



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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We are always exploring different ways of encouraging our children to lead the learning.

At playtimes, many of our older children spend time helping their younger school mates, as Playground Mentors. They teach them how to play games and assist them in working through any little difficulties they might be having. And it's win, win as the older children benefit as much from these interactions as our younger children do.

Recently, there has been a wave of children wishing to lead their own club during the school day! Freddie, in Year 3, has just launched his own Pokemon Club which was well attended: he invited me along to witness the fruit of his labours. Freddie planned the club carefully and even printed off special certificates for participants!

Our new child led Book Club is running two lunchtimes a week. Our Year 6 leaders carefully select a number of quality texts for children of all ages to read together: it's really rather special to observe!

When I am out and about around the school, it is always fantastic to see children in the role of the teacher. Our teaching staff are always on the look out for experts within the class who can help other children grasp a concept which might come easily to them.

Winter has definitely arrived this week with morning temperatures hovering around freezing. Thank you for sending your children into school in their warm winter coat, hat and gloves. We have a selection of coats in our lobby so please help yourself.

These sub-arctic temperatures have not stopped our cricketers from sweeping to victory in our inter-school cricket tournaments in the last few weeks. Playing indoors, our cricketers won again yesterday so hats off to them and many thanks to our teachers who take them to enjoy these lovely sporting opportunities. It is great to see a cricketing culture being established here at RKPS.

Christmas performance rehearsals are in full swing and the sweet melodies of our school choir are sweeping through the school. Next Wednesday evening, our choir are singing at the Brighton Centre and I look forward to joining Mrs Brewer and the children for this special occasion.

You could say, it's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Kilmington
Headteacher

Y3/4 champion cricketers!



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Robin



YR1

Reflective Robin never gives up. Robin loves a challenge and will only ever produce her best. Robin is always eager to know how to grow her brain further and does so with a smile on her face! Learning aside, Robin you are a wonderfully kind, confident and hardworking person. You truly embody all of our school values, you bring so much to Obama class and we are very lucky to have you on our team! Keep up the hard work super star, there is no stopping you!

Roma



I am astounded by Roma. He has not only been super at school, but he has been extremely hard working at home. He has almost 1000 correct answers on Numbots, topping the class with his supreme effort. Roma has been showing tremendous resilience to keep putting his best into everything he does. Furthermore, Roma is a huge asset to team Kahlo with his lovely smile and kindness. Well done Roma keep it up!

Ethan



YR2

Wow, Ethan! Your resourcefulness during Westcott Wednesday blew me away! You used your incredible competitive spirit in such an empowering way, making sure that your whole team experienced success by inspiring them to work as a team and motivating them with your positive comments, as well as including them. I can also see great progress in class. Keep being ready by organising yourself and using your words to regulate in this positive way. I am so proud of you!

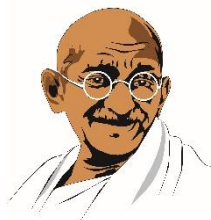
Talia



My goodness, Talia embodies resilience! Talia never gives up on anything and if she finds something tricky, she likes to do even more- resilience at its finest! Not only will Talia try her hardest in every single lesson, but she will also make sure she does it with a great big smile on her face. Talia knows that if the work isn't challenging then her brain isn't growing.

Keep this up, Talia, because there ain't no mountain high enough for you!

Evan



Developing our vocabulary is no easy job. Some words are incredibly tricky to grasp and utilise. Evan, however, relishes the opportunity to incorporate new vocabulary into his writing. Using a plethora of new verbs, adverbs and adjectives, he has managed to make his, already wonderful writing, even more exciting to read.

Teddy

YR3



Terrific Teddy is a joy to have in the classroom! I can't pick just one of our 5Rs, I have to pick them all. Teddy works hard, listens carefully and takes great pride in every piece of work. Not only that, but he is kind, smiley and an all-round great role model. Thank you for being wonderful Teddy!

YR4



Dexter

Dexter really is the definition of resilience, showing that he can achieve anything when he puts his mind to it. His newspaper report certainly packed a punch delivering the five W's with ease as well as taking the reading on a rollercoaster of emotions to report on the vanishings that were happening in our English text! Not only this, but his reading is becoming more fluent by the day and his hard work with this doesn't go unnoticed. Well done Dexter keep it up!

