



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

Sunshine has welcomed the children back to school this week and it's been lovely that the weather has allowed us to open the sports fields again for them to enjoy.

Year 6 have the final day of their residential today. I had the pleasure of spending Wednesday with them and they were clearly having a whale of a time-there were many RKPS daredevils, braving the 40-metre abseiling tower! They really are a super bunch: talented and kind. I must thank Miss Vaughan, Mr Jones, Miss Farrow and Mrs Woolven for their generosity in accompanying the children and likely experiencing two sleep disrupted nights! We look forward to welcoming the whole group back to school later this afternoon-tired eyes will soon return!

If you haven't already done so, please do follow us on Instagram. There are some super photographs of the children on the residential plus glimpses into the special moments which happen here every day.

Speaking of the outdoors, we are all very excited about the 'Green Festival' which is being held here at RKPS on Saturday 18th May between 10am and 4pm. There are myriad outdoor activities for children and adults to enjoy: the schedule appears later in this newsletter. Some highlights include: leaf printing, yoga, mindfulness with Mr J and 'Funky Moves' with JP Omari. There will be some all day green stalls on site also-it's all rather exciting!

Prior to this, we do of course have the Children's Parade to look forward to on Saturday 4th May. We are keeping it simple with our dress up theme: a **blue or purple t-shirt**. Mrs Brewer has over twenty eager samba band members having their first rehearsal after school today and the teachers are learning the rhythms too! It should add an extra dimension of fun to what is always a fantastic day.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Euan Flannington

Headteacher



Year 6 Residential



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Tommy



Tommy has bounced back into school with a love of learning and an eagerness to do his best. I am overjoyed at the way in which he has been so focused and determined in his writing and reading. He is extremely thoughtful towards other children in the class and is constantly looking out for them. Tommy is also polite and helpful and will often save me time with plenty of jobs. I am not sure what I would do without you! Keep it up Tommy!

YR1

Hermione



Hermione has come back from the Easter holidays with a great big smile and an excellent attitude to learning. Hermione has also been showing great readiness. Hermione never forgets to ask for help if she needs it and is articulating her thoughts and ideas more and more. We love hearing about what you have to say Hermione!

Harper



If you're looking for someone who is fantastic at remembering, then look no further than Harper! Harper, you are an absolute hero in your approach to your learning. You are remembering to select resources to help you and remembering the key learning points from the input to enable you to apply this independently. What a superstar you are! Do superheroes fly? Well, you certainly are with this great start to the summer term!

YR2

Harrison



Picture this: a young adventurer, armed with a backpack full of resilience and a map marked with "I can do it myself!" trails. That's Harrison! Harrison is well on his way to mastering the key skill of independence and he should be very proud of this. The resilience he has shown along his adventure is remarkable. Keep this up, Harrison, we are so proud of you! Well done!

Daisy

Dedicated Daisy has been so resilient lately and has become so independent with her writing, it is a joy to see! Nothing is too tough for her, and she is confident and enthusiastic to just give every task a go! We are so proud of her and she is making great progress! Go Daisy!

YR3



Dougie

Dougie has dazzled us this week with his resilience in maths. Fractions can be tricky, but not for Dougie! He worked independently, got all the answers right and said how proud of himself he was. We are proud of you too! Keep it up mathematician!

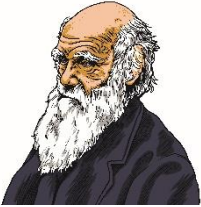
YR4



Henry

Henry's attitude to learning always impresses Mr Mack whenever he is fortunate enough to teach Year 4. Henry has a quiet confidence in every task that he tackles, and the beaming smile on his face when he succeeds is a joy to behold. Well done Henry!

Olivia



What a great start to the summer term! Olivia has walked back into Darwin with the determination to do her best in every lesson. This has taken a lot of perseverance and resilience at times; but this was not an issue for Olivia. Not only is Olivia creating some incredible work; she is also completing this to the highest standard. The pride Olivia holds for her presentation is incomparable – Miss Smith thoroughly enjoys flicking through Olivia's books in awe of her improvements. Keep up the fab work!

