



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Our teaching team met recently to learn about the wonderful book the whole school will be studying next week to celebrate World Book Day.

Entitled 'The Wild', by Yuval Sommer, it is a thought-provoking text explaining the need for humans to look after our beautiful planet. The illustrations are simply stunning and the book is superbly crafted: it's a story for our children to really explore and immerse themselves in!

Miss Vaughan and Miss Lee-Bull have again come up trumps, sourcing a text which all our children can access and enjoy, from Reception to Year 6. Next week promises to be one of a whole load of literary fun.

As usual, all children will receive a book token which can be exchanged for a free book. I have had a look online and there are some super titles from which to choose, from t-rexes to jellyfish in space (!) to creepy thrillers for our older readers.

Next Friday, we will celebrate dress up day with the theme of 'The Wild'. If your child has a book character who is special to them then it's fine for them to come dressed as them also.

The weather has certainly been wild this week but that has not stopped our girls' football team, boys' football team and cricket team from braving the elements. Teamwork and positivity were both on show and hats off to all of our talented young sportsmen and women.

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Harington

Headteacher



RKPS Cricket Team



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Ben

YR1



Superstar, Ben! Your handwriting efforts have blown me away recently. You have shown impressive resilience and patience in your writing, remembering your ascenders, descenders and to always take your time. In addition to resilience, you have also been showing fantastic readiness to all learning and we all love hearing your thoughtful ideas and questions. Never lose your curiosity and love of learning! Keep up the hard work superstar!

Lottie

YR2



Lottie – you super-duper superstar! You should be incredibly proud of yourself for your amazing resilience. You are embracing all the learning with a positive attitude and your resilience enables you to overcome challenges, as well as being an excellent role model for the class. Your smile and skip in your step as you embrace school life is inspiring and you are an asset to the class. Thank you for your patience and kindness towards others in all you do. What would we do without you?!

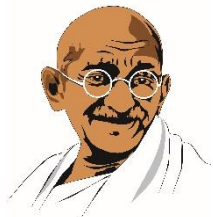
Elliott



Today, we're shining a spotlight on Year 2's dancing dynamo, Elliott, for his remarkable resilience in dance this week. Even when faced with tricky steps and moments of frustration, Elliott has shown incredible perseverance and determination. His willingness to keep practising and push through challenges is a testament to his strong work ethic and positive attitude. Keep up the fantastic effort, Elliott – your resilience is truly admirable and sets a wonderful example for your friends!

Holly

YR3



Holly's writing target is to form ascenders and descenders correctly – a tricky task for anyone. With resilience in abundance however, she has worked herself to the bone to form them with precision this week. As a result, her handwriting is not only looking immaculate but is also a lot more legible. She should be very proud of her resilience – well done!

Amelia



Amazing Amelia has been on fire recently! She is always ready to learn and is making huge progress in maths and English. We are so proud of her determination, resilience and hard work and her love of learning! Keep this up Amelia you are becoming a super learner.

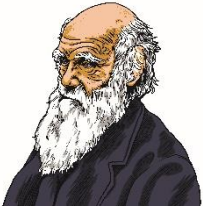
Luca

YR4



Nelson Mandela once said, "A winner is a dreamer who never gives up." Luca, your dreams have clearly become a reality because you are the biggest winner of them all showing resilience when faced with the toughest challenges to show that giving up was never an option. Moving to the front of the class has unlocked your focus, and your resilience is shining through. Luca is pushing himself harder, his work is improving, and he's become a fantastic learning role model. Well done, Luca!

Fin



Fin is on FIRE! This is the most common line heard in Darwin at the moment. In discussions, Fin has been confident to share all of his ideas, answers and reasoning to a variety of subject questions. He has been an all-round superstar – and his work has been the highest quality so far this year. Also, what has been most lovely to see, is Fin’s genuine kindness being shared with others. With a broadly asked question about helping in the class, Fin has been first to offer support, whether that’s with the learning or keeping the environment neat and tidy. A new chapter has definitely begun for Fin and Miss Smith can’t wait to see the rest. Keep it up!

