



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 25th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the summer term. I do hope you all had a great Easter break and enjoyed the sunshine.

We are in for a busy term with all the usual summer events. Year 6 are in for a busy time with SATs week this half term and our KS2 production later in the term. They'll also be thinking about transition events for the next exciting chapter in their education as they ready themselves for secondary school. As well as this, they will be taking part in their Bikeability training. For the first time, Year 5 will also get a taste of Bikeability to prepare them for next year. Year 4 will be enjoying a night at school for the camp residential and of course, there will be lots that you will join us for including, music concerts, Sports Day, the Summer Festival and Book Awards. So keep an eye on the weekly newsletter to know when all these things will be happening.

Our core value for this term is achievement and the term, I am delighted to share, starts off with a great message of achievement from some of our Year 3 children. Having successfully won a locality Multi Skills tournament they qualified for mid-Sussex finals, which took place this week. Mr Christmas took a group of 10 children from Year 3 to compete in a Sussex wide event at the Triangle Leisure Centre in Burgess Hill. Having won the Weald locality event last term; William, Albert, Ronnie, Eli, Zack, Rebecca, Maisie, Mika, Klmmy and Mitzie performed brilliantly against the other school winners from around the county in a range of athletic challenges. These focused on running (speed and agility), throwing (accuracy) and jumping (technique) where the children competed individually but scoring as a team. On the day records were achieved in shuttle run, star jumps and tunnel ball. All of the children were awesome and represented themselves and our school amazingly with their efforts, attitudes and encouragement of each other. They were buzzing to receive a 3rd place finish and a bronze medal and Mr Christmas was delighted with achievement – Well done to you all!



Birthdays



Celebrating their birthday this week: Alice B, Finch C, Alice K and Bethany.

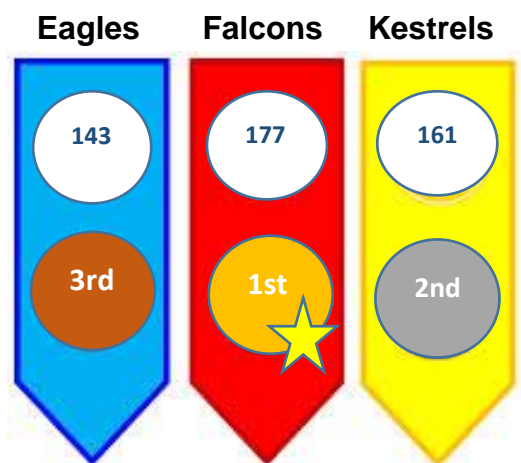
We hope you all have a wonderful day!

Awards



This term's core value is **ACHIEVE** and the wider value for the half term is **CURIOSITY**.

House Points



Number Bonds

5s	10s	20s	100s
Isaac – YR Teddy - YR		Reuben – Y3	

Times Tables

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
		Jasmine – Y4 Aizen – Y4	Seb – Y4

Book Awards

KS1	KS2
Winnie - YR	Matthew – Y5

Stars of the Week

Africa (Year R)	Dexter C	For his confident skills in representing numbers beyond 10.
	Sophia	For working hard to recognise and read many new words by sight.
Asia (Year 1)	Libby	For great accuracy and skill in PE this week – amazing ladder running Libby!
	Neave	For amazing personal progress with her phonics this term!

Europe (Year 2)	Connie Isla	For trying so hard when telling the time. For including lots of detail in her recount about her Easter holidays.
Australasia (Year 3)	Mitzie Zack	For consistently trying hard and being a great team player. For showing a great attitude to learning and being a supportive team member. Keep it up!
Antarctica (Year 4)	Freya Martha	For showing great improvement in understanding of written methods of multiplication. For showing huge improvement in confidence in her maths when using written methods for solving multiplication.
North America (Year 5)	Jack Alex	For writing a fantastic newspaper report on the Battle of Hastings. For applying feedback to his learning when using an informal method for division.
South America (Year 6)	Christine Jack	For her valuable contributions in class discussions, in particular in science. For having a positive attitude to learning and showing a great understanding in maths this week.