YR5



Ruby

Since returning to school this term, Ruby has been demonstrating a wonderful, reflective attitude. She is listening and focused and really reflecting on her learning and her ideas before beginning any independent work. This ensures that when she puts pen to paper, she is recording her best ideas and using her prior learning to help answer questions. Well done Ruby – keep up the excellent attitude.



YR Rashford

Skyla - Writing three 'sh' words beautifully!

Y1 Obama

Leisha - A super re-telling of Rapunzel with sensational handwriting!

Y2 Attenborough:

Harli – Excellent performance in PE.

Y5 Darwin

Fletcher - Impressive extra maths learning.

Y5 Seacole:

Chelsea, Henry and Sofie - Reflective, thoughtful PSHE writing.

Jessica - Excellent polygon maths learning.

Bader and Rebeca - Superb perimeter maths work.

Y6 Yousafzai

Darcy - First class writing about Skellig: Darcy is very much ready for Year 6!

Zoe, Lottie, Malaika, Ellie and Liana - Carefully crafted poems about the 'Windrush Generation'.

Archie - For an excellent attitude to learning.

RKPS Reading Recommendations

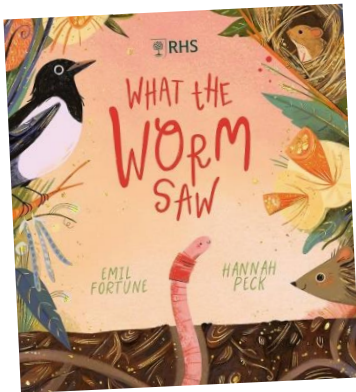


Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

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.

What the Worm Saw by Emil Fortune and illustrated by Hannah Peck



Narrated by a friendly earthworm who introduces the reader to their underground world, and shares all that is wonderful about worms, closing with a fact section. A good companion to *Yucky Worms*.

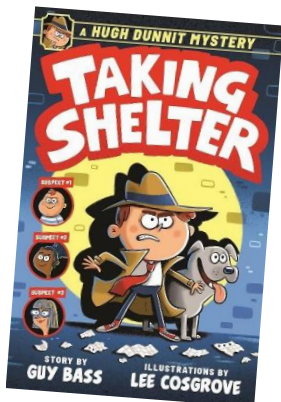
Meet Earthworm – pink, wriggly and busy helping everyone’s gardens grow. In collaboration with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), the UK’s leading gardening charity, comes a charming tale with a powerful message for little green minds: join one very special worm to discover the important role earthworms play in nature and how they help our wildlife thrive.

This informative tale features delightful illustrations by Hannah Peck (*Somebody Swallowed Stanley*) and includes additional factual content young readers will love.

This beautiful, illustrated children’s books series is the perfect introduction to the world of flowers, trees and wildlife, ready to inspire a new generation.

- The perfect book to help you connect with nature
- Stunning illustrations and factual content that will take you on a wonderful journey through nature
- This amazing book will inspire children and (grown-ups!)

Taking Shelter: A Hugh Dunit Mystery by Guy Bass and illustrated by Lee Cosgrove



Taking Shelter: A Hugh Dunit Mystery sees wannabe schoolboy detective set out to prove his new dog’s innocence by solving the case of who really shredded his homework. A comedy crime caper which satirises the genre through absurd similes that read like film noir narration – “Like a thief in a ketchup factory, I was about to be caught red-handed” – and flashbacks to the crimes of potential suspects presented in dramatic black-and-white comics.

Hugh Dunit may be a schoolboy, but that doesn't stop him from cracking the toughest cases. Like the case of the shredded maths homework. Sure, lesser minds might collar Hugh's new dog, Shelter. But Hugh knows there's more to sniff out. Working through the suspects, Hugh digs up a bigger mystery: just where does Shelter come from?

A brilliantly funny detective story with comic-book art throughout by Lee Cosgrove.