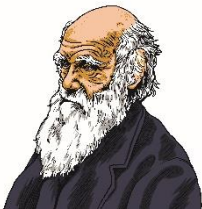
YR5



Lottie

When Lottie started in Year 5, she told Mrs Newbold that she found Maths very tricky – well you would never know this! Lottie always gives her full attention to every lesson, she asks for help if she finds something difficult and she loves to challenge herself. It has been wonderful to see Lottie's confidence in her Mathematical abilities grow and she should be proud of what a brilliant Mathematician she is.

Ela



What a lovely day it is when you have Ela in your class. Kind, hard-working, positive and creative are just a few words that help to summarise what a fantastic student Ela is. Every day, Ela surprises Miss Smith with a new creation, one day she will bring in her own handmade lamp for her desk and another day it's a giant pencil. Her creative soul makes sure to creep into her writing too. Every piece of English is always uniquely Ela's. Whether she is a devoted wife missing her husband or the captain of a ship; she makes every role hers! Keep being you!

Mason

YR6



Marvellous Mason is forever doing his best in class. I adore how much Mason loves to share his work with me as it is what being a teacher is all about. Always empathetic, Mason now writes with flair and is conscious of his word choices. Bravo Mason!



YR Rashford:

Freddie – For amazing independent maths work!

Lily – A powerful anti-litter poster.

Y1 Obama:

Macy – Impressive handwriting effort!

Reegan – Impressive independence in writing!

Y2 Parks:

Isabelle – Trying really hard in maths.

Y3 Gandhi:

Oakley – For making remarkable progress in his reading!

Y4 Mandela:

Malakai – Wonderful independent learning.

Ariah – Super newsletter report.

Theo – Superb knowledge of 3,6 and 9 times tables.

Harvey – Excellent home learning task.

Y5 Seacole:

Darcy – For a wonderfully written telegram!

Ruby – For a wonderfully written telegram!

Teddy – A fantastic Viking Gods fact poster with incredible illustrations.

Y6 Yousafzai:

William – A secondary school quality piece of writing, full of authorial voice.

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:

“There is a growing body of evidence which illustrates the importance of reading for pleasure for both educational purposes as well as personal development.” Clark and Rumbold, 2006.

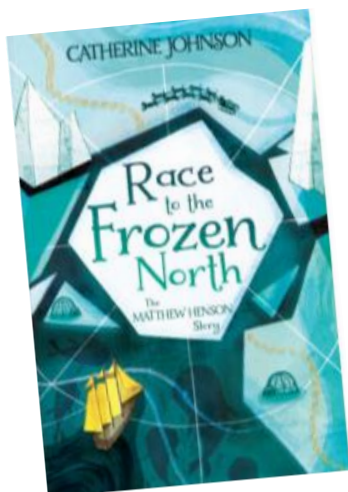
How Winston Delivered Christmas by Alex T. Smith



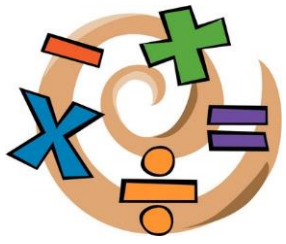
A cross between a Christmas story and an advent calendar, this charming hardback book is structured into 24½ chapters – one for each day of advent. Each day’s offering includes the next chapter of the story and easy-to-follow instructions for an accompanying craft to make or activity to try. Winston is a little mouse who finds himself caught up in a special adventure with a festive theme. When Winston stumbles across a lost letter addressed to Father Christmas, he makes it his mission to deliver the letter to the North Pole in time for Christmas. It’s not an easy expedition, but along the way Winston is helped by a cast of generous friends and helpful strangers. This is a heart-warming story that celebrates simple acts of kindness towards other people and together with the craft activities it makes a wonderful book for families, groups or school classes to enjoy exploring together in the run-up to Christmas.