We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	The summer term is already here and we have all come back eager to learn more. We have started our new topic called 'Our Wonderful World' and have begun to learn how and why it is important to look after our planet. We have listened to a book called 'The Trouble with Dragons' by Debi Gliori and were shocked to see how badly they treated the planet they lived on. We even got to meet one of the dragons from the book, asked it to explain its behaviour, and gave it some ideas on how it could look after its planet in a more respectful way. In Maths, we have begun to learn the numbers between 10 and 20 and have represented these numbers on ten frames and with
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	Numicon. We are beginning to understand that numbers 10-19 contain one whole ten and that 20 contains two whole tens. In Woodland Learning, we were amazed to see how much the environment had changed, with so many green leaves and beautiful bluebells.
Asia (Year 1)	What a lovely first week back we've had! We began our new topic, Percy the Park Keeper by reading the story, After The Storm. We predicted what might happen using the front cover and blurb. We then role-played the story, highlighting the key parts and characters. In Maths we have been grouping and sharing given amounts, thinking carefully about making sure each group gets an equal amount. We are very lucky to have Coach Ben for PE this half term, who is helping us with our sports day prep. This week we focused on throwing skills, thinking about accuracy. In Computing we are working on finding and identifying keys on a keyboard.
Europe (Year 2)	A short but exciting week in Year 2 as the children found out that their new learning Journey is 'Ooh Arr Me Hearties!' Yes! The pirate themed one. In maths we have started to tackle time! It's a tricky concept but we are getting there. We had great fun exploring in the woods this week during our woodland learning lesson. Have a lovely weekend from the year 2 team.
Australasia (Year 3)	A really busy week back! We have started new topics around Sustainability and looked at the Water Cycle. In English, we began looking at diary writing and finishing our book from last term – The Boy Who Grew Dragons. Huge congratulations to the children who represented the school at the Multi-skills tournament this week as they came third. A fantastic achievement. The children had a great session with Ben using ball skills as part of our Cricket sessions. In maths, we have started the topic of Time, revising o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to using analogue clocks.
Antarctica (Year 4)	A busy first week back in Year 4 with the children straight back into learning with new topics. In maths, we have explored and applied written methods of multiplication to solve tricky calculations and problems, In English, we have explored nonfiction texts and developed our own questions for researching the rainforests of the world. We have started our new text 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell with a focus on making predictions. In our humanities work, we have completed research on the Mary Rose – flagship of King Henry 8 th about what life was like at sea and located the key rainforests around the world using atlases. We are back in the woods for our second term of Woodland Learning and in PE, we started with developing our fielding skills in cricket.
North America (Year 5)	An energetic first week back in North America. We have worked through finished off some aspects of our learning as well as starting new ones. In maths, we have solidified our understanding of division by making links between an informal method and short division. In English, the children finished writing their first draft of a newspaper report before editing their writing to ensure they include journalistic features. We learnt about vector drawings in computing as part of our new 'Creating Media' unit, using a combination of simple shapes in order to create something else on google drawing. In science, we thought about the life cycle of mammals as well as the correlation between mammal size and their respective gestation periods and in history, the children looked at changes in how people spent their holidays over the 20 th century.

South America (Year 6)	And we're into the final term – what a busy first 4 days we have had! In maths, we have been learning about co-ordinates, reflection and translation and in science, we have started our topic on microorganisms by learning what they are and where we find them. In English, we have started our new topic and thought about what genre Coraline is and the clues and inspirations we can take from the author's introduction, for what to expect. In computing we have looked at excel spreadsheets and learnt how to input data and started to learn how to format data in the correct way. In PE, we have started our athletics unit by looking at what makes a good sprinting technique, and how we can use this to improve our power and speed when we are racing.
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Summer Term

Mon 28th April – School Clubs begin

Mon 28th April – Bikeability Week

Mon 19th May – Y2 trip to the Sealife Centre, Brighton

Mon 26th May – Half Term

Tues 3rd June – Y3 trip to Butser Farm

Fri 20th June – PTA Summer Festival

Fri 27th June – Sports Day

Wed 2nd July – Y1 trip to Lingfield Wildlife Centre

Thurs 3rd July – Y4 Camp

Thurs 3rd July – Bikeability Level 1 - Year 5

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/>

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

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.

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.

