



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 17th March 2023

Spring Term Week 10

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all the families who were affected by this week's strike action for your ongoing patience and understanding. With arrangements on each of the four days we have experienced so far varying slightly from each other, I know it can be such a challenge to plan for as we continue to navigate our way through them. There are no more planned dates at present for our region so we hope resolutions are found before any further plans. I will, of course, continue to ensure you know in advance if more dates are proposed during the summer term. Rest assured, our teachers will be working hard to ensure that the children can catch up with missed days and that all of the curriculum will continue to be covered.

We celebrate one particular aspect of our curriculum this week as we have been presented with the Music Mark and have therefore become a Music Mark School! We have received this for our commitment to the professional development of staff, providing opportunities for our children to experience Whole Class Ensemble Tuition and facilitating small group and individual instrumental/vocal lessons. We are very proud to receive this as it demonstrates the wonderful opportunities our children receive and I would remind everyone that providing expert music tuition is also funded through yourselves and the work of the PTA. The PTA continue to work tirelessly to raise funds to enhance our children's curriculum and we are so grateful. Therefore, I once again invite anyone to make contact with the PTA to offer any time you may have to support the events they are planning in the coming weeks.



Birthdays



Celebrating their birthday this week is:
Kai C, Freddie L, Austin S, Sienna F,
Mitzie L, Maisie B. We hope you all
enjoy your special days.



Thank you Mitzie for sharing a photo
of you enjoying your celebrations.

Awards



This term's core value is **BELIEVE** and the wider value for the half term is **Confidence**.



Book Awards

Aiden M –Y2
HannaT – Y4

House Points

Kestrels - 258
Eagles - 253
Falcons - 144

Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Bea Eddy	For noticing when others need help and for offering her support. For being mindful of other people's feelings and for trying to make them feel better.
Asia (Year 1)	Ben William	For being a fantastic historian and producing a brilliant poster about how Mary Anning has influenced what we know today! For working incredibly hard in maths ordering numbers to 50 and using his knowledge of tens and ones to help him!
Europe (Year 2)	Halle Freya	For being such a great learner and putting in so much effort day after day at school. Thank you. For always trying her best, asking questions to know more and making links in her learning.
Australasia (Year 3)	Maddie Alex	For amazing participation in Music this week and for working so hard to keep in time with the rhythm. For being such a positive role model to his peers and meeting new challenges with a growth mind set.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Martha Lewis	For challenging herself and being an independent learner For successfully researching Henry VIII in order to produce a non-chronological report.
North America (Year 5)	Connor Rosey Evie W	For being incredibly focussed whilst writing his information page on the Vikings For working collaboratively to create some amazing artwork. For working collaboratively to create some amazing artwork.
South America (Year 6)	Eli & Arthur	For being supportive partners in PE and working well to develop each other's skills.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week we have been thinking about the signs of Spring and taking a closer look at flowers that grow from bulbs. We have used watercolours to paint representations of tulips, daffodils and grape hyacinths. We discovered that there are many famous artists who enjoyed painting flowers, such as Van Gogh and Monet. In Maths we have been
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	<p>comparing numbers and using language such as: most, least, same. In Woodland Learning this week we made bird feeders from pinecones, which we really enjoyed doing as it was very messy! In French we revisited the story of The Three Little Pigs, which was wonderful to hear in a different language. We have also been very musical this week. We have all been learning how to play the G note on the glockenspiel and some of us have even made our own drumming band! What another lovely week of learning we have had in Africa class.</p>
Asia (Year 1)	<p>Another super week in Asia class! The children have been working their socks off this week! We had a super PE session on Monday learning different basket-ball skills and applying them in different game situations. The children were extremely focused and even persevered through the giant gusts of wind that kept making our cones run away! In history this week we revisited our knowledge of Mary Anning and thought about how she had impacted the world we know today, the children used this knowledge and created posters to show their understanding and they were amazing. In maths we have been ordering numbers to 50 using our knowledge of tens and ones to help us! In literacy we have been writing super sentences about how we would like our key text Tyrannosaurus Drip to end, they all had such fantastic ideas! We have been continuing to develop our understanding of colour in art, learning how to make colours darker to create different shades! Well done Asia class, you have been such hard workers!</p>
Europe (Year 2)	<p>This week we finished our core text 'The Curious Garden' and enjoyed writing a short narrative to predict what might come next and using adjectives to write a description. In maths, our learning has focused on 2D and 3D shapes, learning about sides, vertices, faces and lines of symmetry. In science, we looked back at our own plants and discussed what they have needed to stay healthy. In music, we are getting so good on the ukulele and playing the 'C' and 'Am' chords. In RSHE, we discussed what 'belonging' means and where we might belong in our lives. In gymnastics, we are gaining so much confidence and becoming great performers!</p>
Australasia (Year 3)	<p>This week we have been planning our play scripts for the story of Iliona the Roman slave, adding an extra scene to the story. We role-played our ideas with our peers before recording our plans. In maths we have been brushing up on our knowledge of unit and non-unit fractions, identifying the numerator and denominator. On Tuesday we enjoyed our penultimate swimming lessons and learnt about how to read flags at the beach to know whether it's safe to swim. As part of geography and history we have been learning all about how the Romans built their roads and where these were located in Britain. We plotted these roads a map of the UK, locating the towns and cities they passed through.</p>
Antarctica (Year 4)	<p>We have been busy researching Henry VIII's character and reign this week in order to create a non-chronological report. We chose suitable subheadings to organise the information we gathered and some of us included a 'Did You Know?' box to highlight some lesser known facts about him which we had discovered. In Maths we have continued our focus on measurement and have been converting between units of time, kilograms and grams, and calculating the perimeter of shapes. We began to explore the Easter Story in RE and sequenced the different events.</p>

