



Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

"Where learning is an adventure!"

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Headteacher Reports...

It has been lovely giving so many tours to prospective new families over the last many weeks.

The universal response from visitors is always: 'Wow, I never knew you had so much space!' We are indeed the gem hidden up high on the hill, with so many outside spaces for our children to enjoy. Due to our location-with so few cars nearby-our air is fresh and clean. Due to our altitude, we can always be counted upon to experience snow when it falls, as was the case earlier this week!

Our academic reputation is well established and we are proud of how well our children achieve. However, we are most proud of the enrichment experiences that we offer. This week began with our new after school pottery club which looked great fun! In mid week, our footballers and netballers competed in matches outside school. Yesterday, some of our KS1 children had a ton of fun at Mrs Goozee, Mrs Coulter, Mrs Owen's free 'Crafty Kids' club. After school today, it's our first Let's Dance practice and our new free KS1 choir will have their first rehearsal too. Mrs Brewer informs me that 28 children have signed up which is super!

There is much to look forward to in the week ahead too, including our Reception children visiting the beach at Rottingdean. Mrs Coulter has been studying the tides closely and is timing it so that our young geographers can catch a glimpse of the 'Daddy Longlegs', the 'Sea Voyage on Wheels' which has been swallowed by the sea. Here at Rudyard we are always looking for new ways to make the learning interesting and fun!

I am looking forward to attending the PTFA meeting later this afternoon. The fantastic Autumn term events held here raised a lorry load of cash! Our children are looking forward to it being spent on lots of lovely things for them to enjoy!

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Hanington

Headteacher





Special Mentions



Kahlo – Kody has been exceptional in Rockets this week. He has been incredibly keen to do his learning, showing super readiness. Kody has been doing everything that is asked of him with a beaming smile on his face. A huge well done Kody!

Obama – Orya has returned from the Christmas break with a bang. She has been showing fantastic resilience in her learning. Orya has been working hard on hearing the initial sound in words.

Attenborough – Ted – you should be so proud of yourself for the incredible start you have made to 2024! Your readiness for every aspect of learning is fantastic. You are an excellent role model during whole class learning and you are always ready and keen to share your great ideas and responses. You are also organised and ready with your independent learning. Keep it up, you absolute superstar!

Parks – Ruben Maths is all about efficiency and you'll be pleased to hear Ruben is such an efficient mathematician. He is so resourceful, always listens carefully in maths and thinks about the best way to complete a task. He has particularly shown this off this week whilst learning about 2D shapes with a vertical line of symmetry.

Gandhi – Grace Mr Wynne is rather strict when it comes to presentation skills in books. The children in Gandhi class have had to work a lot on presenting their work neatly and taking pride in their learning – none more so than glorious Grace! Since the start of Year 3, she has worked tirelessly to improve the standard of her books and wow, what a job she is doing now!



Max Never in the history of education has a child ever been as ready as Max. Each day, he arrives with a smile on his face; determination for the day ahead and bags of enthusiasm. His hand is always up ready to answer questions and his recent maths learning is evidence of just how ready he is to tackle Greater Depth challenges – well done buddy!

Pankhurst – Joseph has blown us away this week with how hard he is working in maths. He is sharing his ideas and helping others! He has been using his times tables to problem solve and reason successfully. Great work Joseph!

Mandela – Lewis A Jedi master you truly are young Lewis, Teach Mr Jones the way of resourcefulness you must! Lewis, I am thrilled to present you with your resourcefulness special mention! You go from strength-to-strength with your learning every day and your impressive bank of vocabulary is truly remarkable – you really are a word wizard!! Keep up the hard work.

Seacole - Sienna is such an asset to Seacole class. She consistently demonstrates all of the 5R's, but the ones that particularly shine out are her Readiness and Remembering. She is always ready within her learning environment as well as frequently remembering previous learning or using her knowledge to make links to her current learning. Sienna has a wonderful attitude to every aspect of school life and she is a joy to teach.

Darwin – Sofie Super Sofie has been displaying her incredible remembering skills this week. Sofie is embracing how to be an exceptional learner in Year 5. Miss Smith notices Sofie using her top tips and tricks to ensure her work is to its highest standard. Sofie uses our star words, edits her writing, focuses on her presentation and most importantly – asks for support when it is needed. Sofie is a pleasure to teach, keep up the hard work!

Yousafzai – Lianna Lovely Lianna is a shining star of Yousafzai class. She is forever positive and dedicated to keeping her work and presentation up to secondary school standard. Lianna always demonstrates all her values and ensures she makes everyone in the class feel counted. Thank you Lianna!

