



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

This week, myself and other school leaders have been enjoying visiting classes across the school and speaking to children about their learning.

The high quality teaching and learning we have seen is the very reason that our KS2 results place us within the top 10 of all Brighton and Hove primary schools. Our school staff have high expectations of what our children can achieve and this is why they fulfil their potential and achieve.

It is always appreciated when I receive glowing feedback from a parent (or grandparent!) about a particular member of staff, as was the case on the gate yesterday. When I told that member of staff, they said that it 'made their day!'.

Thank you to those parents and carers who completed the survey at our last parent/carer consultation evenings. The feedback was hugely positive; here are a few examples of what parents feel our school does well: "The school is very supportive, every child is made to feel welcome and encouraged to do their very best"; Really encourages learning and individuality. Staff are supportive and kind and our son is thriving here!"; "Helping pupils mix and stressing things like kindness and personal development over just academic skills"; "Everything! I love this school and so do my children".

Equally important for a survey like this is to point us in the direction of how our school can become better still: the best schools never stand still. A few parents wrote that they would appreciate more clubs for our younger children. We have heard that and are thinking of additional free clubs for our KS1 children. Yesterday, I popped into Mrs Goozee, Mrs Coulter and Mrs Owen's free 'Crafty Kids' club after school yesterday which looked a ton of fun: the children were making Diwali candle holders, ahead of Diwali starting on Sunday: Happy Diwali to all our families.

Later this morning, I will be leading our traditional Remembrance Assembly as we take some time to respect those who have made the ultimate sacrifice-we will remember them.

Euan Hainington

Headteacher

Remembrance Assembly this morning.



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions



Albie

Amazing Albie! I have loved watching how beautifully you have been sharing with your classmates, and making sure everyone feels counted by ensuring everyone who wants to play, is invited to. You are such a caring and thoughtful boy, and it truly warmed my heart to see you helping another child put their shoes on when they were finding it tricky. You have also been building your resilience with your learning, and have even been helping your classmates – wow, we are lucky to have such a helpful, thoughtful and smiley boy in Obama!

YR1

Tommy



I have loved seeing you come in first every day this week with a huge smile on your face. You have been excited to get that extra few minutes working on your writing that makes all the difference. You are always kind and thoughtful towards the other children in your class. Tommy, you are an incredible helper, who is always there to tidy up and make the class. Whenever there is a problem, you are resourceful and able to think of a way of solving it. Great job Tommy!

Carter



Carter – you have demonstrated great resourcefulness when aiming to remain calm in class and when using resources to help you with your writing. You are independent when retrieving your basket for whole class learning and you are making good choices when selecting what can help you best as a listener. Keep it up, buddy – I am so proud of you, you superstar!

Tiger

Tiger – you have been an absolute star in Rockets class. You impressed one of the Play Team and they said how you were by helping and putting away the play items at lunch. You are also being a great role model for others in Rockets class. Keep it up, buddy – you superstar!

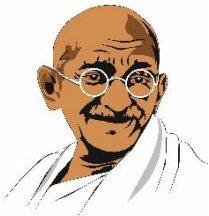
YR2

Henry H



Reflective Henry never gives up. Henry H loves a challenge and will only ever produce his best. He is always eager to know how to grow his brain further. Henry H also makes a wonderful talk partner- he is so kind and caring towards his friends and helps them through any obstacle. Well done, Henry! We are so lucky to have you Parks Class. :)

Erica



Erica is the model student - a dream to have in Gandhi class. She presents her learning with care and pride; she listens attentively and above all, she is such a kind and considerate person. This shows to me she is always remembering to follow the Values here at RKPS. Well done, Erica!

YR3

Halle



Halle has been on fire this week with her English and writing! She is always ready to learn, she has been really resourceful and has written an amazing descriptive poem about Autumn. Well done Halle, keep up the hard work!

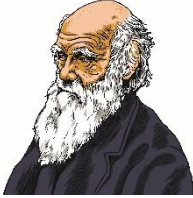
YR4



Darcy

It is an absolute honour to teach such a happy, polite and caring individual – ladies and gentlemen, boy and girls this is the one and only Darcie! This girl comes to school each morning with a huge smile on her face and displays true readiness with any situation that is thrown her way. Her writing continues to elevate week-on-week and she should be incredibly proud of her achievements. Not only that, but her artwork was impeccable showing her true flair and creativity as she continues to rock Year 4

YR5



Alex

One of Darwin's most positive members has really pushed themselves this week. Alex enters class with a bundle of energy each day; ready to get stuck in for the learning ahead. Alex has really been focusing on her perseverance skills since coming back from half term. Since returning, Miss Smith has noticed her increased focus on presentation, accuracy, corrections and overall standard of her work - especially in English, PSHE and Topic. Keep on shining and you will soon become a superstar!



