



# Rudgwick Primary School News

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last six weeks of the first half of the spring term has gone by very quickly. Year 3 are well underway with their swimming lessons, Year 6 have enjoyed their residential journey, many children across KS2 enjoyed a trip to The O2 for the Young Voices concert, we have taken part in basketball and cricket tournaments and among all of this has been the usual engaging, creative emersion into the curriculum that our children enjoy every day.

The cricket tournament I mentioned above took place this week. Mr Christmas took a group of Year 5 and 6 children to The Weald for a Sussex Cricket Foundation run event. The children took part in a 3-school tournament with lots of exciting and high-quality cricket being played. All of the boys performed really well and grew in confidence with both their batting and bowling in each of the matches and despite some unlucky results they all enjoyed the experience.

Also this week, we were joined by our friends from SPLASH for our assembly on Monday which focused on the theme of 'teamwork'. This complements our half termly Rudgwick value of **independence & collaboration** and encouraged the children to celebrate individuality and whilst recognising how to achieve shared goals by working with others. A number of the children helped to deliver this message.

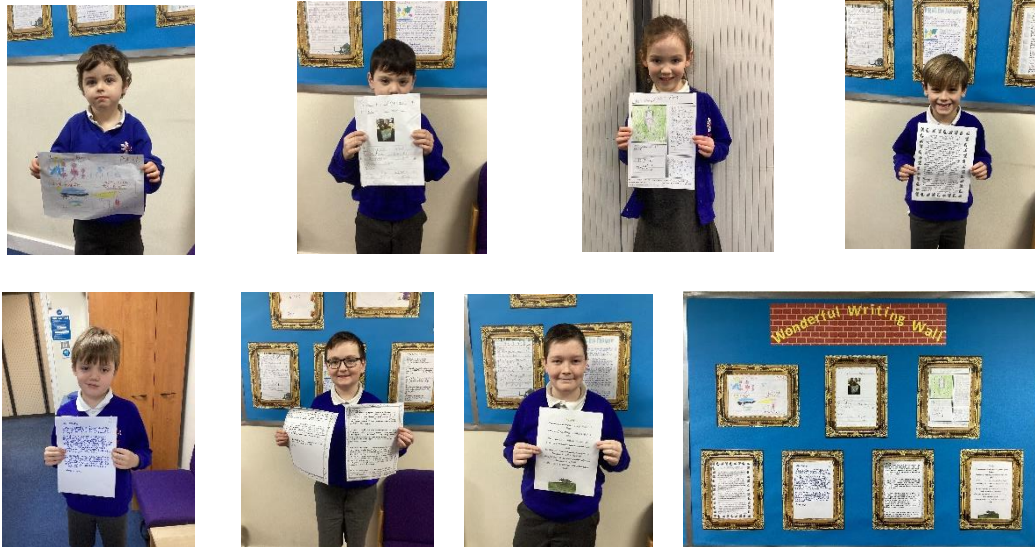


This week was Safer Internet Day, a national day which we took part in on Thursday. The theme for the day was *'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from online scams'*. The children took part in a variety of activities over the day to enhance their understanding about how to stay safe in a digital world, including how to come up with safe and secure passwords. Years 1-5 also took part in workshops which focused on many online safety issues including the responsibility you have when posting online videos, messaging friends whilst gaming and how group chats should be used respectfully.



Finally, at the end of the half term, we celebrate just some of our amazing writers in school. Each half term one child from each class shares a piece of writing both they and their teacher are very proud of. It is not easy to choose as there are so many talented writers in our school but this half term we say well done to Leo (R), Harry (Yr1), Lily (Yr2), William

(Yr3), Henry (Yr4), Harry (Yr5) and Lewis (Yr6) for their efforts in writing. There is a range of texts from instructional writing to letter writing and acrostic poems, they look great on my writers' wall!



**AT Gym Club Success**

We are so proud of Lexie and William competing in the South East Gymnastics Acro at National level, they worked so hard and did the best performance whilst at the Competition. The setup was great and the nerves didn't get the better of them as all the moves were super strong, we finished 2<sup>nd</sup> taking silver medals home so we will come back stronger next year and plan to take more pairs. Keep working hard gymnasts. (AT Gym Club, Coach Mikes and Bex)



**Birthdays**



Celebrating their birthday this week: William C, Naomi, Christine, Charlotte, Sophia M-R. We hope you all have a fantastic birthday!