Head Teacher Awards!

Ibrahim in Rashford –Writing letters accurately and using his sounds!

Amelia in Rashford - For being a writing wizard!

Sebastian in Rashford - Super phonics!

Forrest in Thunberg -Super writing using his phonics.

Eren in Obama - A super poem about winter.

Albie in Obama-Excellent '10 frame' maths learning.

Carter in Attenborough - Sensational shape maths learning!

Zak in Attenborough – Doing brilliantly with his learning across all subjects!

Tommie-lee in Attenborough- Fantastic writing about 'The Beast'

Freddie in Gandhi - Amazing writing in role as the Lonely Beast – great vocab!

Evan in Gandhi - An accomplished diary entry full of rich vocabulary.

Charlie in Gandhi -A superb piece of writing, full of detail and feelings.

Amelia in Gandhi - Amelia knows all the phonetic alphabet from A-Z off by heart: so clever!

Lana in Gandhi - Lana is not only a word wizard but also a number wizard!

Halle in Pankhurst - A first class maths investigation on multiplying by 8.

Lily in Mandela - For her beautiful Mayan headdress: great colours!

Archie in Mandela – Superb topic work on the Mayans.

Chelsea in Darwin - Excellent and accurate maths learning.

Olivia in Darwin - Impressive maths work with super presentation.

Arthur in Seacole - An excellent piece of PSHE learning about the dangers of 'Fake News'.

Jessica In Seacole - A powerful and emotive email linked to her class book 'Cosmic'.

Noah in Yousafzai - A secondary school quality balanced argument using stylish formal language and an excellent evacuation poem.

Jessica-Lea in Yousafzai - An exceptional map of the UK linked to her Evacuee topic-very accurate annotation of cities.

Liam in Yousafzai -A fantastic map of the UK with the county borders fine lined and well annotated.

Ethan in Yousafzai - Demonstrating excellent understanding of addition and subtraction

Bailey and Zoe in Yousafzai - A super Evacuee poem written together.



Stars of the Week

After School Club

KS1 –Roma in Kahlo for always being so positive at Afterschool club.

KS2 – Lewis in Mandela for always being kind and polite.



Lunch time Stars

Oscar - for his mature approach, demonstrating how to play fairly and being a great role model.

Ethan - For being a Superb Year 6 role model.

Joe - For being a Superb Year 6 role model

Oliver and Lennon -'great mentoring and creating fun activities in KS1.

PAN reduction proposal dropped

The council have made the decision to drop the proposal that our Published Admission Number (PAN) is reduced to 45. This means that in September 2025 we will be able to welcome more than 45 Reception aged children to our school.

RKPS SPORTS REPORTS :

RKPS Boys Football team

On Wednesday, RKPS boys' football team played their final Citizen's League match against a very talented Carden team. We raced into an early lead through William Johnson's tidy finish, but from then on it took a gutsy defensive display to keep Carden at bay, and it was 1-0 to us at half time.

Two well-deserved goals from Carden meant the game finished in a narrow defeat, but Mr Wynne and Mr Mack were incredibly impressed at the teamwork, resolve and never-give-up attitude of the whole team. There were great performances all round, but particular mention has to go to Oliver in goal and Jacob in defence, who kept Carden's talented attackers frustrated!

We sadly did not make it through to the knockout stages of the competition, but we are looking forward to the cup competition, which begins later in the spring. Final Score RKPS 1 – Carden 2

RKPS Players of the Match: Oliver & Jacob



NETBALL FESTIVAL

On Thursday, Mr Wynne took 9 eager children to Longhill for the netball festival. The children played numerous games and activities to warm up. Unsurprisingly, they developed their netball skills so quickly whilst partaking in these activities and it was a delight to see these skills put to the test in the matches at the end! As I'm sure you can imagine, our school representatives were a credit and showed respect and kindness at all times. I wonder if we'll see any of these children donning the Rudyard colours in the netball competitions over the coming weeks!? Wouldn't it be nice for another clean sweep - I don't know if we've mentioned that before? 😊



Rudyard Reading Recommendations

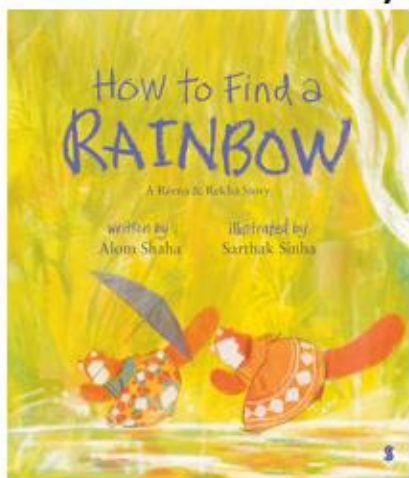
Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school are sharing two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

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.



