



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

It's been a wonderful (but very wet!) return after the Christmas break. The children are already engrossed in their new topics.

There is an old teaching adage that 'there is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing'. Our Reception learners were picture proof of this yesterday when they were outside in the pouring rain, pattern and bubble making!

Do take a look at our Instagram and X pages later today for some super photos of our youngest children enjoying learning in the rain.

The magical experiences-and excellent outcomes-which our children enjoy here are not only the result of high quality teaching. They also stem from strategic decision making which our school's Governing Body provides.

We are keen to have another **non-parent** governor join our group. If you know someone who you think might be interested in lending their passion and expertise to help strengthen our school further then please ask them to email the school with an expression of interest.

Later this afternoon, you will be receiving a letter providing further detail on becoming a parent governor. We have a super team of governors at RKPS who will really make you feel welcome.

Thankfully, the forecast is for drier days ahead so...

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Kilmington

Headteacher



Reception children enjoying the puddles!



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Erica



What a superb return to school for Erica this week! I was over the moon to see that she had been writing over the holidays and produced some outstanding work without even being asked! In every subject she is doing her best and putting in maximum effort. This has led to some superb winter poetry. One line that I love is as follows. "The stars are in the sky and snow is falling." I am extremely impressed and very excited to see what fantastic writing you will produce next. A huge well done Erica!

YR1

Iris



Iris has started the year with a bang! Her target last term was to focus on letter sizing in her handwriting, well this week she has absolutely aced it and the improvement in the quality of her handwriting has really impressed us. She has been showing us that she is ready to learn, another of our 5 Rs, and is sharing her confidence in sharing ideas is improving more and more. This week in English we were writing poems; Iris was keen to share what she could imagine seeing, hearing and feeling as we role played exploring a snowy forest! Keep up the hard work superstar!

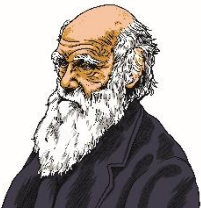
Mia



Where do I even begin? There really aren't enough words in the English language to describe the one and only Mia! Consistently at the top of her game, Mia shows readiness to any task that is thrown her way and is keeping the Francis flag flying high at Rudyard Kipling Primary School! Her work on factors has been truly dazzling, recognising number pairs that multiply together to make a product with ease – she really is a maths-magician! Keep up the hard work Mia – you are a credit to the school and you should be so proud of yourself.

YR4

Isla



Wonderful Isla has started the new year with a bang. After a discussion about New year resolutions, Miss Smith noticed an incredible surge in energy from Isla. A new sense of confidence could be seen around her; she used this to shine in each lesson. Focused on her learning, Isla was sharing her amazing attitude with the whole class – helping to keep the learning environment productive. Miss Smith can always count on Isla to share her ideas, explain her reasoning and give things a go – what a way to enter 2024! Keep it up!

YR5

Mujahid

As ever, Mujahid has returned to school with a fantastic attitude, ready for anything that comes his way. He loves to challenge himself in all subjects, always going the extra mile to produce outstanding work. Mujahid gives his best 100% of the time and he should feel very proud of himself.

Riley



Riley is on fire at the moment! He is focused, listening well, answering questions, getting involved, sharing his ideas and opinions and the list goes on! It is fantastic to see Riley so motivated and working so hard and Mrs Newbold hopes he feels as proud and pleased with himself as she does.

YR6



Mikey

Marvellous Mikey is an absolute treasure and pleasure to teach. He makes everyone in the class feel counted as he always listens and shows respect. His beaming smile is so very welcoming to all. Every class needs a Mikey!

Headteacher Awards

Y3 Gandhi:
Y4 Mandela:

Alaa – Fantastic times table and division fact learning.

Sasha – Excellent factor pairs investigation.

Asomi – Challenging himself in maths and working at an advanced level.

Y5 Darwin:
Y5 Seacole:

Ronnie and Leighton – For working together to make two super comic books.

Chase, Charlie, Thea and Darcy – For excellent front covers for their 'Space' topic.

Y6 Yousafzai:

William M – Incredible improvement in his handwriting.

Wonderful Early Years!