Seth

Seth's readiness for learning has been unstoppable over the last couple of weeks. Every lesson (although particularly in Maths), he is literally on the edge of his seat, raring to go - keen to find patterns in his learning, solve problems and challenge himself. His enthusiasm makes him an absolute joy to have in class and always puts a smile on Mrs Newbold's face.

YR6



Lennon

Lovely, lively Lennon brings joy to our classroom. He epitomises a fabulous learner as he is forever reflecting on his work and how he can be the best! I also love his respect and how he always checks whether I have had a great lunch – a delightful quality!



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| YR Thunberg | Theo – Amazing reading and phonics work |
| YR Rashford: | Oakleigh – Super writing and spelling! |
| Y1 Kahlo: | Drazon – Very impressive phonics! |
| Y1 Obama: | Greta – Super writing and spelling! |
| Y2 Attenborough: | Kody – Super writing of his name! |
| Y2 Parks: | Jude – Excellent number bonds to 10 learning. |
| Y3 Gandhi: | Rudi – For amazing phonics! |
| Y4 Mandela: | Bear – For being such a great learning partner! |
| Y5 Seacole: | Grayson – Accurate and impressive maths learning. |
| Y6 Yousafzai | Tommie-Lee – For being a writing wizard. |
| | Luke – Super writing! |
| | Tiger – Excellent writing |
| | Freddie – Impressive focus on his learning (Miss Bowman). |
| | Ella-Marie - Persevering with exchanging when subtracting in column method – she's cracked it and deserves to feel so very proud of herself! |
| | Henry – Exceptional history learning. |
| | Ona – For an empathetic piece of writing. |
| | Ruby – An excellent recount, Year 6 quality. |
| | Thea and Jessica – A super description of a Shackleton profile |
| | Bailey - Brilliant sketches of sea snakes and sharks as well impressive for and against writing. |
| | Scarlett - Excellent progress with her maths work, Scarlett's book is full of excellent maths learning. |
| | Saumya - For demonstrating his supreme mathematical ability by teaching another child how to do long division. |
| | Joe – For super maths learning. |



RKPS Reading Recommendations

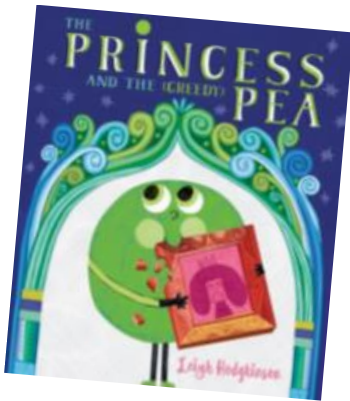
Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

Reading Research Alert:

“Students who read for pleasure make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little.” Sullivan and Brown 2013.

The Princess and the (Greedy) Pea By Leigh Hodgkinson

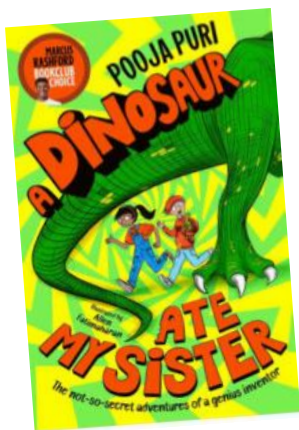
There was a green pea who swallowed a sprout. Without a doubt, a Brussels sprout. What's that about?



This little pea is SO hungry! So hungry that he has swallowed a sprout, slurped down some soup, munched all the bread, wolfed down the pie, gobbled the cake, noshed all the pickle, guzzled the cheese (that made him sneeze), drank all the tea, and then, chomped up the table! And after ALL that, he needs to have a rest. But just WHOSE food was he eating? And WHOSE bed is he resting in? Cue ... one very grumpy, very hungry princess ... with a taste for revenge. A highly imaginative modern retelling of fairy-tale classic, The Princess and the Pea, and much-loved nursery rhyme, There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly, with artwork that is both stylishly detailed and incredibly funny.

We travel around the world – from African Empires, to the Caribbean, the USA and the UK – learning about the lives and values of these significant individuals. Each fascinating double page timeline is completely different in design, and through facts, quotes and images, marks key aspects of each person's life story, shows their success and resilience in the face of adversity and demonstrates their enduring legacy.