How to Find a Rainbow by Alom Shaha and illustrated by Sarthak Sinha



This book sees red panda sisters Reena and Rekha – one loves staying indoors to paint, the other loves splashing in puddles – on a rainbow-chasing adventure. Shaha's narrative effortlessly weaves in the science of rainbows, accompanied by sumptuous pencil illustrations from Sinha. The perfect picturebook for a rainy day.

How Do Meerkats Order Pizza? By Brooke Barker



In this uproariously funny and charmingly illustrated book, readers are introduced to incredible animals and the bizarre things human scientists do to understand them.

Did you know that crows never forget a face? Or that jaguars have a favourite perfume? Have you ever wondered how to pet a yeti crab? Or whether dogs can tell if you're smiling? And just what is a burrowing bettong?

From crafting fake poo to slurping up bugs with a straw, there's nothing these amazing scientists won't do to help us learn more about the animals around us. Packed with fascinating facts, this hilarious book reveals secrets like why roosters crow and how meerkats make decisions as a group – and how humans can better understand the wild creatures we share the planet with.

Mr Jones' Maths Challenge

This week, we're going to have a focus on shape. Maybe while you're out and about with your families you can play a game of spot the shape and see what you find. I'll leave you with a good shape joke: obtuse triangles always upset because they are never right. Enjoy!


KS1

Use the key to colour in the different shapes on the monster


Challenge: Can you create your own picture using different shapes for someone else to colour in. Don't forget to use a ruler. 😊

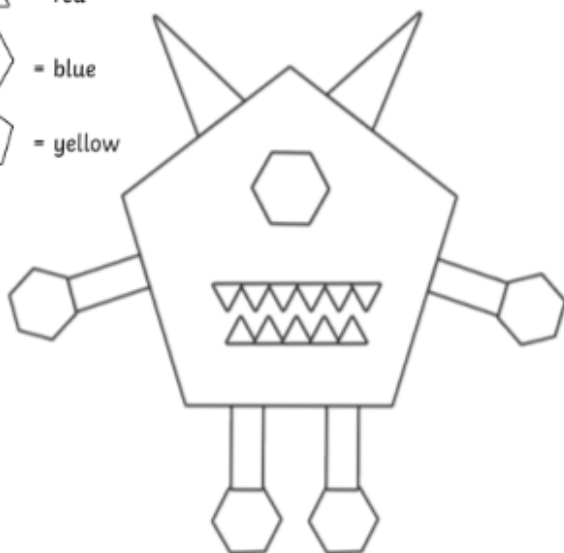
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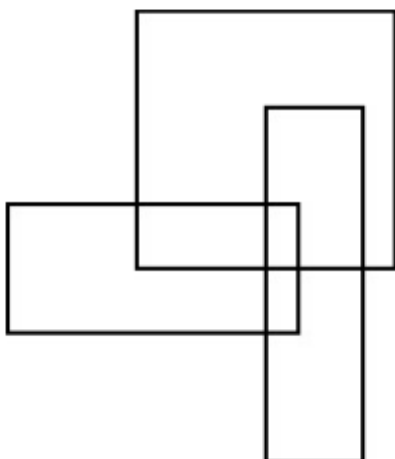
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KS2

We are met again with a real brain teaser this week. How many rectangles are in this picture? Remember a square is also a rectangle, but can you tell me what is special about it?



Friday 5th January 2024

Year 2 travelled back in time and excavated artefacts to work out that we had gone back to the Great Fire of London in 1666. We used all the clues to document what we already know and what we want to find out.



Reminders:

Holidays In Term Time!

We would like to remind you Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued for those parents and carers choosing to take their children on holiday during term time. The **finest issued are £60 per parent per child**. There are 175 non-school days during the calendar year and we politely ask that you use these to take your children on special holidays.

Reminder – ZERO Debt Policy

If your Parent pay account is in debt, please top up before booking any clubs, lunches etc. Thank you for your support.



ATTENTION! New Days for PE

Reception

Rashford - Monday and Tuesday

Thunberg – Monday and Thursday

Year 1

Kahlo Wednesday and Friday

Obama – Monday and Wednesday

Year 2

Parks - Monday and Thursday

Attenborough - Thursday and Friday

Year 3

Gandhi – Tuesday and Wednesday

Pankhurst – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 4

Mandela – Monday (swimming) and Thursday

Year 5

Darwin and Seacole Monday and Friday

Year 6

Yousafzai - Thursday