RKPS Reading Recommendations

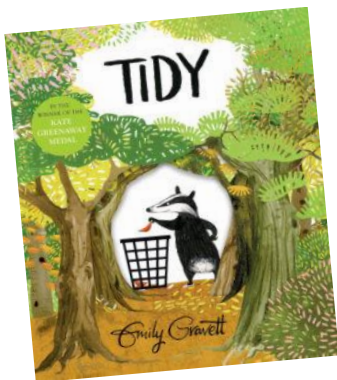


Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

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.

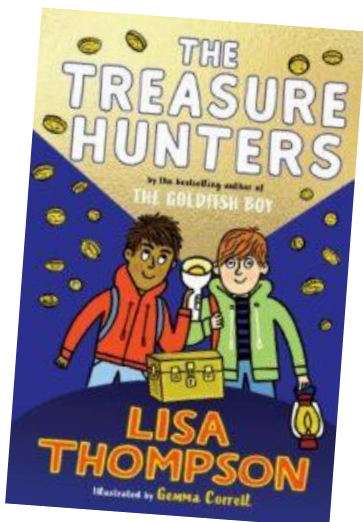
Tidy by Emily Gravett



Tidy is another amazing book by Emily Gravett. It is a simple story about how we can impact on our surroundings and why caring for our environment is vital. Gorgeous, engaging and delivering a powerful message...what more does a book need to be?

The story is well written, the rhyme works perfectly and the structure changes throughout. The message is also a very important one, introducing children to important ideas about habitat loss and preservation of the environment. It is done without being preachy and also shows children that there is always the possibility of making a positive change and fixing mistakes!

The Treasure Hunters by Lisa Thompson and illustrated by Gemma Correll

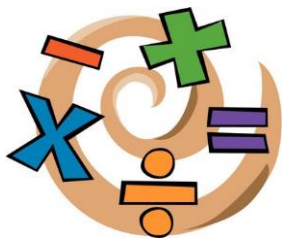


It's the Christmas holidays and Thea is looking forward to spending them with her father. She can tell him all about her plans to become a writer, and maybe he'll buy her the typewriter she's been dreaming of.

But when Thea arrives in snowy Norway, everything feels . . . wrong. Her father is as distant as ever and now she has to share him with his new family: his girlfriend Inge and her children. Then Thea makes a surprising discovery. Deep in the snowy woods by the house, is a bear. He's scared and hungry and he desperately needs Thea's help.

When the town hears about a bear living in the woods, Bear's life is in even greater danger. Thea needs to show everyone that he's not dangerous – he's a good bear – if she's to save him.

The Good Bear is a superb story to snuggle up with in the winter months, exploring themes of families, relationships and 'togetherness' through the tale of a young girl and a life-changing visit to the Norwegian winter. Thea's complex emotions towards her father are sensitively and honestly written; particularly Thea's anger towards Henry's new family and their seemingly perfect life. Thea's relationship with the bear is central to the story and gives the book a sense of Christmas magic that is warm and gentle.



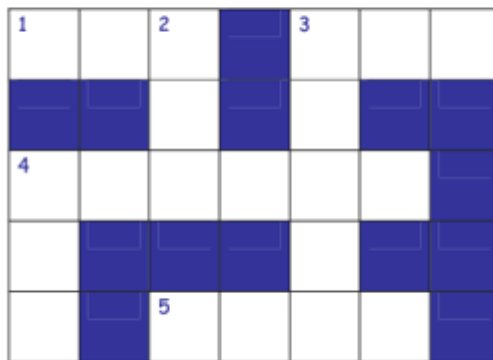
Mr Jones' Maths Challenge of the Week



We're back! Firstly, a Happy New Year to everyone at RKPS. We hope you have enjoyed the festive period and you're ready for the term ahead. Here are some maths puzzles to get your brains functioning again. Good luck.

KS1

Write the answers to this puzzle in words:
ONE, TWO, THREE, ...