Mr Jones' Maths Challenge of the Week

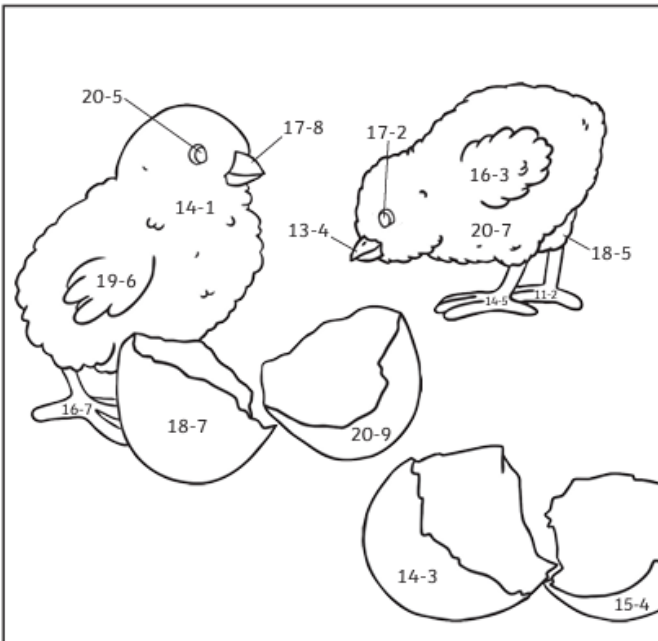


Welcome back to our favourite term of them all: the summer term! With so much to look forward to this term, we kick things off with some gentle maths challenges. It really does amaze me the progress children make within the summer term and maths is no exception. Keep challenging yourselves with times tables and numbers facts by downloading the Times Table Rock Stars and/or NumBots app for FREE from the Play Store or Apple Store.

KS1

Work out the answer to the subtraction questions and colour the picture using the key.

Key



KS2

Solve the calculations and use the code breaker to spell out the spring-themed words.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

	Answer	Letter
5×5		
$260 \div 10$		
2×4		
Double 8		
11×2		
$\frac{1}{2}$ of 14		

	Answer	Letter
3×5		
Double 13		
7×2		
5×5		

	Answer	Letter
6×4		
$65 - 46$		
9×2		
$\frac{1}{2}$ of 48		
4×4		
$64 \div 8$		

	Answer	Letter
$38 \div 2$		
$48 \div 4$		
$56 \div 8$		
3×8		
$72 \div 8$		
3×4		
$40 \div 5$		
$24 \div 3$		
$\frac{1}{2}$ of 50		
$48 \div 8$		
$130 \div 10$		

	Answer	Letter
11×2		
$100 \div 5$		
5×4		
$32 \div 4$		

	Answer	Letter
$100 - 75$		
$18 \div 3$		
$26 \div 2$		
$100 - 87$		
$16 \div 8$		



Equalities



For our Year 1 equalities week, we began by drawing a big circle on a piece of paper, symbolizing our classroom community. Each of us placed a picture of ourselves inside the circle to represent ourselves, understanding that we're all equally important. We talked about what equality means, sharing how we're all unique but deserving of the same respect and opportunities. Then, we decorated our circle together, adding our names and reinforcing our unity.

ACE Table

A reminder to children and parents that the V Strike competitions are coming up in Summer 1. Look out for School Pings to sign your child up and help support the wonderful sporting culture here at RKPS!

Brand new goals!

Courtesy of our wonderful PTFA, we have a brand-new set of football goals! One is already sitting pride of place on the field, with a further 3 to be set up by Mr Wynne and Mr Mack in the coming weeks. In Monday's assembly we'll talk to the children about how to look after the goals and make sure they can be enjoyed for years to come! Thanks again to Lou, Anik and the whole PTFA team.

ACE SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

A live

C hallenging

E nthusiastic

STANDINGS AFTER CRICKET, NETBALL & HOCKEY EVENTS

YR 3/4				YR 5			
POS	SCHOOL TEAM	PTS		POS	SCHOOL TEAM	PTS	
01.	OLOL	10		01.	Woodingdean	10	
02.	Woodingdean	6		02.	Rushyatt	10	
03.	Rushyatt	6		03.	OLOL	6	
04.	Saltdean	4		04.	Saltdean	4	

YR 6				OVERALL			
POS	SCHOOL TEAM	PTS		POS	SCHOOL TEAM	PTS	
01.	OLOL	10		01.	OLOL	26	
02.	Rushyatt	8		02.	Rushyatt	20	
03.	Saltdean	7		03.	Woodingdean	23	
04.	Woodingdean	5		04.	Saltdean	19	

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



Stars of the Week

- Breakfast Club -** KS1- Freddie in Parks for always playing so nicely and encouraging others to be sensible.
 KS2- Ruby in Seacole for showing good manners and thinking of fun games to include everyone.
- After School Club –** KS1 – Cara in Rashford for always playing so well at After School Club.
 KS2 – Maxim in Mandela For making such an amazing model with the wooden train set.



