



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to you all following the half term break. I do hope you all had a wonderful week. It is great to see the children back in school and picking up where they left off with their learning.

Year 6 have had a busy start back to the new half term as they have started a month of PE lessons with Mr Meaney from The Weald. They are focussing on hockey and developing their hockey skills, which is particularly useful as some of the children will be representing the school later this term in a hockey tournament. Let's hope Mr Meaney's tuition pays off!



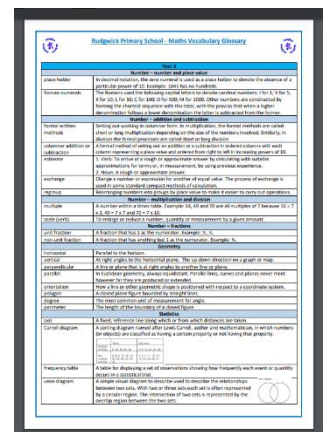
They also visited the Church this week to see the *Rudgwick Remembers* display. This is a special annual visit for Year 6 in which they learn about the local impact of the two World Wars, which adds so much to their understanding of this period of history which they learn about. Thank you to Rev. Martin and to Jonny Fossey for inviting us up and setting the children off for their quiz challenge.



Our half-term value of *Respect* was launched in assembly this week and is the focus of Anti-Bullying Week next week. The children will be thinking a lot about the idea of respect for each other, themselves and their environment and will focus heavily on the role they all have to play to ensure everyone shows respect and understands what it means (our definition was: treating others the way we want to be treated. It means caring for people, listening to them, and understanding that everyone has feelings and deserves to be treated kindly).

Remember, next week, as part of Anti-Bullying Week we will all be wearing our odd socks on Tuesday to celebrate everyone's difference.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to our school website, where we have added further resources to help you to support your children with their learning. On each class page we have added a maths glossary with all of the language, with a definition, that is used in that year group. We hope that alongside the calculation policy this will give you a better understanding of what your children are learning in each year group and the language to use.



Birthdays



Celebrating their birthday this week: Alex B, Olivia B, Henry F, Oscar W.

We hope you all have a lovely day celebrating.

Thank you Alex for sharing a lovely picture of you with your very yummy looking birthday cake.

If you would like to share a photo with us for the newsletter, please email it to office@rudgwick.w-sussex.org.uk



House Points

Falcons 232 **Kestrels 241** **Eagles 280**

Awards



This term's core value is **Inspire** and the wider value for the half term is **Respect**