Across

- 1. $7 - 5$
- 3. $2 + 5 - 1$
- 4. $4 + 4 + 4$
- 5. $13 - 4$

Down

- 2. $3 + 4 - 6$
- 3. $9 - 2$
- 4. $11 - 4 + 3$

KS2

You can only use each number **once** on this week's task.

$$\begin{array}{r} \square \square \square \\ \square \square \square \\ \square \square \square \\ \hline 9 \quad 9 \quad 9 \end{array}$$

Arrange the given digits to make three 3 digit numbers that add up to 999.



We are now an Arbor school!



Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal means we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

We are slowly transitioning to Arbor over the next term, please keep your eyes peeled for updates in the newsletter and SchoolPing. Until informed otherwise, please keep using current procedures for booking clubs and ordering uniform. When we are ready to launch the Arbor App, you will receive a welcome email with instructions on how to use the features in the app.

Free Swimming

Free Swimming is still open to under 16's who go to School in Brighton and Hove.

[Free swimming \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](http://brighton-hove.gov.uk)

To register, please follow the following link:

<https://shorturl.at/dfSX6>

Children can swim for free at:

- King Alfred Leisure Centre
- Prince Regent Swimming Complex
- St Luke's Community Swimming Pool
- Saltdean Lido (between May and August)



Find more information on the Free Swimming Scheme, terms and conditions and instructions on how to register on the [Freedom Leisure website](#) or by calling 0845 803 5519.

Sports Coach — Spring 1

Mr Westcott will return in January to run his weekly 'Westcott Wednesdays' intra-school PE competition. Please make a note in your diaries of the dates for after half term:

Year 6 - Wednesday 10th January

Year 5 - Wednesday 17th January

Year 4 - Wednesday 24th January

Year 3 - Wednesday 31st January

Year 2 - Wednesday 7th February

Year 1 - TBC (we are looking at dates for Year 1's session, and will let you know in due course; if Mr Westcott is unable to find time in Spring 1, we will give Year 1 an additional session later in the year)

Community Notice Board

Is your child struggling to attend school?

We understand that some young people can find it challenging to attend school, for several reasons.

We would like to offer a space to meet with someone to share your concerns and look at how we can support you around this.

You would be able to meet with an Attendance Officer from the council along with someone from the Schools Mental Health Service, to explore what we can offer, and support the conversations with school.

We are holding a number of sessions over the academic year:

Day 1

Date: 16th January
Venue: North Portslade Childrens Centre, The Rise, Portslade, BN41 2PY
Time: 10.00 – 3.00

Day 2

Date: 6th February
Venue: North Portslade Childrens Centre, The Rise, Portslade, BN41 2PY
Time: 13.00 -16.00

Day 3

Date: 27th February
Venue: Moulescoomb Family Hub, Hodshrove Lane, BN2 4SE
Time: 10.00 – 3.00

Day 4

Date: 12th March
Venue: North Portslade Childrens Centre, The Rise, Portslade, BN41 2PY
Time: 13.00 -16.00

Day 5

Date: Monday 19th March
Venue: Roundabout Children's Centre, Whitehawk Road, BN2 5FL
Time: 10.00 – 3.00

Day 6

Date: Tuesday 4th June
Venue: Moulescoomb Family Hub, Hodshrove Lane, BN2 4SE
Time: 10.00 – 3.00

Day 7

Date: Monday 10th June
Venue: Roundabout Children's Centre, Whitehawk Road, BN2 5FL
Time: 10.00 – 3.00

Day 8

Date: Tuesday 18th June
Venue: North Portslade Childrens Centre, The Rise, Portslade, BN41 2PY
Time: 13.00 - 16.00

There will be an Attendance Officer available between these times, along with a Family Support Worker from the Schools Mental Health Service.

This is a drop in offer and there is no need to book an appointment.

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

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- 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

January 2024	
Monday 8 th	Y4 – Start swimming
Wednesday 10 th	Y6 Westcott Wednesday
Friday 12 th	PTFA meeting 12 th January in school at 2pm. All welcome!
Monday 15 th	Closing date for Reception 24 applications
Wednesday 17 th	Y6 Westcott Wednesday
Thursday 18 th	Reception trip to the beach (details to follow)
Wednesday 24 th	Y4 Westcott Wednesday
Wednesday 31 st	Y3 Westcott Wednesday