REMINDER: PTFA Pop-Up Charity Shop

- ♥ RKPS PTFA Pop Up Charity Shop - 3rd May 2024. 3pm.
- ♥ Good quality pre-loved items wanted for our pop up charity shop.
- ♥ Please drop off your donations on Thursday 2nd May from 8.15am outside the school office.
- ♥ Sale will be held in the KS2 school hall along with 2nd hand uniform on the 3rd May from 3pm.
- ★ Help us to use your pre-loved items to make some money for the school!
- 🗑️ Please note, whilst we appreciate all donations please make sure they are in a good sellable condition. We are not able to dispose of items if unsold.



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 fines issued are £60 per parent per child. There are 175 non-school days during the calendar year and we respectfully ask that you use these to take your children on special holidays.

Bikes or Scooters

Parents and carers are politely reminded that bikes or scooters are not to be used on the school premises. Riding either is potentially putting a child's safety at risk. Due to H&S reasons, any scooters found by inside by classroom doors, will be put in the designated storage area outside. Please note: any scooters or bikes left in the bike shed are done so at your own risk and the school is not liable for lost and damage.

Thank you for your support with this.



School Trips

We understand times are hard for everyone in this current climate. Our teachers work hard to plan exciting, educational visits for your children. We keep costs to a minimum wherever possible. Unfortunately, as a school, we are not able to subsidise more than we already do. Therefore, if we don't receive full payment, the trip may have to be cancelled. The office are always available to talk through any concerns.



Today is the last day to sign up for next year's residential- Current Year 5's please do pop into the office if there is anything we can do to support.



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PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE AN EGG AWARE & NUT FREE SCHOOL







Rottingdean All Stars Cricket



All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old with 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development.

The programme introduces children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so.

Every child that registers will receive a backpack full of goodies. Your child's pack will include:



- Backpack
- Cricket bat
- Cricket ball
- Personalised t-shirt



Every Friday
5.15 - 6.15pm
12th May - 30th June
Falmer Road, BN2 7BD

To Register - go to
www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars



www.rottingdean.play-cricket.com

The GREEN FESTIVAL at RKPS – 18/05/2024

We are so excited to be hosting 'The Green Festival' on Saturday 18th May, 10-4pm. Bring your friends and family down and enjoy the wonderful list of events below. See you there!

	List of Green Mini-workshops	Leaders facilitators	LOCATION
1.	Green for Babies – Sensory space & activities	Monika	Kipling Lions grass area
2.	Nature sticks – Ecotherapy session for all ages	Lucy Meynen Eva	Woodland
3.	Leaves printing - Creative workshop for young people & parents	Hope	Bell Tent 3 in central Football field
4.	Natural Collage - Creative workshop for young children & parents	Phil	Small Orchard
5.	Wreath making – secondary school children/YP	Ali Kay Anna	Benches near woodland
6.	Sowing seeds – for all ages	Cat Anne Anthony	Flower beds area
7.	Making a pot and Sowing sun flower seeds + music and singing – for all ages	Ngan Sile	Outdoor kitchen Near Woodland entrance
8.	Music therapy session by Linda – drumming and more	Linda	Bell Tent 1 in Football field 1
9.	Clothing upcycling – Easy Embroidery or drawing on your jeans and Tshirts	Nefeissa	Bell tent 2 in Football field 1
10.	Nature elements mobile	Liza Shamanic Sister	Little shed near playground
11.	Funky moves & Music pm	JP Omari	Football field
12.	Circuit training	Cross Fit	Smaller field
13.	Forest School activity	David	Woodland
14.	Dance therapy movement session by Sabine (am)	Sabine	Indoor Gym
15.	Mindfulness Movement with Mr J. (sess 1 at 1.30 for	Joseba Brandia pm	Indoor Gym

	neurodiverse children /sess 2 at 2.30 for all Indoors		
16.	Yoga for all – 2.30-3.30 only session	Tammy	
17.	Fruit tree planting	Stefan Permaculture Trust	