YR5

Gracie



Gracie is showing such a positive and mature attitude towards her learning. She is listening well and it is lovely to see her feeling more confident with sharing her suggestions and ideas with the class. She is keen to get straight on with whatever learning task is involved and she is thriving within the classroom. Well done Gracie. It is lovely to have you in Seacole.

Will J



If every teacher had a Will J in their class, every teacher would walk into school smiling! He epitomises the complete learner. He works incredibly hard and does so with positivity - a key to success. It has been joy to see Will flourish his handwriting – taking time and pride in it! Bravo Will.

YR6



YR Rashford
YI Kahlo
YI Obama

Herbie – Accurate and imaginative writing!
Dylan - Amazing magic potion writing and maths subtraction learning.
Freddie, Macy, Albie - Super potion writing.
Leisha - For being a Handwriting Hero!
Connie - For giving her work 100%.
Orya – For wonderful writing.

Y2 Attenborough:
Y2 Parks

Aitor - Thoughtful writing on the Ten Commandments.
Stanley - Excellent contributions to our PSHE lesson.
Tommie-Lee - Brilliant writing about his morning routine!

Y4 Mandela

Aoife, Darcy and Maxim - Excellent projects on the Mayans.
Archie and Tahlia - Writing a gripping adventure story.
Carter - Sensational Story in English.
Asomi - Sensational Story in English.
Jasper - Sensational Story in English.

Y5 Darwin

Thomas - Handwriting Hero!
Ronnie - For being a kind friend.
Henry - For being a kind friend.
Fin - Super writing linked to class book ‘Skellig’.
Rania and Oliver - Powerful writing in character as Michael from ‘Skellig’.
Fletcher - Exceptional progress in his handwriting.
Ollie - Superb writing in role as Michael from Skellig.

Y5 Seacole:

Mujahid - For all his wonderful poetry: he is our resident poet!
Arthur - Excellent decimals learning in maths.

Y6 Yousafzai

Oliver - Exceptional diary writing linked to WW2 topic.
William J - Excellent science learning about blood cells.

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 Worry Tiger: A magical mindfulness story to soothe, comfort and calm by Alexandra Page and illustrated by Stef Murphy



Miss Vaughan was blown away when she recently read this gorgeous picture book that weaves mindfulness actions into a magical story, helping young children to feel calm and relaxed

It's show-and-tell tomorrow and Rory is anxious – he doesn't have anything special to share with the class. But everything changes when Rory meets his very own worry tiger.

"Try this," said the tiger. "See how quiet you can be. Tiptoe like a tiger and tell me what you see."

Breathe deep to smell the jungle scents.

Stretch to join the monkeys high up in the trees.

Listen carefully to the creatures all around.

This enchanting story is full of mindfulness actions that anyone can use to feel calm and beat anxiety.

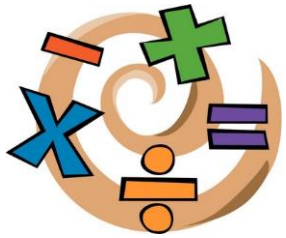
The Worry Tiger is a colourfully illustrated book with a gentle rhyme that's a joy to read aloud and will help children relax and share their thoughts and worries.

Includes a set of fun and easy mindfulness activities at the back of the book to encourage calm, happiness and creativity for young children.

Pages & Co.: Tilly and the Bookwanderers by Anna James



Since the disappearance of her mother, Tilly has lived in a bookshop with her grandparents, where she has found comfort amongst the pages of her favourite books. When she discovers her special ability to wander in and out of books alongside her favourite characters, she realises this could hold the key to finding out what really happened to her mother. But she is unnerved by the appearance of the mysterious Enoch Chalk who turns up in the most unexpected of places, taking an unusual interest in Tilly and watching her very closely. Spellbinding and truly magical, the world of Pages & Co is enchanting for readers young and old.