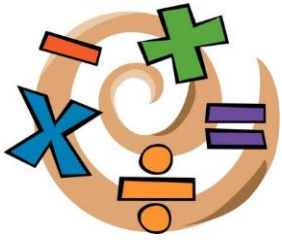
A Dinosaur Ate My Sister by Pooja Puri & Allen Fatimaharan



This brilliantly illustrated, laugh-out-loud, wacky adventure through time by Pooja Puri is the perfect blend of The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy and Jurassic Park.

Before you start reading, there are a few things you should know: 1. I, Esha Verma, am a genius inventor extraordinaire. 2. There is nothing I cannot invent. This includes words. 3. I did not mean to send my sister back to the Age of the Dinosaurs. That was HER OWN FAULT (Mum and Dad, if you're reading this, please take note).

Esha Verma, her snotty apprentice Broccoli and his cunning pet tortoise have a dream. They are going to win the legendary Brain Trophy - the ultimate inventing prize. This year's entry: A TIME MACHINE. But the day before the competition, Esha's IGNORAMUS big sister hijacks the time machine and is lost in the Cretaceous age. With help from a new recruit for The Office of Time, Esha and Broccoli will have to face hungry dinosaurs, mysterious black holes and malfunctioning inventions to get them back in time.



Mr Jones' Maths Challenge of the Week



Here are a few maths challenges to take you into the weekend. Remember to pick one up from the office and grab a prize in Monday's assembly.

KS1

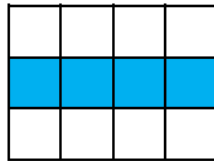
1 Ron has these digit cards.



He uses two of the cards to make a 2-digit number.

How many even 2-digit numbers can he make?

2 One third of the shape is shaded.
True or false?



3 Tick all the calculations that have an answer greater than 40

$$43 + 39$$

$$35 - 6$$

$$23 + 28$$

$$10 \times 7$$

$$24 \div 2$$

Did you tick any without working them out?



KS2

Trick 1: Think of a number

Pick a whole number between 1 and 10.
Add 2.
Multiply by 2.
Subtract 2.
Divide by 2.
Subtract your original number.
Everyone's final answer will be 1

What is the answer always going to be? _____

Trick 2: Think of a number

Choose a number from 1 to 8.
Multiply it by 2.
Now multiply by 5.
Subtract 5.
Finally add 7.
The first digit is the number you chose and the second digit is the number 2.

What is the answer always going to be? _____

Trick 3: Think of a number

Think of any number.
Double the number.
Add 9 with result.
Subtract 3 with the result.
Divide the result by 2.
Subtract the number with the first number started with.

What is the answer always going to be? _____

Trick 4: Think of a number

Ask someone to pick a number.
Add the next higher number to it.
Add 9 and divide by 2, and then subtract the original number.
The answer will be 5.

What is the answer always going to be? _____



Stars of the Week



Breakfast Club - KS1 Eren in Obama for having good manners and always being cheerful.
KS2 – Jayden in Yousafzai for always helping adults and being a great role model.

After School Club - KS1 - Hannah in Armstrong for settling in so well at After School Club
KS2 – Liam in Pankhurst for being such a good role model.

Equalities



Year 5 have been thinking about conflict and how we can resolve it.

We discussed and considered different situations that can cause conflict and then we thought about strategies and ideas that we can use to help calm us down and resolve any conflict. Some great ideas that we had were:

- Think of something that we can do later on to cheer ourselves up
- Walk away to have some space and calm down
- Apologise and make a 'peace offering' (a kind act).



Home Learning

SAY HELLO TO TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS AND NUMBOTS!

We are delighted to be relaunching Times Tables Rockstars (KS2) and Numbots (KS1/Reception), two fantastic online resources which aim to develop children's times tables recall and number bonds in a fun and exciting way!

Today, every child in the school will be coming home with a letter which contains their unique username and password, and information for parents on how to login. Please use the weekend to familiarise yourself with the TTRS/Numbots app and encourage your child to play the game, little and often.

To tie in with our relaunch, we have entered the TTRS 'England Rocks!' competition, with schools across the country competing for prizes. The competition runs from Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th November, and we would like as many children in KS2 as possible to take part. The more children play, the greater our chances of winning! We have also set up a similar in-school Numbots competition for children in KS1/Reception .

To motivate the children even more, each week we'll announce the class with the most children logging in and give certificates to those with the highest scores.

