a cot decorated with flowers and ribbons. Everyone sings songs and says prayers to wish the baby a happy and healthy life. The person leading the ceremony opens the Guru Granth Sahib (the Sikh holy book) at a random page and reads the hymn on that page. The first letter of the first word of the hymn will be the first letter of the baby's name. All Sikh names can be used for both boys and girls but boys put the word 'Singh' (meaning lion) after their first name and girls add 'Kaur' (meaning princess) to their first name.

<del>ribbons</del>	<del>ceremony</del>	<del>lion</del>	<del>life</del>
<del>book</del>	<del>girls</del>	<del>princess</del>	<del>mother</del>
<del>Naam Karan</del>	<del>gurdwara</del>	<del>prayers</del>	<del>hymn</del>

Draw a picture of the Naam Karan ceremony:



### Year 6 – Secondary School Applications

The closing date for applications to transfer to secondary school in September 2024 is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**. We recommend parents apply online as this means they will receive an automatic confirmation of their application.

### Time for Coats

Please can parents and carers ensure that children arrive at school wearing a coat. The weather is now turning and we like our children to be able to continue to go out at playtimes with a coat on! Thank you.



### Uniform Reminder

Please ensure your child's skirt, shorts are at least knee length. Thank you for your support with this.

## Head Teacher Awards!

**Jude in Kahlo** – Super science learning!

**Asiyah in Kahlo** – Sensational science work!

**Albie in Obama** – Super gymnastics in PE!

**Robin in Obama** – A wonderfully creative 'perfect pet'!

**Jack in Obama** – Super writing from a character's perspective in English.

**Tiffany in Attenborough** – Brilliant partitioning maths learning: you are a clever clogs!

**Parks** for working together on creating an excellent and inclusive flag in PSHE to represent all the children in their table team.

**Matheus in Gandhi** – For being a maths magician!

**Jacob in Pankhurst** – Superb multiplication work.

**Sofie in Darwin** – Using rich vocabulary in her writing stylish handwriting.

**Oliver in Darwin** – A quality piece of writing full of advanced vocabulary.

**Ellis in Seacole** - Fantastic artwork using pencil.

**Sienna in Secole** - A first class diary entry, full of feeling and emotion.

**Ona in Seacole** – A super diary entry full of voice. Emotions and feelings come through this quality piece.

**Scarlett in Yousafzai** – Excellent maths learning.

**Jazzmine in Yousafzai** – Exceptional maths learning.

**Bailey in Yousafzai** - Being a supportive and kind mentor to a Year 1 child.



## Stars of the Week

### After School Club

**KS1 – Harlow in Thunberg** for settling in so well.

**KS2 – Jessica in Seacole** for being a good role model to new starters.



**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**



### Wear it Green/ White for Macmillan Day

The School is supporting Wear it Green/ White for Macmillan Day on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**.

Your child may come to school wearing white/green accessories - socks, hair decorations etc.

### Full uniform must be worn!

A donation of one pound or more would be gratefully received. Either by sending cash to school with your child or scanning the Schools Donation code.

Thank you for your support for a great cause.



Scan me to  
donate





## Special Mentions



**Kaho – Neal** - This week's special mention goes to someone who has been terrific every day. They are always ready to learn and the first to be in perfect posture. This readiness is allowing Neal to do his best learning and set an example to everyone in the class. Neal is a delight to have in Kahlo, well done!

**Obama – Wow, Hermione!** What a fantastic start you have had to Year 1. You have shown super resilience, never giving up and always trying your best! Miss Stokes has been very impressed with your 'can do' attitude to learning! Learning aside, you are an incredibly kind, creative and happy member of Team Obama and we love having you as part of our class family! Keep up the hard work superstar!

**Attenborough – Ayham** – what a great start you have made in Year 2! You embrace all the 5Rs but I am particularly impressed with how reflective you are, remembering to be ready and resilient with your learning. Thank you, also, for remembering to keep the classroom tidy – you are an excellent role model and an asset to Attenborough class!



**Parks – Eva** is the gift that keeps on giving! In Parks Class, we are incredibly lucky to have Eva as one of our friends. She is kind, helpful and the most wonderful learner. This week Eva has particularly shown us just how reflective she is- looking for those oranges and acting on them to improve her learning. She is also an excellent talk partner who can help her friends be reflective with their own work. Every class needs an Eva. Eva, keep shining like the star you are!



