



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 3rd March 2023

Spring Term Week 8

Dear Parents and Carers

Book week at Rudgwick has been amazing! That love of reading and books that we value so much here has been so very evident this week as the children have taken part in many activities to explore books, stories, illustrations and more.

The week began with our assembly to launch book week in which we were joined by two of our Governors, Mr Allan and Mr Hewitt, who kindly took part in reading to the whole school from some of their favourite children's texts.



Children in Reception class and KS1 had the opportunity to bring books alive through drama and storytelling with *Happily Ever After*.



Then there was a visit from an author, Zehra Hicks, who worked with all of the children in the school to share her work and teach them how to be illustrators. The children were so engaged and welcoming to our visitor and showed that we have many potential future illustrators among us.





Some of the children in Year 6, who have been enjoying Mrs Wilson's Book Club this year, attended the Weald Book Club Awards Ceremony on Tuesday evening where they collected awards and certificates for their reading achievements during the year. Mrs Wilson was so very proud of them all.



And of course, the week culminated with our World Book Day celebrations today as the children and adults dressed up to represent their favourite books and characters. The parade was spectacular and the effort the children put in was, as usual, very impressive.



It was lovely to see so many of you attend parent consultations this week as well and I hope you had ample opportunity to see and hear about the work your children have been doing and the progress they have made during the year so far.

We do like to keep the children busy with their learning opportunities, as we have also this week managed to fit in a visit from Mr Meaney from The Weald who is working on some movement skills with Year 1 in PE and we have had a specialist tennis coach working with Year 2 and Year 4 in their PE lessons. It is always nice to take the opportunity to have visitors bring their expertise and knowledge to the children's learning and the children are always so positive about these experiences. Indeed, last week Year 3 had the chance to become hands-on historians when they had a Roman expert visit and share some fascinating artefacts.



My final piece of information to share this week is the exciting news that Mrs Hyde, our Year 1 teacher, is expecting a baby later this year. She will remain with us until the end of the summer term when she will begin her maternity leave. We are all very excited for Mrs Hyde and her family.

Birthdays



Birthdays this week include: Eleanor G, Oscar G and George H.

We hope you all enjoy your special days.

Thank you to Felicity and Sidney and Oscar and Eleanor for sharing the photos of your birthday celebrations.



Awards



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

Book Awards

Martha Y5, Eleanor Y1

Number Bond 5 Badge

Frankie YR

Number Bond 10 Badge

Seb Y2, Seren Y3.

Number Bond 20 Badge

Aiden Donnelly Y2, Aidan Murphy Y2, Freddie W Y3, Norah B Y3.

Times Tables Awards

Bronze - Aizen Y2, Oscar C Y3,

Gold – Archie Y2

Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Lily	For always being so positive and happy.
	Kaeson	For always being engaged with his learning and trying hard in all lessons.
Asia (Year 1)	Jacob	For being brave and pushing himself out of his comfort zone in PE.
	William	For his positive attitude to learning and always trying his best.
Europe (Year 2)	Issie	For her respect and warmth towards others. She is always so polite and kind. Thank you!
	Archie	For showing such confidence and belief in his ability to achieve his personal goals.
Australasia (Year 3)	Arthur	For working really hard on his handwriting.
	Oscar W	For demonstrating all our school values when trying his very best at swimming lessons.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Bethany	For working well to explore the properties of 2D shapes including quadrilaterals and triangles.
	Jasmine	For successfully embracing a challenge and overcoming her initial concerns about a task.