RACE TO THE FROZEN NORTH: THE MATTHEW HENSON STORY by Catherine Johnson

illustrated by Katie Hickeyon



Matthew Henson was simply an ordinary man. That was, until Commander Robert E. Peary entered his life, and offered him a chance at true adventure. Henson would become navigator, craftsman, translator, and right-hand man on a treacherous journey to the North Pole, defying the odds and the many prejudices that faced him to become a true pioneer. When orphan Matthew Henson ran away from his violent stepmother to find a new life in the big city, no one could have predicted that he would become the first man to reach the North Pole. A little luck and a lot of hard work led to a life of adventure on the high seas and in the Arctic, but back home in America his achievements were ignored due to the colour of his skin. Race to the Frozen North tells his remarkable true story. This is his incredible and often untold story. Great for reluctant or dyslexic readers in Year 4 and above!



Mr Jones' Maths Challenge of the Week



Wow! Last week still holds the record for the amount of challenges handed in, but this week wasn't far off! I always believe that we can achieve anything when we put our minds to it and these challenges are no exception. Keep up the hard work!

KS1

Enter numbers in each row and column to arrive at the end totals. Only numbers 1 through 9 are used, and each only once.

Six-Pin Bowling Challenge

If you knock down two pins at a time, which pins do you need to knock down to score:

7 points?

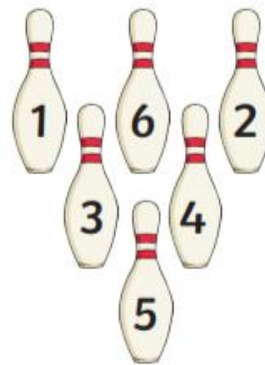
5 points?

3 points?

What scores do you get if you knock down the following pins:

1, 4 and 6

3, 6 and 5



KS2

1 The table shows the ages of people in a theme park.

Age	Number of people
Under 18	126
18 - 60	195
Over 60	38

These are the entry costs.

How much money did the theme park make from entry costs?



2 Given that

$$\triangle + \triangle + \star + \star = 100$$

$$\heartsuit + \heartsuit + \triangle + \star = 78$$

Work out the value of the 

3 What are the missing numbers?

$$\square \times 10 = 42$$

$$\square \div 10 = 42$$



Stars of the Week



- Breakfast Club** - KSI – Jacom in Kahlo for always having lovely table manners. He is polite, charming and kind.
KS2 – Carter in Mandela for being a great role model and for being so caring.
- After School Club** – KSI – Ethan in Attenborough for always playing so well at After School Club.
KS2 – Isla-Mae in Darwin for being such a good role model to all children.

Equalities



Year 6 started to consider what factors might affect the life opportunities, power and influence that someone has. We played a game to investigate what factors affect the life opportunities that someone has and how others treat them. Miss Vaughan started by asking her children what they think we need to do well in life. What rights should we all have?

Then, the children lined up at one end of the room and were given a role-play card of fictional people living in different countries around the world. The Year 6 children were asked if to think about their character and give them a name. Miss Vaughan read out a list of statements one by one. For each one, each child took one-step forward if they thought their character had this opportunity. If they disagreed, they stood still. There were a lot of children spaced around the room.

As a class, we followed up with the following questions:

- Why do you think this is? Do you think this is fair?
- What other factors might affect the life opportunities that someone has or how they are treated?
- Why do you think some people are treated differently to others?

It was fantastic to see all the Year 6 children showing so many of their school values during this session and demonstrating a lot of empathy.

Cricket Report



Year 3 and 4 ACE Cricket Competition

Yesterday afternoon, Year 3 and 4 braved the cold winters evening and raced down to Long Hill Secondary School to take part in the ACE cricket tournament. After battling hard through the treacherous event, it went down to the final game and would you believe it, Rudyard packed that final punch to take victory over the other 3 school and bring home yet another trophy. All the children played exceptionally well and to the true spirit of the game – enjoyment! Well done Year 3 and 4!



RKPS complete cricket clean-sweep!

What a SENSATIONAL term it's been for our cricketers in the ACE competitions! Our children have been competing against Saltdean Primary, Woodingdean Primary and Our Lady of Lourdes in indoor cricket events each Thursday at Longhill Sports Centre during Autumn 2.