North America (Year 5)	North America class have really worked hard this week despite having various adults in to the support them so well done to all. In maths the children continued to convert measurements linked to length, mass and capacity as well as continued practice of multiplying and diving by 10, 100 and 1,000. In English, the children have continued to write and edit their information page on the Vikings and getting ready to publish them next week.
South America (Year 6)	This week we have been learning about fractions, decimals and percentages and finding equivalences between them and then applying this knowledge to find percentages of amounts. In English, we have started our text, 'The Land of Neverbelieve'. We have been predicting what the island is like and reading the different the pages for each different plate. In science, we have been learning about adaptation and planning an investigation into birds beaks and how they are suited to the food they eat. We have also been looking at biomes in geography and learned all about the tundra and in computing we have continued learning about spreadsheets.

Upcoming Events

Tuesdays AM – Y3 Swimming
 Fri 24th March – Performing Arts Showcase
 Thurs 30th March – Y3 Roman Day
 Fri 31st March – Y4 Trip to Hampton Court
 Fri 31st March – Last day of Spring Term.



Red Nose Day

Thank you for all your donations today for Red Nose Day.
 We raised **£191.10**

Easter Dance Camp – Mad Hatter Tea Party!



3-5th April, 9:30-1:30pm, Ellens Green Memorial Hall, £25pp per day.

Join us in creating a Mad Hatter Performance!

The children will participate in arts and crafts, costume making, dance and musical theatre.

To book or for further information, please contact Rebecca Verran at rebeccaverran@hotmail.com

Happily Ever After Storytelling: KS1 (Yr 1 and 2)

Join us for a fun packed 45 mins of interactive storytelling on Monday afternoons in the summer term.

Led by an experienced primary school teacher, each session brings a new story to life using props, songs, drama activities, games and a whole lot of fun! Using stories linked to events, seasons and topical dates, the children explore the characters, problems in greater depth and take part in group activities with their friends. Storytelling helps to bring children's imaginations to life and to further develop a love of stories and words!

£5 per session

Book Donations

Thank you, to all of you who have donated books to our Library over the past few weeks, we are very grateful. We are unable to take any further donations now, thanks to your generosity, as we are completely stocked up.

Cake Raffle

Thank you to Terri Streeter for baking some amazing cupcakes in theme with today's St Patrick's Day celebrations.

The winner of today's raffle is: Austin Y2, Congratulations!



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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads '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.



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