North America (Year 5)	James K	For being exceptionally focused in writing and publishing his own book.
	Martha	For being exceptionally focused in writing and publishing her own book.
South America (Year 6)	Elodie	For being a confident learner and working really hard in every lesson.
	Emily P	For being a really kind member of the class and always looking out for others.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	<p>What a fantastic book week we have had in Africa Class! On Monday we were visited by Isla's Mummy for a 'Happily Ever After' interactive story session. We loved using magic wands and beautiful ribbons to help re-enact the story of 'The Girls and The Dinosaur'. On Wednesday we met Zehra Hicks, an author and illustrator. She read her story 'Pug Hug' and taught us all how to draw pugs! Friday was the most exciting day of the week, as we all dressed up as our favourite book characters. There was a Hungry Caterpillar, Paddington Bear, Smed, Mermaid and Dinosaur, to name but a few. We were really proud to take part in the school parade and to share the story books we had brought to school. It really has been a magical week.</p>
Asia (Year 1)	<p>What a wonderful book week we have had! We had a fantastic session with Sam from 'Happily Ever After' exploring stories through song and role play. We had a great author visit from Zehra Hicks who shared the book 'Cheeky Monkey' which she wrote and illustrated. She taught us how to draw the main character which we really enjoyed. We explored the text 'The Boy, The mole, The fox and the Horse' in different ways, looking at characters feelings, teamwork and friendship. The children all looked amazing in their costumes and proudly showed them off at the parade. In maths we are comparing numbers within 50, looking at amounts and ways to represent them visually. In art we looked at tinting and shading using black and white paint to make a colour lighter and darker.</p>
Europe (Year 2)	<p>Book week was brilliant! We had so much fun exploring different opportunities to read and listen to books this week. We spent time using drama to freeze frame friendship scenes, had a wonderful visit from a storyteller and an author-who shared her wonderful books with us. Also, taking time to simply sit and read and share books with others. Today was just amazing! We explored the text The Boy, The mole, The fox and The horse in different ways, looking at characters feelings, teamwork and friendship. The children looked fabulous in their costumes & truly embraced World Book Day. Thank you for all your efforts! In maths, we divided by 10 and looked at doubling and halving! A real mix of topics this week. In science, we learnt what is inside a seed to help it to germinate. Why not ask your child about it?</p>
Australasia (Year 3)	<p>This week we have been continuing to read our class text, Illiona – The Diary of Roman Slave. We exploring play scripts, identifying the features and trying our hand at a bit of acting. We then drew pictures of our main characters, adding speech bubbles to turn in to a simple play script. In</p>

	<p>maths we have been identifying coin values and adding amounts together using the column method. As part of World Book Day we have enjoyed reading <i>The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse</i> and discussing our feelings around the pictures.</p>
Antarctica (Year 4)	<p>This week has had an enjoyable focus on books as we embraced Reading Week. We began the week with a Book Quiz, which we greatly enjoyed, and writing a book review. We wrote about what happened in our chosen book and who we would recommend the book to and why. In Maths we have continued our work on shapes. We investigated parallel and perpendicular lines in 2D shapes, as well as lines of symmetry in a range of polygons. We have been discussing the meaning of Lent to Christians in RE and presented the data we gathered from our Science investigation into sound in a bar graph. We are hugely enjoying our Woodland Learning sessions this half of term. This week alone we have enjoyed mindfulness, immersing ourselves in the range of sounds we can hear in the woods, we have been whittling to carve shapes into raw wood and making bracelets too!</p>
North America (Year 5)	<p>We have had a great week in North America class as we celebrated Reading Week and finished with World Book Day. It's been great to give the children the opportunity to celebrate by coming in wearing such great costumes. Zehra Hicks, an author, came to share her experiences of writing and illustrating through her career and exposed the children to how she develops her stories in a very practical workshop. The children also spent the day with Mrs Hutchings taking that inspiration to create their own books which all worked incredibly to complete. In history, the children have explored causes and consequences of the Viking raid of Lindisfarne in 793 AD. In maths, the children worked on comparing fractions and decimals. World Book Day was tremendous fun and everyone looked super in their outfits!</p>
South America (Year 6)	<p>What a fab reading week we have had in Year 6! We have taken part in a quiz, written book reviews and had a visit from an author. It has been great to immerse ourselves in books and demonstrate our love for them. We have been exploring what volume is in maths and been learning how to find it using the formula and in geography we have been learning about how borders have changed over time. We have started our new computing topic about spreadsheets and we have collected data and learnt how to input it and used a formula to calculate the sum. Our reading week has been rounded off with World Book Day. The children's costumes were fantastic and all enjoyed showing them off in the parade. We have been doing some lovely art activities linked to our school book and thinking about what we can learn from reading.</p>

Upcoming Events

Mon 6th – Quicksticks Hockey Tournament at The Weald.

Tuesdays AM – Y3 Swimming

Wed 15th – Planned Industrial Strike Action

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Fri 17th March – Red Nose Day (Children can wear a red item of clothing or Red Nose Day merchandise, for a donation).

Fri 24th March – Performing Arts Showcase 2:00pm (For children who take part in Performing Arts clubs).

Fri 31st March – Y4 Trip to Hampton Court

Fri 31st March – Last day of Spring Term.

Cake Raffle

Thank you to everyone that purchased a raffle ticket this week.

A huge thank you to Su Dowd for baking a lovely cake.

The raffle winner this week is Isla in YR.

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.



Mr Terry Ryan, Headteacher

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

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