Times Table & Number Bond Awards

Number Bonds to 5

Sophie – Y1

Number Bonds to 10

Charlotte – Y1

Neave – Y1

Book Awards

KS1: Archie - YR

KS2: Alfie – Y6

Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Archie	For his determination to form the letters in his name.
	George	For his impressive knowledge of why we celebrate Bonfire Night.
Asia (Year 1)	Lucie	For amazing concentration and focus during drumming this week.
	Elena	For being an all round awesome member of the class, being hard working and kind to all.
Europe (Year 2)	Eva P.	For her constant dedication to learning, being a wonderful role model and spreading kindness wherever she goes!
	Bea	For being a really lovely friend and helping set a positive example in the class. Thank you.
Australasia (Year 3)	Albert Ronnie	For always demonstrating the key school value of respect. The respectful way Albert and Ronnie treat others means they are appreciated by everyone in the school – adults and children alike.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Archie	For always working hard and sharing great contributions in lessons.
	Eloise	For showing a great attitude to her learning and being a great learning partner.
North America (Year 5)	Lily	For her engagement in English and developing some fantastic ideas in her plan for a sci-fi narrative.
	Alex	For consistently showing great focus and always being a supportive learning partner.
South America (Year 6)	Imogen	For being a really engaged learner and always working her hardest.
	Sofia	For being proactive with her learning and asking questions to deepen her understanding.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	<p>What a busy first week back we have had in Africa class. This week we have started to look for signs of Autumn and have read a story called Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert. We have loved creating our own leaf people and taking photographs of them. We learnt about Bonfire Night and made our own firework pictures using PVA glue and glitter. The pictures are hanging in our classroom and everyone who comes in tells us how lovely they are! In Maths this week we have been looking at the numbers 1, 2 and 3, how they are written and how they can be represented. We have also started to use the words 'one more' and 'one less' when counting backwards and forwards to 3. We have even learnt to count to 3 in French this week. On Thursday we joined KS1 in our first singing assembly to practise our Christmas Nativity songs and on Friday we joined the rest of the school for the Star Award assembly.</p>
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<p>Asia (Year 1)</p>	<p>We have had a great first week back in Asia Class. This week we have been exploring poetry and fireworks. We have been reading lots of firework themed poems, creating word banks of awesome firework related words and even writing our own firework poems. In Maths we have been exploring subtraction, using number lines and crossing out items to find the answers to number statements. On Monday we had our first Gymnastics lesson with coach Ben where we learnt about the 8 points of balance. In computing we have been learning all about technology and how we use it in our everyday lives. We have also started to learn our Christmas Production songs which we are sure you will become VERY familiar with!</p>
<p>Europe (Year 2)</p>	<p>Welcome back all! It's been so lovely to see the children again this week. We were very excited to start our woodland learning block and had such fun exploring the woods once more, making clay pots to celebrate Diwali, using chalk to make Rangoli patterns and having fun building dens and playing in the mud! In maths, we used our 2D shape knowledge to create a Guy Fawkes night inspired shape picture, after learning all about the Gunpowder Plot in history; as well as learning to identify sides and vertices. We kicked off our new learning journey 'Why Don't Polar Bears Freeze?' by thinking about what we already know and what we want to find out, as well exploring nouns and noun phrases! In science, we looked at living, dead and never alive, as part of our living things and their habitats focus. The highlight was finding out our Christmas play parts – it's coming!</p>
<p>Australasia (Year 3)</p>	<p>The half term break has delivered great benefits for the children: they have returned rested and energised. In maths, pupils have been spotting patterns when adding 10s or 100s. They noticed that some columns always change value whilst other columns never change in value or only sometimes. The children applied their learning to problem solving. In RE, they learnt about Hindu festivals (notably Diwali) and about puja - as practiced in Hindu places of worship. They completed an end of unit quiz in computing and had opportunity to revise inputs and output devices as the quiz showed gaps in this field. In PE, the children began a dance unit and learnt that their moves must be high quality and well controlled and that they should seek to change levels to add interest.</p>
<p>Antarctica (Year 4)</p>	<p>A busy first week back after the half term break. In maths, we have focused on multiplication with using and applying knowledge of 3,6 and 9 times tables to calculate answers to the 12 times tables and find multiples. We have also used place value to multiply numbers by 10 and 100. In English, our focus has been on poetry with the children reading and analysing a poem called the Magic Box and then using descriptive language to describe special items to them. They then had the opportunity to plan and draft their own version of the poem. In history, we have continued looking and the Ancient Greeks and researching life as a Greek soldier, in computing we have looked at how Audio recording work and in PE we have continued to develop our basketball skills in game play and had an introduction to balances in Gymnastics.</p>
<p>North America (Year 5)</p>	<p>It feels great to be back to school after a break with memories of such a fantastic trip to Sayers Croft and taking part in 8 Billion Ideas. This week, we started thinking about our next operation in maths which is multiplication by identifying multiples, factors and common factors. In English, the children have thought carefully about writing a plan for their sci-fi narrative, including different characters and settings. In computing, our unit this term links to video production and what that entails. We</p>

	enjoyed our first session with Coach Ben from Sports Stars who gave us an introduction to balances in gymnastics and the children had a fantastic session in the woods, making clay candle holders and attempting to start their own fires.
South America (Year 6)	What a great first week back after a very restful break. In maths we have been looking at division and mastering the short division method and applying this to a range of problems. In English we have started to plan our next piece of writing which will be a persuasive speech or letter and in science we have started our electricity topic and looked at major discoveries and inventions in history. In PE we have started our hockey unit with Mr Meaney from the Weald. We are also looking at dance through the decades this half term and started with the 1940s and the lindy hop. We have learnt about respect in RSHE this week and acted out scenarios showing how we can respect each other and in computing we have learnt about websites and what makes a good one, in preparations for creating our own webpages.

Recycling at school

Terracycle has announced they will not be taking any crisp wrappers after the 20th November 2024.

All crisp wrappers will now be expected to be recycled via supermarkets.

What **can be recycled** in the bin outside year 6 classroom;

- Biscuit wrappers (including Cheddars, Kit Kat, Twix & Penguin biscuits)
- All writing materials (except pencils & chalk)

Upcoming Events

Next Week

Tues 12th Nov – Odd Sock Day – Wear odd socks for Anti Bullying Week

Fri 15th Nov – Children in Need – Wear spots or Pudsey items

Autumn Term – 2

Fri 22nd Nov – Donations for Secrets Room

Fri 29th Nov – Mufti Day – Donations for Christmas Hamper Items

Tues 3rd Dec – PTA Wreath Workshop

Fri 6th Dec – PTA Christmas Fair & Mufti Day

Tues 10th Dec – Nativity Matinee Performance KS1

Wed 11th Dec – Nativity Evening Performance KS1

Fri 13th Dec – PTA Secrets Room – Present Buying

Wed 18th Dec - School Christmas Dinner & KS2 Carol Concert

Fri 20th Dec – End of Autumn Term

We are a NUT AWARE school due to the allergies that some of our pupils have, with every effort being made to ensure that no nuts, or products containing nuts, are brought in to the school.

Diary Dates

Please use the new school website for all diary dates. There is a link to the school calendar with to all pupil events. <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

Have a lovely weekend.

Terry Ryan

Mr Terry Ryan, Headteacher

More photos of events are available on our website <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

Please note that attachments to the Newsletter about local clubs and events are not endorsed by the school. Parents are responsible for carrying out their own safety checks.