**We have been learning**

<p>Africa (Year R)</p>	<p>What a poorly last week of the half-term it has been in Africa class. At the beginning of the week we read the story, 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We all got to look closely at a bean and made some observational drawings. We gave the beans some water and hung them on our windows to get some daylight. We are hoping that the beans might have changed by the time we get back from our half-term holiday. In French we have listened to 'Boucle d'or et les trois ours', 'Goldilocks and the three bears'. In Maths we have been learning double number facts to double 7. Mrs Worth is hoping that we all feel better soon and that we have a lovely break.</p>
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<p>Asia (Year 1)</p>	<p>Well, what a busy end of half term we have had! This week we have had a DT focus and created replicas of houses that we would have seen during the Great Fire of London in 1666. The children have worked incredibly hard to plan and make their houses and they look absolutely incredible! We have taken part in safer internet day and the children have been thinking about how they can stay safe online! They took part in a fantastic workshop which taught them all about how to keep safe and what to do if something happens when they are online. Remember to stop, think and tell an adult! All of our hard work in English has paid off this week with the children finishing their fantastic bakery posters. They have all worked their socks off and I would love to go to any one of their bakeries! Well done year 1 a cracking half term! Enjoy your well deserved week off!</p>
<p>Europe (Year 2)</p>	<p>We have had such a busy week, we are definitely ready for half term! In science we've been learning about John Macadam and how 'Macadamisation' impacts our lives today. Our maths learning has shown us how we can use bar models to calculate amounts of money. To continue our journey with The Jolly Postman, we have written cards, using rhymes, to Goldilocks and letters to some of our favourite characters in the story. We will finish the term with activities on the I-pads looking at how to keep safe on the internet. Stay safe and enjoy the break!.</p>
<p>Australasia (Year 3)</p>	<p>A really busy week this week! The children have been creating and interpreting bar charts this week and had great fun asking their peers about their favourite things, from sport to subjects at school to favourite seasons. Our English work focussed on writing instructions for nurturing a dragon egg! We have now finished our multi-skills challenge in PE. This morning, during Safer Internet Day, the children learnt about phishing (not the peaceful day out type). They looked at examples of messages to decide whether they should be trusted or not. Have a lovely half term break!</p>
<p>Antarctica (Year 4)</p>	<p>A busy final week of the half term with lots of great learning taking place. In maths, children were learning how to find fractions of an amount with simple fractions. In English, we have continued to read and enjoy our story of Varjak Paw alongside some illustrating opportunities in art. In PE, the children enjoyed their final cricket session with coach Ben and had an opportunity to complete in an Indoor Athletics event testing a range of different skills. In Geography, we have compared life living in the UK with the Polar regions. The children have continued to enjoy playing the clarinet and are now learning a few familiar tunes. It was also our final Woodland Learning session of the term and today we have also focused on how to stay safe when using the Internet and being aware of online scams.</p>
<p>North America (Year 5)</p>	<p>A fantastic week to finish this half term in North America. We finished with a workshop linked to Safer Internet Day, where the children learnt the importance of internet safety and the impact of Artificial Intelligence. This followed a superb session creating our clay tiles inspired by the Bewcastle Cross. We developed our skills using clay by practicing scoring, using slip and blending in order to add shapes to our tiles. In English, we recapped how to punctuate direct speech accurately as well as thinking carefully about the language we choose as authors to impact the reader. In history we compared the justice system of the Anglo-Saxon and Viking periods to today and in maths, the children continued with their practice in understanding equivalences linked to fractions, percentages and decimals. Have a restful break and see you all shortly for the rest of Spring!</p>

South America (Year 6)	This week we have started our learning on algebra. We have been looking at patterns and rules and writing algebraic expressions. In English we have been reading the next part of Darwin's Dragons and been thinking about initial ideas for our narratives that we will complete after half term. In geography we have looked at coastal features and learned how they are formed and in science we have learnt the process of how fossils are made. We finished the week with safer internet day, where we had great discussions about being safe online and put our skills to the test by working through an online game that is all about being safe online and making good decisions. Have a great half term everyone!
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**Upcoming Events**

**Spring Term**

- Tuesday's ongoing – Y3 Swimming
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Inset Day
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half Term
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day – Children to dress up as a book character
- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultations
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultations
- Tues 25<sup>th</sup> March – Y4 Trip to Hever Castle
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> March – West Sussex Music Concerts
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> March - Rudgwick Performing Arts Showcase
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of Spring 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/>

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

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