**Gandhi – Archie** is an example to others that practice makes perfect. He has been working tirelessly on ensuring he is always listening and following instructions. There are few in Gandhi class who are remembering what to do and how to do it as well as Arch the ace. Great job – keep it up buddy!

**Mandela – Jayson** - Every day this young man turns up for school with a smile on his face, encompasses the value of the school and most importantly shows his resourcefulness in alien situations which allow him to grow. Jayson, you thoroughly deserve this award for your hard working, positive attitude and supporting those who need it the most. Your work in science this week, classifying invertebrates, was outstanding and your arsenal of ideas doesn't go unnoticed! Keep it up!



**Darwin – Beau** has been working incredibly hard in Year 5 to challenge herself in every lesson. When starting a task, Beau makes sure to have everything prepared before she sets off independently. Miss Smith is immensely proud about her attitude when she feels stuck; especially in maths. Often, she asks for support and will soon come to the right conclusion. She also ensures to respond to any feedback and gives every correction another go! The resilience she has been showing is shining through all her work! Well done!

**Seacole - Gracie** has taken to Year 5 like a duck to water! She has been so keen to challenge herself, particularly in Maths, which is fantastic. Gracie is line leader and is an absolute role model for how we should all walk through the school, showing how responsible and sensible she is. It is an absolute joy to have Gracie in Seacole.

**Yousafzai – William** has shown superb resilience in all subjects – he will use the classroom to support him and will always give a challenge a go and never say – 'I don't know'. I am super proud – keep it up!



## Rudyard Reading Recommendations

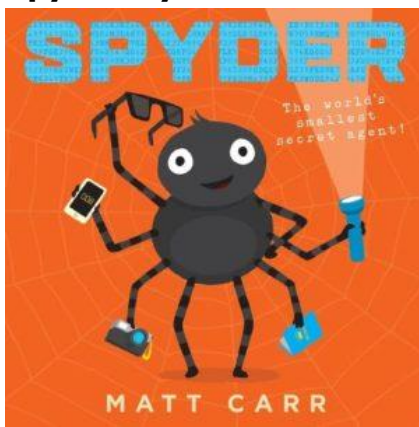
Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

### Reading Research Alert:

*Children who read (or who are read to) at least 20 minutes a day are exposed to almost 2 million words per year.*



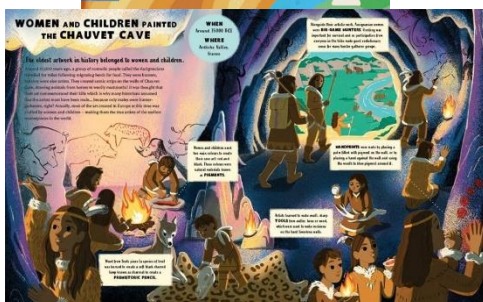
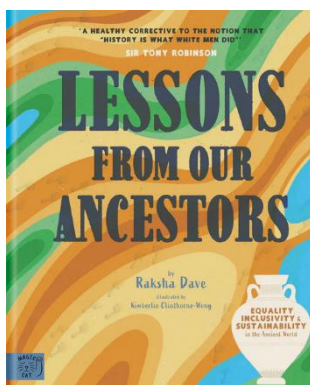
### Spyder by Matt Carr



Created in Matt Carr's signature comic-book style with a palette of bold primary colours, this entertaining story follows Spyder, a secret agent arachnid whose codename is 008. Spyder is sent on a highly important mission to save one boy's birthday cake from the destructive intentions of an uninvited Bluebottle.

The text is full of puns but the humour is perfectly pitched for adults and children alike. It was wonderful to see that the secret agent was female (because why wouldn't she be?). There are oodles of extra details to spot, such as the various images on the screen of the agent's spy gadget and the spider webpage at the end of the book.

### Lessons From Our Ancestors: Equality, Inclusivity and Sustainability in the Ancient World by Raksha Dave and illustrated by Kimberlie Clinthorne-Wong



Rediscover the Ancient World as you've never seen it before and meet...