Year 6 got the ball rolling with victory two weeks ago, Year 5 won last week and yesterday our Year 3 & 4 squad made it three wins from three!

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers for transporting children to these events, to the RKPS staff who accompanied them, to Mr Hoad and Mr Westcott for running the events so brilliantly and, of course, to all the children for representing RKPS and showing such great teamwork, determination and positivity throughout!

ACE SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Active

Challenging

Enthusiastic

STANDINGS AFTER CRICKET EVENTS

YR 3/4			YR 5		
POS	SCHOOL TEAM	PTS	POS	SCHOOL TEAM	PTS
01	Rudyard	4	01	Rudyard	4
02	Woodingdean	3	02	Woodingdean	3
03	OLOL	2	03	OLOL	2
04	Saltdean	1	04	Saltdean	1

YR 6			OVERALL		
POS	SCHOOL TEAM	PTS	POS	SCHOOL TEAM	PTS
01	Rudyard	4	01	Rudyard	15
02	Saltdean	3	02	Woodingdean	7
03	OLOL	2	03	OLOL	6
04	Woodingdean	1	04	Saltdean	5

WIN	4 POINTS
2ND	3 POINTS
3RD	2 POINTS
4TH	1 POINT



Changed your details?

It is VERY IMPORTANT that the Office have all up to and current contacts for your child/ren. If you have changed any of the following, please let the Office know ASAP in case of an emergency while your children are at school and for all communications.

- Telephone numbers
- Home address
- Email address

Fantastic Fundraising



Community Notice Board

Christmas Market

Hove Park School Nevill Campus
Thursday 7th December 4 – 7pm

Market Stalls
Hot Food & Drink
Live Music

If you would like to run a stall contact
01273 082858 - dwillard@hovepark.org.uk

Please come along and support this amazing event, raising money for the local community.

Christmas Market

RAFFLE

PRIZES INCLUDE :

- 2 tickets to see Jonas Brothers at the O2
- 4 tickets to the Sussex County Cricket Ground
- 2 tickets to the South of England 'Spring Live' show
- Boulder Brighton Climbing Centre voucher
- Tickets to Drusillas Park
- Saturday admission and racecard to Corals Greyhound stadium
- Tickets to Paradise Park
- Truffles Bakery gift vouchers
- Cash prizes and more

Tickets - £1 for five tickets

Available from the Nevill main office at any time, and Valley reception after 2pm daily
Raffle tickets can also be purchased via Wisepay

Hove Park School Nevill Campus
Thursday 7th December 4 – 7pm

Come and join us
this christmas
at Holy Cross
Christmas Carol
Service

6pm, Sunday 17th December
Holy Cross Church,
Downsway
Woodingdean

Christmas Bake-Off at
Holy Cross Christmas Market
Saturday 9th December
11am-3pm

- 3 baking categories
- 6 mince pies
 - A celebration cake
 - Childrens biscuits

Entries must be submitted by 11.30am on the day for judging. Cakes and biscuits will then be sold by the church at the Christmas Market.

A truly festive event with homemade good and wears, gifts, tombola and tasty food and drink from the cafe.

Woodingdean Wilderness Group will be running a free Christmas wreath making workshop too!

Come and join us this Christmas

Find us on    www.woodingdeanholycross.org.uk

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

Tuesday 5th	Rocksteady Concert 2pm
	PTFA Christmas Crafternoon 3:15-4:30pm
Wednesday 6th	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
	School Choir to Brighton Centre
	Armstrong Christmas Sing-a-long
Thursday 7th	Reception walk to the post box
Monday 11th	9:15am KSI Dress Rehearsal, 2pm KS2 dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 12th	9:15am KSI Christmas Production, 5:30pm KS2 Christmas Production
Wednesday 13th	9:15am KS2 Christmas Production
Thursday 14th	9:15am Reception Sing-a-long and create 8:50am-9:50am
Friday 15th	Last Day of Term
January 2024	
Tuesday 2nd	INSET DAY
	RKPS moving to Arbor – Parent Portal
Wednesday 3rd	Children Return
Monday 15th	Closing date for Reception 24 applications