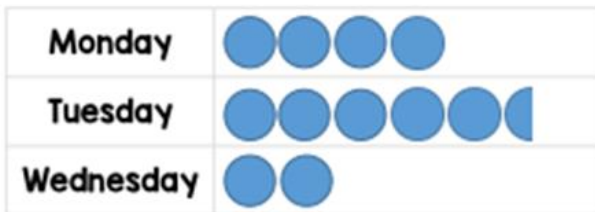
Mr Jones' Maths Challenge of the Week



We would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents and carers for getting stuck in with the maths challenges and providing support. Once again we have some problems here for you to solve as we approach the weekend. Mr Jones has printed the challenges off and they are in the familiar place of 'outside the office'. Good luck.

KS1

- 1 The pictogram shows the number of children who walk to school each day.

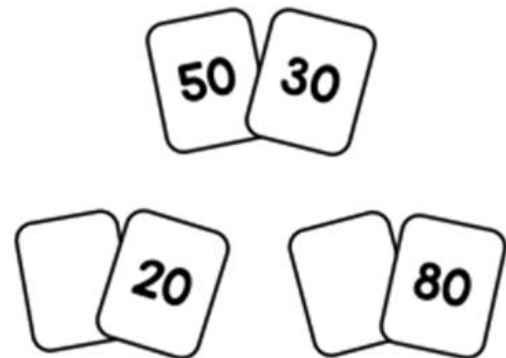


= 2 children

There are 20 children in the class.

How many children did not walk to school on Tuesday?

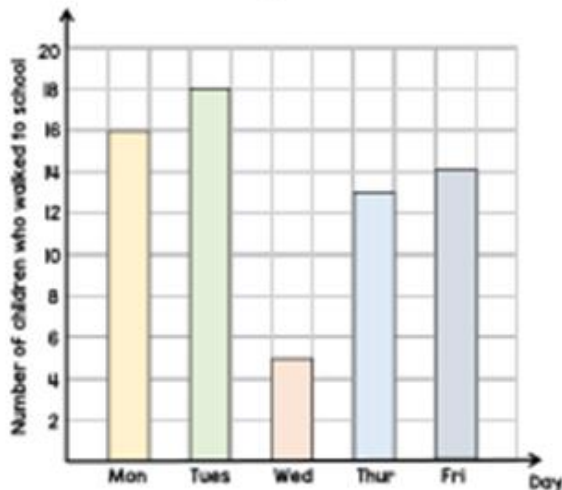
- 2 These pairs of numbers all have the same total.



Work out the missing numbers.

KS2

- 1 There are 25 children in a class. The bar chart shows the number of children in the class who walk to school each day.



- (a) What percentage of the class walked to school on Thursday?
(b) One of the days it rained. Which day do you think it was? Explain to your friend.

- 2 Order the following numbers. Start with the smallest.



Equalities



In Year 2 this week we have been learning about families around the world. We had a look at pictures of lots of families from different parts of the world and then we spoke about what was the same and what was different.

As a class we agreed that the biggest similarity was that all families love and care for each other. We discussed many different ways how families may show they care for their special people. Finally, we agreed that it is important to be kind and show respect to all people, those who we feel are the same as us and those who we feel are different.

Next lesson we will be learning about homes from around the world and we can't wait!

Stars of the Week

After School Club – KS1 – Josh in Kahlo for being creative at After School Club
KS2 – Jacob in Pankhurst for playing well with others.

Lunchtime Stars of the Week

★ Nina ★ Aoife B ★ Bertie ★ Nate

For super tidying up. The Play Team are very grateful for their help.



REMINDER: Staff Car Park

We kindly ask that parents and carers do not use the staff car park to drop off or pick up children for Breakfast/After School Club (unless authorised by the school). Please utilise the street parking along Chalkland rise.

Breakfast / After School Club

Have you got any spare hats, handbags or dressing up clothes you don't use anymore? If so, we would love to make use of them at our clubs.

We are also making a 'comfy corner' for children who are tired and want to chill out at the end of a busy school day. We would be grateful for any donations of cushions and throws. If you know of anyone who has a sofa that they are getting rid of - even better!

Please bring any donations to the school office.