- The women and children who painted the world's oldest-known cave art
- The black pharaohs, forgotten from Ancient Egypt's history
- The Indus civilisation who built a sustainable city
- The female warriors who led battles in Ancient China
- The peaceful Viking traders
- The African engineers behind the greatest city in the medieval world

Join archaeologist and broadcaster Raksha Dave on an unforgettable journey back through time as she casts a spotlight on forgotten histories and misrepresented stories.

## Maths Challenges from Mr Jones

The RKPS Maths challenges are back! For the last 2 weeks children around school have been asking when these challenges are going to return so let's not hold back any longer! Here are a couple of challenges to get you going. If you can't print the challenges at home, feel free to grab one from outside the office.

Cheers, Mr Jones

### KS1

Start at the bottom left square. You can move up, down, left and right, until you reach the finish. Add the numbers as you go. The question is, can you make exactly 53?

	4	9	7	7	4	⇒ Finish
	8	9	4	5	7	
	6	6	4	9	9	
	7	8	8	8	6	
Start ⇒	5	5	6	5	5	

### KS2

#### Roly poly

The dots on opposite faces of a dice add up to 7.

1. Imagine rolling one dice.

The score is the total number of dots you can see.

You score 17.

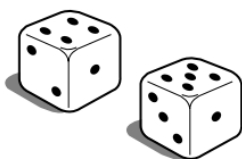
Which number is face down?

How did you work out your answer?



2. Imagine rolling two dice.

The dice do not touch each other.



The score is the total number of dots you can see.

Which numbers are face down to score 30?

**RUDYARD KIPLING PRIMARY SCHOOL  
KS2 FOOTBALL CLUB**





**MONDAYS**



**3:15PM-4:30PM**

**RUDYARD KIPLING  
Primary School & Nursery,  
Woodingdean**

TO BOOK YOUR SLOT CONTACT THE TEAM  
[WWW.SOCCERFIX.CO.UK](http://WWW.SOCCERFIX.CO.UK)    [INFO.SOCCERFIX@GMAIL.COM](mailto:INFO.SOCCERFIX@GMAIL.COM)  
 ALL COACHES ARE QUALIFIED AND DBS CHECKED





**ZUMBA**

**LET IT  
MOVE YOU™**



**Zumba with Emily**  
 Tuesdays  
 6.45pm - 7.30pm  
 Rudyard Kipling Primary School, Woodingdean, BN2 6RH  
 First class FREE! £8 per class or £30 for a six week pass  
 Please contact Emily on 07527351557 or emilylouise07@hotmail.co.uk

**WOODINGDEAN  
FOOD HUB**

**Fridays  
10.00 - 12.00**



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## Woodingdean Youth Centre Warren Road

For more details please  
email:

[woodingdeanfoodhub@gmail.com](mailto:woodingdeanfoodhub@gmail.com)

Text or call: 07454 223891 or 07464 223901

Register on your  
first visit for £1

Pay £3.50 each  
visit

Pay with cash or  
by card

*Come each week or only as  
often as you want to*

Please let us know if payment or collection is an issue - we can be flexible.

## Woodingdean Youth Centre Warren Road

Sometimes, people in Woodingdean go hungry, or struggle to make their money stretch far enough for all sorts of reasons.

*That's why Woodingdean Food Hub exists.*

We welcome donations of in date food at any time in the basket outside Holy Cross Church door or you might like to

### **PAY IT FORWARD**

*What does that mean?*

We ask for £3.50 for a big bag of food for someone registered with the Food Hub but sometimes that is too much. **PAY IT FORWARD** means you pay for someone to be able to come in and collect his or her food knowing it is already paid for.

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Is your child starting Reception in 2024?  
 Join us to start your child's learning adventure!

Open events will be held on:  
 Saturday 30th September, 10am  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 9:30am  
 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 5:30pm  
 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 9:30am  
 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 9:30am

To reserve your place at one of our open events, please call the school office on (01273) 303328.

We are a high achieving Woodingdean school.



	RKPS	National
Reading	86%	73%
Writing	78%	71%
Maths	80%	73%
Reading, Writing, Maths Combined	70%	59%

These results place us amongst the top performing schools in the whole of Brighton & Hove.



<b>September 2023</b>	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	PTFA AGM 1:45pm
<b>October 2023</b>	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	HALF TERM
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Children Return to School
<b>November 2023</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Photographer – Individual Photos – more info to follow
<b>December 2023</b>	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term
<b>January 2024</b>	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Children Return to School