	ALL-DAY GREEN STALLS	Leaders facilitators	LOCATION
1.	Woodingdean Wilderness Group – looking after local green spaces	Clare Janet	
3.	Green Centre – Educational workshop on waste & recycling	Mel am Kay pm	
4.	Community Composting – table with flyers and how to join	Terry	
5.	Dr Bikes - Bike repair Shop – 11.00-2.00pm	Daniel Bianco B&Hove Council	
6.	Smartphone free childhood Campaign	Lucy Grainger	
7.	Fair Share	Karola	

	PERFORMANCES	Leaders facilitators
1. 12.30-1.30pm	<p>Strictly social dancing</p> <p>Activity: 2x 30 minute workshops</p> <p>1. Ballroom and Latin solo dance workshop, led by Sarah from Strictly Social Dancing - no partnering up, dance in your own space, learning styles such as Waltz, Cha Cha, Jive and all your strictly favourites in easy to learn and follow routines.</p> <p>2. Dance for all workshop, featuring dancers from The Far Far Away Musical - we will provide a short performance (5 minutes) and 25 minute workshop exploring the 5 rhythms of dance improvisation, using the surrounding trees and props and costumes we have to dance your way!</p>	Sarah

	FOOD	Who?
1.	Pizza + Veggie hot soup for all	Karola from Fair Share
2.	Veggie hot soup for all	Circa Deli
3.	Green Pesto on Bread – children & families	Irene
4.	Coffees, teas and cakes	School hut
5.	Smoothie bike	Blair

Tara's Top Tips



Nurturing Parents Group

The Schools Mental Health Services are running a lovely mindfulness-based wellbeing course for parents. The sessions are once a week for five weeks and they start next week – Tuesday 23rd April. See below for more details.

Nurturing Parents

A mindfulness-based wellbeing course for parents and carers



*Free 5-week course
Delivered in a small group
Tuesdays 10–11.30am
at Whitehawk Family Hub
Starting 23rd April*

This course could help you to:

- Recognise and manage the stresses of parenting
- Regulate strong emotions
- Develop compassion towards yourself
- Support the relationship with your children

Nurturing Parents:
A Mindfulness-based Wellbeing Course for Parents and Carers

The Nurturing Parents Mindfulness-based Course is a programme that is relevant and accessible for parents and carers whatever your family circumstances. Mindfulness can help us recognise and manage the stresses of parenting and understand the importance of self-care to cultivate the connections we hope for and that we know are nurturing for our children.

This is not a 'how to parent' course. It offers opportunities to experience mindfulness in a way that helps us to understand patterns of our thinking and feelings, and what we do as a result of these. This can open up a different way of understanding ourselves as a parent or carer, and this in turn supports our relationships with our children, helping us to regulate emotions and develop compassionate responsiveness.

What to expect in the sessions

Each week has a different theme which is linked to the one in the previous week. There are elements of teaching and discussion, simple silent exercises in awareness similar to meditation and simple movement-based stretches which can be done sitting or standing. You will also learn some approaches that can be practised with children and young people.

No experience of mindfulness is needed for the course and it is taught in a safe, supportive and kind environment: any input in the discussions is invitational and participants only share what they feel comfortable with.

When and where?