#LetGirlsPlay

Our #LetGirlsPlay Biggest Ever Football Session is next Friday (8th March). Mr Wynne, Mr Mack and Mrs Nazarko will be running some football skills session for girls during lunch next Friday - there'll be more info in next Friday's assembly.

Brighton Miles returns in 2024!

Entry is free and open to everyone, with all finishers receiving a medal and a digital finisher's certificate. The Brighton Miles offers everyone the chance to be part of the action by running, jogging or walking a one-mile course in Preston Park.

Please read the Brighton Miles terms and conditions [here](#) before registering.

<https://www.brightonmarathonweekend.co.uk/events/brighton-miles>

Tara's Top Tips for Families

Hi all.

Here are my Top Tips for this week!



Parenting Support from the Brighton and Hove Family Hubs:

Being a parent can be amazing, but we all need some help, advice and practical tips at times. The Family Hubs deliver tried, tested and internationally renowned parenting programmes to help you and your children get the support that you need. These include courses and workshops for parents of children under ten years old, parents of teenagers, parents of children with additional needs, parents who are separated and parents who are living together but who have different parenting styles to each other.

Click here to explore the courses and workshops on offer <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/families-children-and-learning/childcare-and-family-support/parenting-support-through-family-hubs#:~:text=We%20offer%20support%20to%20families,uk%20or%20phone%2001273%20293545.>

You can book yourself on to the courses but if the one you are interested in requires a referral, please contact me to discuss and I can make the referral for you.



Holiday Clubs for the Easter holiday – HAF

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is running again over the Easter Holiday. Funded places are available to those who are in receipt of Free School Meals as well as a paid option. HAF offers free enriching holiday activities with a healthy meal included. This holiday the HAF are running a club at RKPS! This is a **Tech and STEM camp** for 5-11 year olds. Other venues that are local to us are Longhill High school where **SportsCool** are running a Multi-Sports holiday camp for 4-12 year olds; **ArtPod** in Rottingdean for ages 5-10 and **Easter at Triangle** on Hunns Mere Way in Woodingdean for 5-12 year olds. There are many venues and activities across the city so go to <https://eequ.org/brightonhovehaf> to explore your options. I've heard some wonderful reviews of the HAF Programme so do check them out!

That's it from me for now. I am available during the school day Monday to Wednesday so feel free to give me a call or catch me at school pick up if there is anything you would like to chat about.

Have a lovely weekend all!

Tara Bryant

Inclusion and Family Support Worker

Arbor and Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will be going live later today. You can book your slots via the Arbor Parent App.

You can now book Breakfast and After School club on the day. However, we do require 24 hours' notice for cancellations due to staffing being put in place. An exception to this is if your child is ill. If you book and collect early or arrive late, you will be charged accordingly. The office can no longer book you on to clubs, you MUST book you place via the App. You will not be able to secure a booking unless there are sufficient funds on your account.

If you are having difficulty with Arbor, please contact the school office.

Community Notice Board

We are looking for someone to join our team

Position – Lunch/snack cover

9am – 1pm Monday to Friday

Start date: 15th April 2024

£11.44 per hour

Temporary until the end of August 2024, with a possibility of extension.

The role would include:- preparing snack and lunch.

Supporting staff in the room with the children.

A DBS check will be required as well as 2 references and proof of your right to work in the UK

A level 2 in food safety and hygiene is desirable, although training can be provided.

Please email Michelle or Julie at enquire@kiplinglons.co.uk for an application form



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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 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

March 2024	
Thursday 7th	Year 6 Plumpton Trip
Friday 8th	World Book Day Dress Up / #LetGirlsPlay
Tuesday 12th	Parent Consultations, Y4 Group 1 trip to La Choza
Wednesday 13th	Parent Consultations, Y4 Group 2 trip to La Choza
Tuesday 19th	Let's Dance at Brighton Dome
Wednesday 20th	Y5 trip to South Downs Planetarium
Tuesday 26th	Rocksteady Concert 2:30pm
Wednesday 27 th	Y1 Trip to Lewes Castle
Thursday 28th	KS2 Choir recital (2:30pm) LAST DAY OF TERM
April 2024	
Monday 15th	First Day of term