Rock on!

SPELLING SHED



We are also pleased to introduce a new online resource called Spelling Shed for Years 4, 5 & 6. This is already being used by teachers in spelling lessons in KS2, but is now available to use at home online or via app for children to play games and practise their spelling in a fun way! This is available to Years 4-6 to begin with, and will hopefully be extended to all KS2 later in the year.

Children in Mandela, Darwin, Seacole and Yousafzai will find their Spelling Shed logins attached to the TTRS letter they're bringing home today. Please login and have a go!

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week, we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week at school. The theme this year is **Make A Noise About Bullying**.



As we approach this week, it is important we all have a shared definition of bullying. Bullying is the act of repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online. Bullying has a significant impact on a child's life.

Throughout the week, teachers will be recapping the meaning of bullying behaviour with the children, thinking about different ways of reaching out, exploring how to act as a 'bystander' as well as looking at peaceful problem solving.

To mark the start of this national week, we invite everybody to wear odd socks on Monday 13th November.

Here is a link if you would like more information on Anti-Bullying Week:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/parents-and-carers>

Odd socks at the ready. Let's make a noise about bullying, let's stop bullying.



Flu Vaccination

The vaccination team will be in School on Thursday 16th November. Please Submit all forms by the end of today, using the following link! Thank you.

<https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Reporting Absences

Reporting absences We have to record a reason for every absence from school so it is important that we have contact from an adult on **each day of absence**. If your child is too unwell to come to school please telephone the school office on **01273 303328 before 9.00am** to let us know the reason.



PTFA Christmas Events



Tuesday 21st November - Letters from Father Christmas Closing Date

Thursday 30th November - Hollywood head shots. This is for Reception and Years 2&5. They will need their costumes/Xmas jumpers etc for the photos.

Friday 1st December - KS1 Magic show

Friday 1st December - KS2 Magic Show

Tuesday 5th December PTFA Christmas Crafternoon - after school until 4.30pm

The PTFA will also provide refreshments and sell our headshot photos at the plays, as in previous years. Photos will be £5 each.

All information and payment links have been sent out on SchoolPing.

Community Notice Board



Christmas Menu

Roast Turkey & Stuffing with a Pork Sausage

Feta, Spinach & Cranberry Whirl with a Vegan Sausage

Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Peas

Festive Cookie and Ice Cream

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4-11 Year olds

Join us for **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMP**

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Daily choice of Winter Themed Sports, Challenges, Arts & Performance Activities!

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Reminders

Class Teacher

1

- Any parent/carer communication should be with the Class Teacher in the first instance.

Head of Key Stage

2

- If the Class Teacher is unable to advise or rectify the issue this can then be escalated to the Head of Key Stage.

Deputy Head/SENCO

3

- If the Head of Key Stage is unable to advise to rectify the issue, this can then be escalated to the Deputy Headteacher or SENCO if your child has additional needs.

Headteacher

4

- If the Deputy Headteacher/SENCO is unable to advise or rectify the issue, this can then be escalated to the Headteacher.

Chair of Governors

5

- If the Headteacher is unable to advise or rectify the issue, the matter can then be escalated to the Chair of Governors.

Head of Key Stages

Foundation – Ms A Smith

Key Stage One – Mrs V Brewer

Lower Key Stage Two – Mr N Wynne

Upper Key Stage Two – Miss L Vaughan

Coats for School!

Please can parents and carers ensure that children arrive at school wearing a coat.

The weather is now turning colder and wetter.

We like our children to be able to continue to go out at playtimes with a coat on!

Thank you.



Dates for the Diary

November 2023	
Thursday 16th	Flu Vaccination
Friday 17th	Y6 Victorian School Day
Tuesday 21st	Closing date – Letters from Father Christmas
Tuesday 28th	Book Nook Book Sale – Author Visit – Jenny Pearson
Thursday 30th	Hollywood Headshots (YR,Y2,Y6)
December 2023	
Friday 1st	KS1 & KS2 Magic Show
Tuesday 5th	PTFA Christmas Crafternoon 3:15-4:30pm
Wednesday 6th	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 11th	9:15am KS1 Dress Rehearsal, 2pm KS2 dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 12th	9:15am KS1 Christmas Production, 5:30pm KS2 Christmas Production
Wednesday 13th	9:15am KS2 Christmas Production
Thursday 14th	9:15am Reception Sing-a-long
Friday 15th	Last Day of Term
January 2024	
Tuesday 2nd	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3rd	Children Return