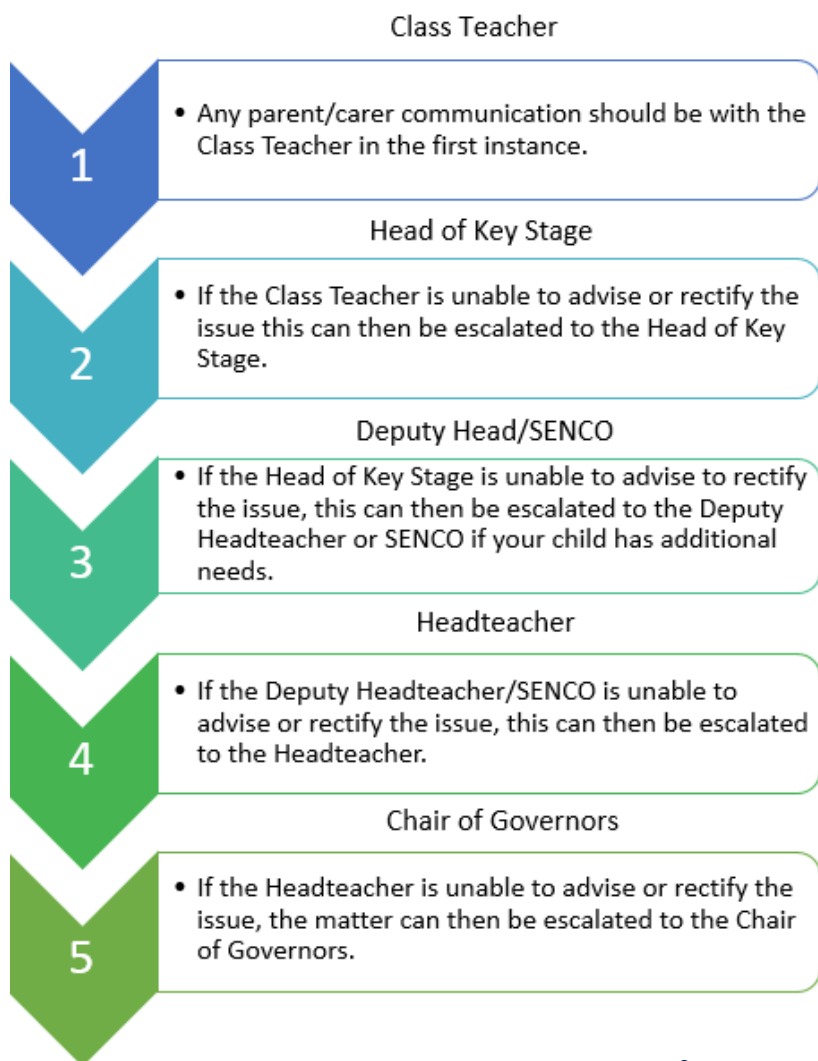
This course will be held for 5 weeks. Parents must attend every session.
The dates are: 23rd and 30th April, 7th, 14th, and 21st May 2024.
It will be held on Tuesdays 10-11.30am at Whitehawk Family Hub, 178 Whitehawk Road, BN2 5LF.
The 1, 1A and 21 buses stop outside, and free on road parking is available.

If you are interested in attending this course please email schoolsmentalhealthservice@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Have a lovely weekend all!

Tara Bryant
Inclusion and Family Support Worker

And finally...



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

Arbor Parent App

On App:

New trips, Clubs, Uniform, Swimming (after Easter)

Not on App

School Meals (ParentPay)

Make sure that when you are booking clubs, trips or ordering items, you complete the process by clicking next through ALL stages are completed in the app.

All bookings for clubs and trips are held within the APP so you can remind yourself at any time.

Dates for the Diary

May 24	
Wednesday 1st	Y4 Westcott Wednesday
Thursday 2nd	PTFA Pop-Up Charity Shop
Friday 3rd	PTFA Pop-Up Charity Shop
Monday 13th	SATs Week
Friday 24 th	INSET DAY
June 24	
Monday 3rd	INSET DAY
Tuesday 4th	Y6 Bread making with Chef John
Wednesday 12th	Class Photos (Full uniform please).
Wednesday 19th	Withdean Athletics
Monday 24th	RKPS class 'heroes' exhibition at Jubilee Library (24 th -28 th)
July 24	
Monday 8th	Reception Sports Day 9:15am; Y1 & Y2 Sports Day 1:30pm
Tuesday 9th	Y3 & Y4 Day 9:15am; Y5 & Y6 Sports Day 1:30pm
Thursday 18th	Y6 production 2pm & 5:30pm

